

# Welcome to Recovery Worship



How has God set your feet on a  
firm path?

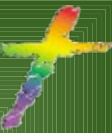


**Sunday January 15**  
10:00 AM. Psalm 40:1-11



**Recovery Worship**  
[recoveryworshipfargo.org](http://recoveryworshipfargo.org)  
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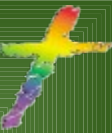
# WELCOME!



**At Recovery Worship we gather each Sunday as companions in the Body of Christ. We are partners on our spiritual journeys. We seek through prayer, meditation and worship to improve our “conscious contact with God.” We seek spiritual progress, rather than spiritual perfection, as we “turn our will and our lives over to the care of God.”**

**We Greet Each Other**

# Meet & Greet



**Welcome to  
Recovery Worship today!**

**A warm welcome is extended to all.**

**Especially we welcome those who are worshipping  
with us for the first time**

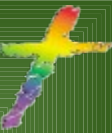
**or who have returned after an absence.**

**Your presence enriches us and this time of celebration  
together.**

**— we're glad you're here!**

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# Serenity Prayer

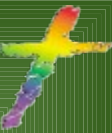


All: God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as the pathway to peace. Taking as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will, that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.

*-Reinhold Niebuhr*

**We Greet God**

# Announcements



for the life of our community...

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**Annual Meeting**  
**January 15, 2017, after**  
**worship**

# Keep Connected by:



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3910 25th St S. Fargo, ND. 10 AM Sunday. 701-232-2450

**Hello, Friends!**

January 5, 2017

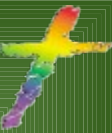
To the members and friends of Recovery Worship.

Hello 2017. Any new resolutions? I know many who started the new year with a new commitment to having God be a central part of their lives. Several people came to a special worship service on New Year's Eve to renew their commitment to God as the new year began. Others came on Sunday morning with this purpose in mind.



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# Celebrations!

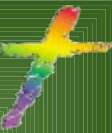


**Sobriety anniversaries and other milestones.**  
*Feel free to raise your hand and share!*

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# We Greet God



Leader: The Bible says, “the truth shall set you free.”

People: **We want to be free, free from addiction and co-dependencies, free from the past, and free from guilt, shame and pain.**

Leader: To admit to powerlessness, and to admit your life has become unmanageable, is the beginning of a new freedom. Do you want this free life?

People: **Yes, we are tired of the chaos. We need to admit this to begin the journey to freedom.**

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# Rock of Ages

*Hymn by Augustus M. Toplady*

*Tune by Thomas Hastings*



# Rock of Ages

- 1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
save from wrath and make me pure.*

# Rock of Ages

2. **Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's commands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.**

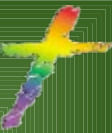
# Rock of Ages

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to the cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.

# Rock of Ages

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyes shall close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

# Giving Back to God



*Offering Response – please stand (as you are able) and sing:*

**We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**We Greet God**

# A Reading, from God's Book

Psalm 40:1-11  
NRSV

We Listen to God and Each Other





Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

People: **Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the Lord.**

Leader: Happy are those who make  
the Lord their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.

People: **You have multiplied, O Lord my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts  
toward us;  
none can compare with you.**

People: Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.

People: **Sacrifice and offering you do not  
desire, but you have given me an open ear.**

Leader: Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.

People: Then I said, "Here I am;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.  
I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."

Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;

People: see, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O Lord.

Leader: I have not hidden your saving help  
within my heart,

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your  
salvation;

**People: I have not concealed your  
steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.**

Leader: Do not, O Lord, withhold  
your mercy from me;

**People: let your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

# Time for Sharing our Experience, Strength and Hope

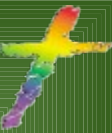


Topic of the day:

**How has God set  
your feet on an firm  
path?**

**We Listen to God and Each Other**

# Message



**We Listen to God and Each Other**

Song

# Precious Lord

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*Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932*  
*Music: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932*  
*Tune: PRECIOUS LORD, Meter: Irr.*



**We Respond to God**



Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord,  
lead me home





When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call  
Hold my hand, lest I fall:  
Take my hand, precious Lord  
Lead me home.



When darkness appears  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand, guide my feet,  
hold my hand:  
Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

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# Prayers of the People



*Please raise your hand if you have a prayer request, we respond to each request with:*

**Leader: Lord in your mercy...**

**People: Hear our prayer.**



# Holy Communion

Every week at Recovery Worship we gather around the Lord's Table and share in Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome at the table, regardless of your religious tradition or age.

We use wafers or bread and grape juice.



# Song During Communion

One Bread, One Body

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Or on the screen



**We Respond to God**



## ***Refrain:***

**One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all, one cup of  
blessing which we bless.**

**And we, though many,  
throughout the earth, we  
are one body in this one  
Lord.**



## ***Verses:***

- 1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Refrain.***
- 2. Many the gifts, Many the works, One in the Lord of all. *Refrain.***
- 3. Grain for the fields, Scattered and grown, Gathered to one, for all. *Refrain.***

**We Respond to God**

# Sharing the Bread & Cup



Come feast at  
the Lord's  
Table...

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**



**We Respond to God**

**We Go to Serve God and Others**

# **Encouragement Circle**



**All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

We conclude by saying together:  
**“God be with you ‘til we meet again!”**