

* Hymn # 762

“When the Poor Ones”



1 When the poor ones who have noth - ing share with strang - ers,
 2 When at last all those who suf - fer find their com - fort,
 3 When our joy fills up our cup to o - ver - flow - ing,
 4 When our homes are filled with good - ness in a - bun - dance,

1 Cuan - do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,
 2 Cuan - do un hom - bre su - fre y lo - gra su con - sue - lo,
 3 Cuan - do cre - ce la a - le - grí - a y nos i - nun - da,
 4 Cuan - do a - bun - da el bien y lle - na los ho - ga - res,



when the thirst - y wa - ter give un - to us all,
 when they hope though e - ven hope seems hope - less - ness,
 when our lips can speak no words oth - er than true,
 when we learn how to make peace in - stead of war,

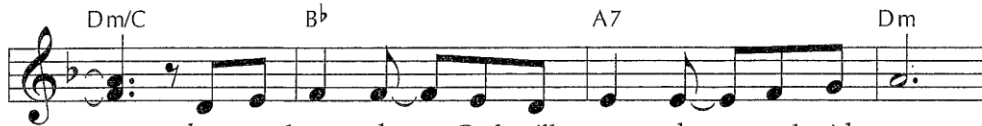
cuan - do un hom - bre pa - sa sed y a - gua nos da,
 cuan - do es - pe - ra y no se can - sa de es - pe - rar,
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 cuan - do un hom - bre don - de hay gue - rra po - ne paz,



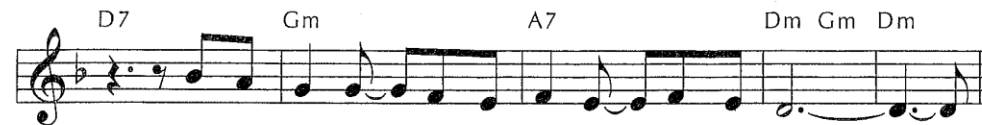
when the crip - pled in their weak - ness strength - en oth - ers,
 when we love though hate at times seems all a - round us,
 when we know that love for sim - ple things is bet - ter,
 when each strang - er that we meet is called a neigh - bor,

cuan - do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce,
 cuan - do a - ma - mos, aun - que el o - dio nos ro - dé - e,
 cuan - do a - ma - mos el sen - tir de los sen - ci - llos,
 cuan - do "her - ma - no" le lla - ma - mos al ex - tra - ño,

Refrain / Estribillo



then we know that God still goes that road with us,
 va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.



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TEXT: José Antonio Olivares and Miguel Manzano, 1970; trans. George Lockwood, 1980, alt.
 MUSIC: José Antonio Olivares and Miguel Manzano, 1970; arr. Alvin Schutmaat, 1971
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(Please be seated.)

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Almighty God: you alone are good and holy.
Purify our lives and make us courageous disciples.
We do not ask you to keep us safe,
but to keep us faithful,
so we may serve Jesus Christ,
who, tempted in every way as we are,
was faithful to you.**

(Silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: All have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

(Children may come forward now for the children's message.)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.** *(Please be seated.)*

Children's Message

Following the message children may go to their Sunday School rooms, to the church nursery room or they may stay with their family in worship.

Call to the word *"Listen You Nations of the World"*

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

- ¹ Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
- ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.
- ³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.
- ⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.
- ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?
- ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
- ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
- ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
- ⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
- ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
- ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world.

A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

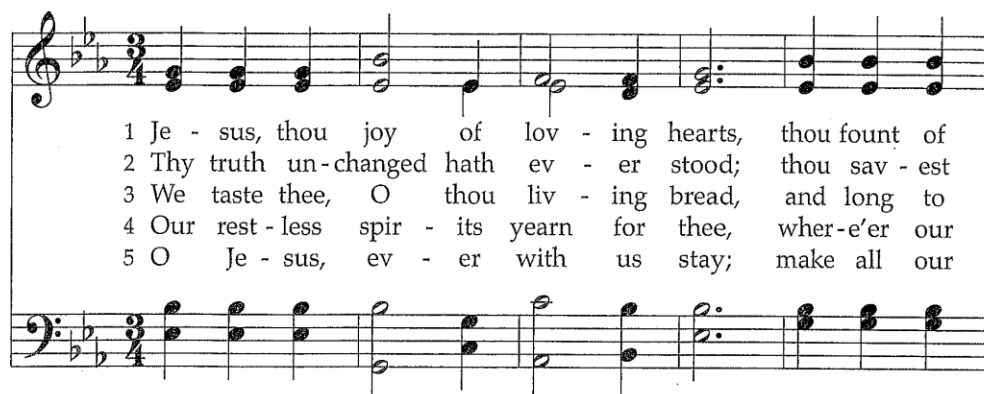
Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sermon

