



All are invited to worship God here. Our Mission Statement: This church is a family of faith coming from different backgrounds. We are Christ-centered, welcoming to all, and mission-driven.

If you wish to join this congregation, please consult with the pastor after the service or by appointment in the church office or your home.

**OPENING** *Coming to order with song: Hymn #652 "This Is the Day"*

This is the day; this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day; this is the day that the Lord has made.

**WELCOME**

All are welcome in this sacred space. As God leads us beside the still waters of grace, Christ invites us to share the still waters of grace and peace in community with each other, that all may know His peace. Come, let us worship the Lord together.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Goal 75 for April is Pork & Beans
- April 17<sup>th</sup> there will be an open house 4-6pm for the summer daycare program children. Please stop by to visit and/or to talk to Eleanor about volunteer opportunities. The program is full for this summer!!
- April 18<sup>th</sup> is the Feeding Our Neighbors Community Dinner, 4:30-6pm
- Please sign up for mowing or ushering; contact Mark Armstrong.

**CENTERING WORDS**

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship with these words from Scripture:  
Trust God. Trust the miracles you have known. Trust the miracle you can be.

**PRELUDE** "Air" H. Purcell

**CALL TO WORSHIP** [*Please stand as you are able for the Call to Worship*]

Turn to Christ,  
    **who calls us here.**

Place your trust in God,  
    **who protects our lives.**

Lean into the Spirit,

as we worship in Spirit and truth.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of miracles and truth, bless us, as we gather for worship, with the power of your Holy Spirit. Reveal your presence in our midst and open our hearts and minds to receive your miraculous love. Strengthen our faith this day, that we may go forth as witnesses of your miraculous love. Amen.

## **PRAISING GOD WITH SONG**

Hymn #352 “Spirit Song”

1. O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name. Refrain

*[Note: Sunday School Children may be dismissed at this time for Sunday School.]*

*[Please be seated.]*

## **CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins together seeking the healing only God can provide.

Turn to God. If your heart is heavy, invite Christ to lighten the load. If your heart is hardened, invite the Spirit to soften and change you. Truly, we all need to receive God’s grace and to heed God’s call. Together, let us confess our sins before God.

**Answer us, O God, as we turn to you for mercy and strength. Listen to the yearnings of our hearts and the regrets of our lives.**

**Comfort us in our distress, and pour your grace into our beings. Redeem us with your love, that we might rise with Christ—newborn and vibrantly alive. Grant us the confidence to witness to your life-giving love. Amen.**

God fills our hearts with joy and covers our lives with grace. Rest in this truth and be at peace. All is well and all will be well.

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 24:36-48

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<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” <sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence. <sup>44</sup> He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

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**SERMON** “Witness and Testify”

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**INVITATION TO JOIN THE FEDERATED CHURCH**

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**HYMN OF THE WORD** [*Please stand as you are able and sing*]

Hymn #442 “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

1. ‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word, just to rest upon his promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood, just in simple faith to plunge me ‘neath the healing, cleansing flood! Refrain

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease, just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. Refrain

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust you, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend, and I know that you are with me, will be with me to the end. Refrain

*Please be seated*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Preparation for Prayer**

**Sounding of the Singing Bowl**

**Hymn #492 "Spirit of the Living God" vs. 1-2**

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall a fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

**Call for Joys and Concerns**

Pastor William Mitchell

**Pastoral Prayer**

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**Lord's Prayer [unison]**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Feeding Our Neighbors

Carol Strohbeck

## **OFFERTORY**

As we have been loved, we are invited to love. As God has given generously to us, we are invited to give generously to God and to God's church. May our hearts brim with love and generosity for all as we enter this time of offering.

*[Stand and sing as the offering is brought forward:]*

Hymn #34: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Offertory Prayer** *[Unison]*

**Generous God of love and grace, bless these gifts with your abundant love and your life-giving grace. Bless us as we bear witness to your love and grace in all that we say, all that we give, and all that we do. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** *[Remain standing as able and celebrate, singing with our children as a church family.]*

Hymn #80 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

1. He's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.
2. He's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.
3. He's got the tiny little baby in his hands, he's got the tiny little baby in his hands, he's got the tiny little baby in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.
4. He's got you and me, brother, in his hands, he's got you and me, sister, in his hands, he's got all of us together in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.

**BENEDICTION** Pastor William Mitchell

**POSTLUDE** "Postlude in F" C. Callahan

*Please join us in the fellowship hall for fellowship time.*