

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ March 19, 2023 ~ 9:45 a.m.

THE SERVICE

BOLD lettering indicates a spoken response

BOLD ITALIC lettering indicates a sung response.

Prelude

Announcements

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

We bow down

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You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,
Lord of the land and the sea.

You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,
And Lord of all lords you will be.

We bow down and we worship you, Lord;

We bow down and we worship you, Lord;

We bow down and we worship you, Lord;

Lord of all lords you will be.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

**C: that he may teach us his ways and
that we may walk in his paths.**

P: In returning and rest you shall be saved;

C: in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

P: Return to the Lord, your God,

**C: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

Opening Hymn – Open the Eyes of My Heart

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O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord, o-pen the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord, o-pen the eyes of my heart;

I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lift-ed up,
shin-ing in the light of Your glo-ry.
Pour out Your pow'r and love;
As we sing ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly;
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, I want to see you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen

WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.

A: The First Lesson is from the 16th chapter of 1 Samuel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with

oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?”⁵ He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.”⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.”¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.”¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.”¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

Because we now live in Jesus Christ, we conduct our selves in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our lives are truly pleasing to God.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 5th chapter of Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel: John 9:1-17, 34b-41

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter.



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying,

“No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.”
¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?”
¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” ^{34b}And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor John

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn – Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

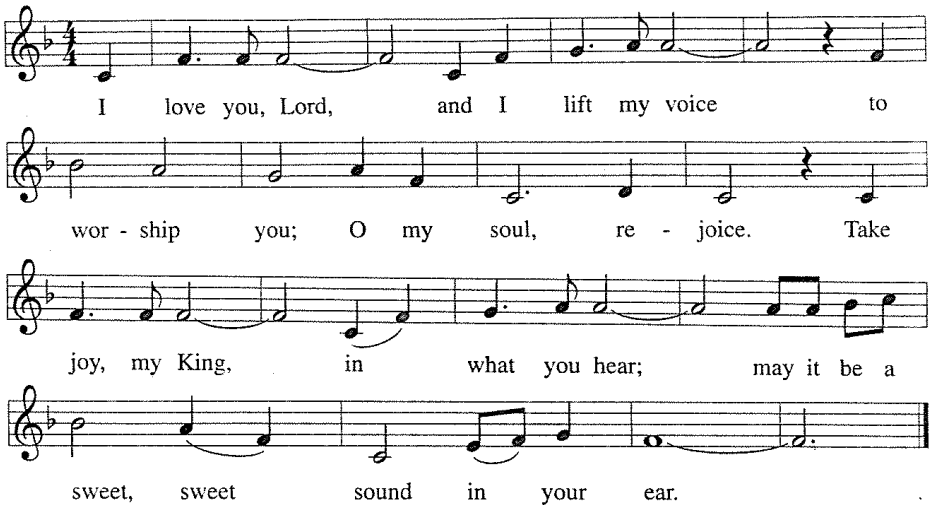
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



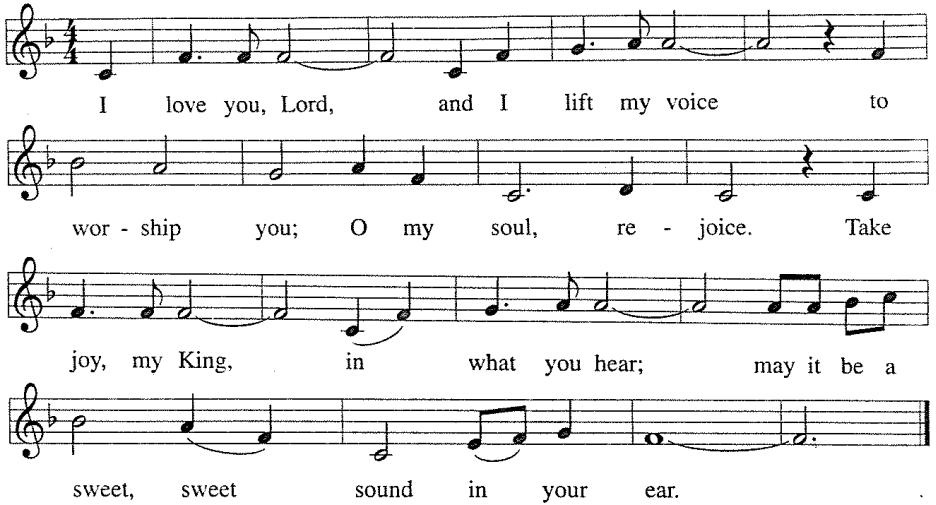
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I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

