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PRELUDE





**OPENING PRAYER
AND WELCOME**





Announcements

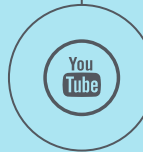
1. Session meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30.
2. Bible Study and noonday Wednesday, 12:00-1:00
3. College Readiness Program- Saturdays beginning October 16 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
4. Contemporary worship service, Thursday evenings 7:00 - 8:00 PM



For the entire service, find a quiet place without distractions and fully immerse yourself in worship.



GOD'S LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL AND EVERLASTING.!



Visit the websites/YouTube channels of the musicians whose music enhances our service.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

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(L) Come let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

(P) Lord, we have entered your gates with thanksgiving and praise.

(ALL) Lord, be merciful to us and help us worship you in spirit and in truth.

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Opening Hymn
(GTG)#65



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RESPONSIVE READING

Lord, because you are on our side, all things are possible. Your Holy Spirit dwells within us empowering us to face our fears and overcome life's fiercest challenges.

Thank you, Lord.

Lord, your Holy Spirit empowers us to do good and refrain from intentionally causing harm.

Thank you, Lord.

Lord, your Spirit welcomes us to fellowship with You - the only true wise and living God.

Lord, we are awed and grateful. Thank you, Lord.

Lord, your Holy Spirit refreshes and renews us and gives us peace in the middle of life's most violent storms.

Thank you, Lord!

Lord, your Holy Spirit comforts and encourages us, and helps us make peace with things we do not understand and cannot change – the crosses we must bear.

Thank you, Lord.

Lord, your Holy Spirit compels us to pray for ourselves and others.

Thank you, Lord, for laying us on the hearts of others, and for compelling us to pray, including for people we do not know.

Lord, your Holy Spirit creates in us the capacity for empathizing with those with whom we seem to have little or nothing in common.

God you are greater than great and more than amazing. Thank you, Lord!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Let us join in the unison prayer of confession
as we confess our sins to God and before each
other.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, unto whom all heart and minds are open and from whom nothing is hidden, have mercy on creation. Forgive our sins and deliver from evil. In your mercy, hear our prayer. We want to follow you, but often find ourselves caught up in the cares of the world. Forgive us and help us do better. Teach us your ways, and when we stray, grant us the grace to hear your Spirit nudging us toward the right path. Help us respond to your Spirit's prompting by saying "yes" to your will and to your way. Lord, we are weak, but you are strong. Have mercy and help us. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

According to Scripture, God forgives us when we
confess our sin and earnestly repent.

PRAISE GOD FOR MERCY AND GRACE.



PASSING THE PEACE


PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts
and minds are open and from whom
nothing is hidden, grant us spiritual
insight so we may understand Scripture
for our individual and collective
spiritual growth. Help us see ourselves
in your word. Then, stir within us the
desire and determination to follow your
will. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray.
Amen.



THE WORD OF GOD

John 8: 12 - I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.





THE MEDITATION

*Jesus Schools the Crowd or Discipleship
for Dummies, Part 3*





CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP





PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

CHRIST-CENTERED

FREED

HEALED

HOPEFUL

PEOPLE OF GOODWILL

THE DISCIPLES WHO PRECEDED US



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. Lead us
away from temptation and
deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

I Surrender All

I SURRENDER ALL

CLOSING HYMN (Bulletin insert)

THE BENEDICTION

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May God's grace
continue to empower
us to live according to
God's will, reflecting
God's love for the
world to the world by
doing good. Amen.

God of the ages

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George W. Warren