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Memorial Hymn Sing Sunday, October 29, 2023

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WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather in memory of our loved ones.

All: We gather in celebration of those who touched and shaped our lives in different ways.

One: Come, let us gather in this place of healing and comfort.

All: We come in the hope that our wounds will be healed.

One: Come, let us worship our God our creator.

All: We come to sing hymns of hope in thanksgiving.

**** HYMN:** VU # 395 “Come In, Come In and Sit Down” In Honor of Don Trarback – remembered by Laurie and Stewart Bowen

OPENING PRAYER



HYMN: “Count Your Blessings.” (By Johnson Oatman Jr. 1897) In honor of Arlene Martin— remembered by Dianne Dunbar

- 1. When upon life’s billows you are tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.**

Refrain:

**Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God has done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
*Count your many blessings, see what God has done.
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.**

- 2. Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing as the days go by.**
- 3. When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings—money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.**
- 4. So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey’s end.**

A NEW CREED: VU # 918 (in unison)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

- to celebrate God's presence,
- to live with respect in Creation,
- to love and serve others,
- to seek justice and resist evil,
- to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
- our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me" (By Anna B. Warner, 1860) In Honor of Reta Eckstrom—remembered by Carla & Charlene Eckstrom.

1. **Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.**

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

2. **Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me."**

3. **Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.**
4. **Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.**
5. **Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

God, word incarnate, we ask that you grant us bold Spirits as we remember those who went before us and as we listen to the Word and sing inspirational hymns. May all be clear that your love and care for us are impermeable and warranted in every context of our lives. Amen!

In scripture God speaks to each of us. Listen for the voice of God.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 90: 1-6, 13-17

The word of God to us, God's people.

SERMON: "OUR ALL-TIME HELP"

**** HYMN:** VU # 291 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" In Honor of Violet & Arnold Dryer—remembered by Anne Shumard.

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

We are invited to give our offering in remembrance of our loved ones who went before us.

****HYMN:** VU # 563 “Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”
In Honor of Russell & Gladys Bowen – remembered by Laurie
and Stewart Bowen

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

Lord, you call us to see through your eyes those around us who may need our support. You call us to love and care for those around us who may need our attention. You need our hands full of caring in memory of those who we so much cherished and loved who left this world. With these gifts Lord, may we demonstrate your continual love to strangers and those known to us. We ask this through Christ. Amen!

**** HYMN:** VU # 291 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”
In Honor of Anne Shumard’s parents – remembered by Anne
Shumard

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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 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 and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen

**** HYMN:** “The Old Rugged Crossed” (By: George Bennard,
1913) In Honor of Stan Eckstrom—remembered by Carla &
Charlene Eckstrom.

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff’ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
Refrain:
So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.
2. Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.
3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For ’twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.
4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He’ll call me someday to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I’ll share.

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH