



April 6, 2025

10 A.M.

*May you receive God's comfort, insight and inspiration through worship, prayer and song.*

PRELUDE

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Frederick Atkinson

HYMN

*Spirit of the Living God*

NCH #283

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (x2)  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

OPENING PRAYER

### **CELEBRATION OF MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES**

RECOGNITION & THANKS

We give thanks for your presence among us.

***You are living examples of courage and perseverance.***

We give thanks for the stories you have collected through the years.

***By sharing your stories, you help shape ours.***

We give thanks for the many tasks you have undertaken for the betterment of others and of this community.

***We know that we have all benefited from your gifts and your labor.***

We covenant this day to do what it takes to make your continued participation possible.

***Your presence matters.***

We will seek to listen carefully when you speak.

***Your stories matter.***

We will seek to carry forward the work of this community that you helped build and shape.

***Your contributions matter.***

We promise to journey with you in the years to come, and to support you in ways that you deem helpful.

***Your life matters.***

You matter to us, and we know that we matter to you.

***Let us be grateful for the gifts that come as generations meet and mingle.***

Because in this community of memory, caring and hope,

**We believe that love matters most of all.**

## COMMUNION

HYMN

*As We Gather at Your Table*

NCH #332 (v. 1)

*As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
Help us know, O God, your presence,  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
Till we claim it all our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet  
How to make love's victory known*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The Lord Jesus, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. (distribute bread)*

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Life...

In remembrance of our Lord Jesus, Our Way, Truth, and Life (partake)

**People: *Because yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.***

*In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed by my lifeblood, shed for you in the forgiveness of sins. (distribute juice)*

The Lifeblood of the New Covenant, the Cup of Wholeness...

In remembrance of our Lord Jesus, Our Way, Truth, and Life (partake)

**People: *Because yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.***

### 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. Amen.**

## **FOOD & FELLOWSHIP**

PASTOR'S MEDITATION      The Power of Words

ANTHEM      *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*      Traditional  
Voices of Praise

HYMN      *As We Gather at Your Table*    NCH #332 (v. 2)

*Turn our worship into witness,  
In the sacrament of life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you,  
Bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
To forgive as you forgave;  
May we still behold your image  
In the world you died to save.*

INVITATION TO GIVE

CLOSING PRAYER

POSTLUDE      *Brother James' Air*      James Bain

*Recognition of  
50 Years or More of Membership*

<b>1947</b>	<b><i>Albert Seeds Jr.</i></b>
<b>1948</b>	<b><i>Ruth Seeds</i></b>
<b>1960</b>	<b><i>Beverly Bray Letendre</i></b>
<b>1962</b>	<b><i>Claranne Parker</i></b>
<b>1965</b>	<b><i>Lynette Williams Susco</i></b>
<b>1968</b>	<b><i>Pamela Williams Thomas</i></b>
<b>1971</b>	<b><i>Bonnie West Mazurek</i></b> <b><i>Diana Philpot Drachenberg</i></b>
<b>1973</b>	<b><i>Carol Munson Peterson</i></b>
<b>1974</b>	<b><i>Marilyn Borry</i></b> <b><i>Herve Letendre</i></b>
<b>1975</b>	<b><i>Donna Zapatka</i></b>

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship at Panera, Bristol
	7:00 p.m.	Jesus-Talk @ C.C.P.
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

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Today's GCT Member in Charge:

Donna Zapatka  
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***In our Prayers this week, we remember:*** Holly Glenzer Erickson, Edith (Rev. Don Erickson's grandniece), Diana Drachenberg, Deanna Hoxie, Jean McCormack (Bev Letendre's friend), Ed & Polly Sauer, Diane (Bill Calder's sister-in-law), Nicole Guglietta, Jim & Cindy Nissen (Nicholas Collins's friends), The Krpata Family, First Responders, Marilyn Borry, Sharon Erickson (Rev. Don's mother), Joie-Marie Mazurek, Melissa Mazurek, Jocelyn Michaud, Stormi Morrison (Donna Zapatka's cousin), Claranne Parker, Sue Piercy, Gabriel Smykla, Bobbi Turcotte, Linda Valeri

**The families and friends of:** Tom Heslin (Donna Zapatka's cousin), Tom Monahan, Frank Hoxie, Corey Proctor, Helene Knowlton (Russ Drachenberg's cousin), Fran (Rex Cone's friend), Anthony Papandrea, Larry Batchelder, Don (Jennifer Zakrzewski's father), Vivian Tardiff, Al Valeri

**Members and friends serving in the military:** Noah Westkott, Jason Guglietta, Bryant J. Cruz, Aiden, Jady, Isaiah, Rayne, Thomas Heslin, Beth Smith, Mark Joseloff, Adam Smith, Spencer Pelletier, James Palmer, Mark Terrill, Ryan Steikers, Shawn Ellis

For peace, wisdom, and compassion in our communities, state, nation, and world and in the leaders therein.

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**The Rev. Don Erickson, Senior Minister**  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EASTER COLLECTION

This year, once again, the Mission Social Action Committee will collect items for Easter for our ***Covenant To Care For Children*** Social Worker to distribute to the children under her care. We are looking for donations of coloring books, crayons to accompany each book (or colored Pencils), and various activity book, crosswords, word search, suduko, etc. Ashley's case load has approximately 20 children, and we will update with approximate ages when we get that information. There will be a collection bin in the Narthex beginning **Sunday, March 30, through Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday)**. Thank you for your prayerful donations to these children.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 175TH BUILDING ANNIVERSARY PLANNING TEAM

Our beautiful building is turning 175 this year and we want to celebrate in style! Want to be a part of the planning team for these fun events?

**Join Us on April 8th at 7pm, either in the library or via zoom!** Please let the church office know if you are interested so we can keep you up to date.

### C.C.P. PRESENTS... THE HOT CAT JAZZ BAND!

Join us for a toe tapping performance as we welcome ***The Hot Cat Jazz Band*** on **April 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm!**

*The Hot Cat Jazz Band* plays music from the 1920's through the 1960's. During this performance you will be sure to hear some Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley and many others. Refreshments will be served.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The following Holy Week services have been scheduled:

- ***Palm Sunday Service*** on **April 13<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m.
- ***Good Friday Prayer Vigil*** on **April 18<sup>th</sup>** from 6 a.m. – 3 p.m., *please contact the Church Office to sign up for a time of individual prayer and quiet reflection*
- A ***Traditional Easter Sunday Service*** will be held on **April 20<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m. with a ***Music & Mindfulness Service*** following at 11:30 a.m.

### EASTER FOOD DRIVE

With food insecurity on the rise, please consider supporting our mission to combat hunger by donating canned and non-perishable food items. A collection box for the ***Blessing Box*** and a basket for the ***Plainville Community Food Pantry*** are out in the Narthex to receive your donations through the Easter Holiday.