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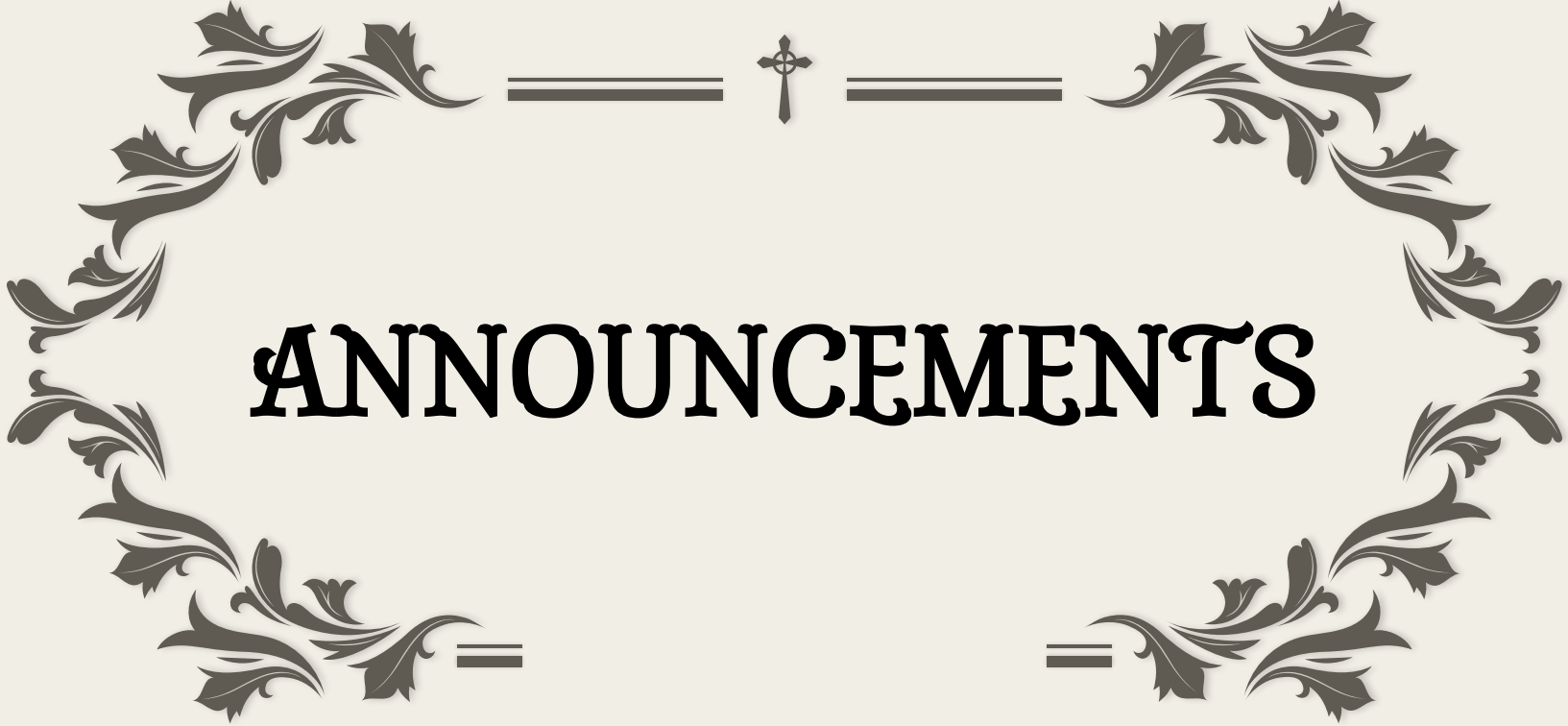
**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open and from whom nothing is hidden, we gather to worship you and to hear your word for our lives today. Speak, Lord. Your servants are listening.**

**-UNISON OPENING PRAYER**





**WELCOME**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP



Let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**We have entered the house of the Lord to offer thanksgiving and praise for the marvelous things He has done.**

What great things has the Lord God done?




**He has redeemed us by the Blood of the Lamb from the power and consequence of sin.**

Who is the Lamb of God?

**Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.**

Thank God that Jesus came to save not to condemn.

**Praise God for Jesus Christ, the Author and finisher of our faith – the One who is, was, and ever shall be.**



Somebody's Knocking at Your Door is a traditional African-American spiritual from the 1800's of unknown authorship that is now considered a "standard" in it's gospel form.

According to the Library of congress, A spiritual is a type of religious folksong that is most closely associated with the enslavement of African people in the American South. The songs proliferated in the last few decades of the eighteenth century leading up to the abolishment of legalized slavery in the 1860s. The African American spiritual (also called the Negro Spiritual) constitutes one of the largest and most significant forms of American folksong.

# OPENING HYMN (GTG) #728

**Somebody's Knocking At Your Door**



RESPONSIVE READING


Psalm 93

The Lord is king! He is robed in majesty. Indeed, the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken.

**Your throne, O Lord, has stood from time immemorial. You yourself are from the everlasting past. The floods have risen up, O Lord. The floods have roared like thunder; the floods have lifted their pounding waves.**

But mightier than the violent raging of the seas, mightier than the breakers on the shore— the Lord above is mightier than these!

**Your royal laws cannot be changed. Your reign, O Lord, is holy forever and ever.**









# AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

John 3: 16-17

**For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only begotten Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.**







**PASSING  
THE  
PEACE**



Please join me in the unison prayer.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**






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

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**





When we confess our sin and  
earnestly repent, God hears our  
prayer and forgives us.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**







PRAYER FOR  
ILLUMINATION



## A READING FROM Luke 11:5-13



And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So, I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"





# MORNING MEDITATION





CALL TO  
DISCIPLESHIP





**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**BENEDICTION**



EIN' FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7. Martin Luther, 1529

1 { A might - y For - tress is our God, A Bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; }  
 { Our Help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; }

For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and

power are great, And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his e - qual. A - MEN.

# CLOSING HYMN (GTG) # 275

A Mighty fortress is Our God



May God continue to have mercy on us,  
lead us in all truth, and deliver us from evil.

**BENEDICTION**





CONGREGATIONAL  
RESPONSE  
(GTG) # 601

**Amen**