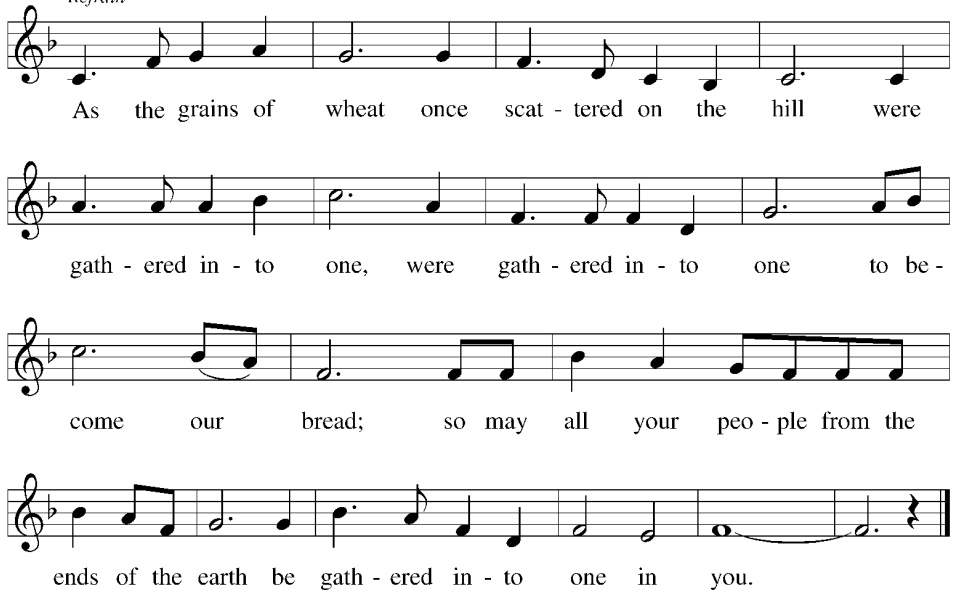


I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
worship you; O my soul, rejoice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Offertory – As the grains of wheat

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Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were
gathered in - to one, were gathered in - to one to be -
come our bread; so may all your people from the
ends of the earth be gathered in - to one in you.

Offertory Prayer

P: Gracious God,

C: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, the meal is ready.

One bread, one body

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One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The Meal

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: "Amen."

MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

Broken for me

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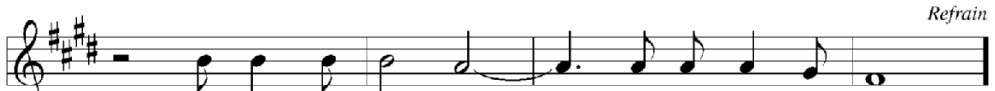
Bro - ken for me, bro - ken for you;



the bod - y of Je - sus bro - ken for you.



1 He of - fered his bod - y, he poured out his soul;
2 Come to my ta - ble and with me dine;
3 This is my bod - y giv - en for you;
4 This is my blood . . . I shed for you;



Refrain

Je - sus was bro - ken that we might be whole.
eat of my bread . . . and drink of my wine.
eat it, re - mem - b'ring I died for you.
for your for - give - ness, mak - ing you new.

Final refrain



Bro - ken for me, bro - ken for you;



the bod - y of Je - sus bro - ken for you.



Not as we ought but as we are a - ble, we
of - fer our thanks as we come to your ta - ble. Through
Word and Spir - it bless us; through bread and wine re - fresh us that
we may be filled, that we may be filled with love.

