



February 20, 2022
10:15 A.M.

Morning Worship

PRELUDE "Improvisation on LATTIMER" arr. Charles Callahan
(1991, Concordia Publishing House)

CHORAL INTROIT ABBOT'S LEIGH

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

(Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1979, Hope Publishing Co.; Music: Cyril V. Taylor, 1942, 1970, Hope Publishing Co.)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: On a windy and snowy day, just above freezing in 1922.

People: **A group of believers gathered to say:
"We are the church."**

Reader: They were the Israelites, gathered outside the Tent of Meeting,

People: **They were the faithful, gathered before Pentecost.**

Reader: They stepped out in faith that we might gather in faith,

People: **And now we gather to praise God,
as they did 100 years ago.**

Reader: We give honor to the saints who have gone before us,
and praise to the One who inspired their determination.

People: **We praise God, whose love covers all generations,
from everlasting to everlasting.**

HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER

SCRIPTURE Psalm 147:1-11 Janet Evans

ANTHEM "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Molly Ijames
Piano Duet: Sarah Batchelor, Ruth von Minden (2019, Lorenz Pub. Co.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:12-16 Janet Evans

ANTHEM

"We, The People of God"
Chancel Choir

Jean Anne Shafferman

REFRAIN: We are God's people, we are His church, we are disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hand in hand throughout the ages, in service to His word, we stand as one, the people of God.

Called by God to be His people, to build His church with loving hands; Called by God to gather together in His name, upon this rock we all will stand. REFRAIN

Joined as one to work for justice, for peace and charity we pray. Joined as one to honor the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit guides our way.

Journey forth to build God's kingdom, God's holy name by all adored. Journey forth to praise Him with voices clear and strong, a hymn proclaiming, "Christ is Lord, Christ is Lord!" REFRAIN

(Words and Music: Jean Ann Shafferman; 1997, Alfred Publishing Co.)

SERMON

"Calling All Cupids"

The Rev. Dr. Evelyn Kent Clark

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

"Almighty Father"

arr. from Felix Mendelssohn

PASTORAL PRAYER † THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

ST. BRENDAN'S

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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POSTLUDE

"To God Be the Glory"

arr. John Carter

(2012, Hope Publishing Company)

The chancel flowers are presented to the glory of God
by The Hanna Family in memory of Joan E. Hanna.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Kevin preaching

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED THIS WEEK

Deborah Smith, 587 Sheffield Drive, Springfield, 19064

Sue and Jack Woolfall, 32 S. Forest Road, Springfield, 19064

Covenant Conversations reprise available. If you missed the presentation on Food Insecurity in Delaware County by the Director of Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, the recording is now available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cde_oWeEi9k. The presentation and discussion provide important reasons to participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring and suggests other ways you can volunteer.

Revision of Church Leadership Structure – Special Charge Conference Over the past year the Planning & Policy Team (PPT) has been considering a revision of our church leadership structure with the intent of making sure as much of our time and energy as possible goes into honoring God, serving our neighbors, witnessing to our faith and visioning for the future. PPT has approved a revision of our bylaws that they believe will empower existing ministries and new ministries as we are “Changing Lives with Jesus.” These revisions (and the election of new officers, if the revised document is approved) need to be approved by a Charge Conference. Our District Superintendent has called a special Charge Conference to be held following the worship service **THIS MORNING** for purpose of voting on the revised bylaws, and if approved, electing new officers. **Members are invited to attend via GoToMeeting, or call in via GoToMeeting (1-872-240-3311; the access code, if requested is 946-517-541).**



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OUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Our purpose is to be a vital and inclusive Christian community of faith that reaches out through the love of Jesus Christ to make disciples of all people through ministries of service, learning, and worship.