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Prayer

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

Blessing

P: May you be strengthened with the power of God, + the love of Jesus, and the help of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

Closing Hymn – By grace we have been saved

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1 By grace we have been saved through faith and
2 For all have sinned and fall - en short. God's
3 God gave to earth a per - fect love through
4 We know the wage of sin is death; thank
5 Set free, we now have peace with God. Sal -



not by keep - ing law. God's saints be - lieved by
plan, not one o - beyed. Christ has for all ful -
Je - sus on the cross. While we were foes, Christ
God, we shall re - vive. For just as Je - sus
va - tion is se - cured. How beau - ti - ful the



what they heard and not by what they saw.
filled the law. Be - lieve, con - fess, be saved.
died for us. We gained by God's own loss.
rose a - gain, we too are made a - live.
feet of those who share this gos - pel word.

Refrain



Oh, how I love Je - sus! Oh, how I love Je - sus!



Oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

9:45-Sunday School

11:00-Traditional Worship

7:00-Israel Trip Info Session

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

5:30-Council

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

Wednesday-**6:30-Lenten Worship** / Choir Practice

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Mon-Mar 27-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Mar 28-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

Wed-Mar 29-**6:30-Lenten Worship** / Choir Practice

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Next Sunday's Gospel: John 11:1-45

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Attendance last week: Sun Worship: 8:30-41; 9:45-75; 11:00-43

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in honor of Brenda & Alyssa's Birthdays by Don & Brenda Amblod.

Israel Trip Information Session . . . TONIGHT at 7 p.m.

Mid-week Lenten Worship continues this **Wednesday March 22 at 6:30 p.m.** We will experience eleven *Stations of the Cross*. Let's walk the way of the Cross leading to Holy Week. All are welcome.

Easter Lilies, Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths . . . Order forms are on the table in the narthex and are due **TODAY**.

Coming soon . . . Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Breakfast, Sunday morning April 9 at 8:45 a.m.! Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board!

Softball anyone? Christ Church is trying to gather a softball team to play in the community church league. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Sign up if you are interested. We'll share more details as we get them!

Calling all Adults & Youth in 6th -12th grades! It's time to sign up for **this summer's 5-day Mission Trip** to the UNTO Global Logistics Center in Mt. Joy, PA – June 12-23! **This year the trip is for both adults and youth.** Registration information and forms are in the narthex, as well as a display with information about UNTO's ministry.

Some give by going, others go by giving!! If you would like to contribute financially to the summer Mission Trip – please use one of the envelopes on the display in the narthex. Make checks payable to “Christ Lutheran Church.” You may put your donation in the offering plate or drop it off at the office. Thank you!!

Lent Devotions “For God So Loved the World: The Temptation of Christ and Lives Jesus Changed Forever!” are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

First Communion Instruction . . . class for children and their parents. Please contact Pastor Amy if you would like your child to prepare for his or her first communion this Easter.

Mission of the Month for March: College Student Ministry Gift Cards. Each spring, we gift our college students with a Wal-Mart gift card. If you would like to donate, please use the pew envelope and write “gift card” in the other line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Food Pantry Items for March are peanut butter and/or tuna fish.

PALM SUNDAY
FESTIVAL WORSHIP



Including Reading of the Passion Story and
Holy Communion
Sunday April 2

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE



Friday April 7
1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 8 at 10 a.m., rain or shine. All children and youth are invited to participate in this exciting event. They will hear the Easter story, enjoy seasonal activities, and hunt for Easter eggs. The morning will conclude with refreshments and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Don't forget to bring an Easter basket. Please dress for the weather. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. You may also sign-up by calling the church office or emailing Nikki at dombroski43@verizon.net. **Cookies and fruit are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please sign up if you can donate them.**



Easter Sunday Festival Worship
Sunday April 9

Early Traditional Service - 7:30 a.m.

*Breakfast in the multi-purpose room beginning at **8:45 a.m.***
All are welcome!

Contemporary Worship – 9:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship – 11:00 a.m.