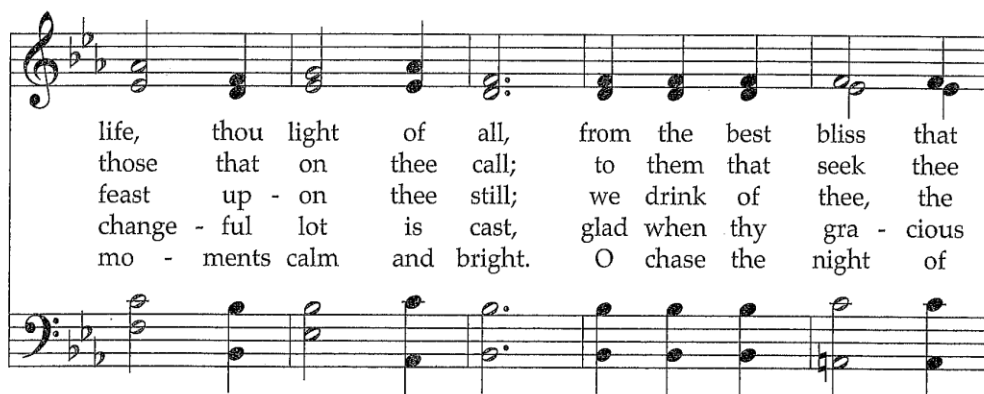
Rev. Doug Hagler

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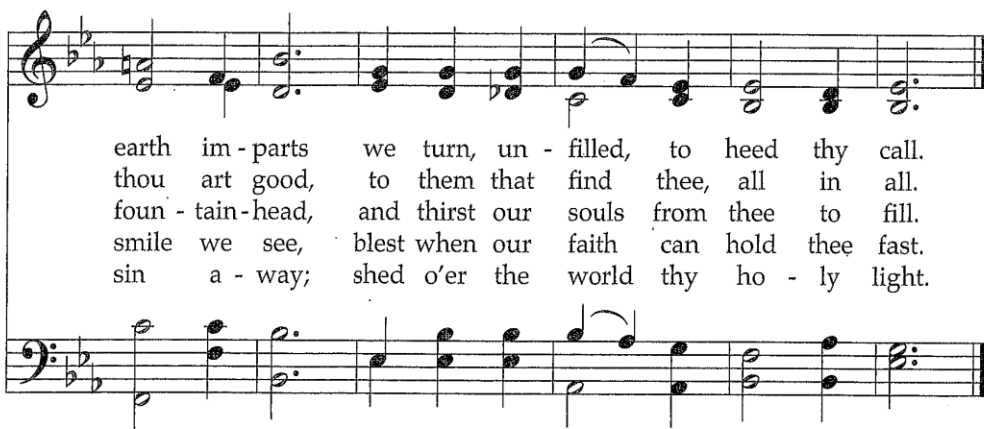
“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”



1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of
 2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est
 3 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to
 4 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our
 5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our



life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that
 those that on thee call; to them that seek thee
 feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the
 change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious
 mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of



earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.
 thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
 foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
 sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

TEXT: Latin, 12th cent.; trans. Ray Palmer, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Henry Baker, 1854

(Please be seated.)

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from north and from south and from east and from west to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: You formed us in your image and set us in this world to love and serve you.

You deliver slaves and captives to freedom, and make a covenant to be their sovereign God.

When we were stubborn, you spoke to us through prophets who looked toward that day when justice shall triumph and peace shall reign over all the earth.

You are holy, God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. You sent him into this world to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed.

He came as one of us, taking the lot of the poor, sharing human suffering, and dying at the hands of Temple and Empire.

Gracious God,

pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Words of Institution

The Apostle's Creed (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

Offering Prayer

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

People: the world, and those who live in it.

Leader: Freely you have received, freely give. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Offertory

"Forth in Thy Name"

R. Schulz-Widmar

* Doxology **Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Elder: Jill Kleppinger

(Please be seated.)

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Hymn # 767 "Together We Serve"

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B^b F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b B^b Cm7 Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B^b F E^b Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B^b E^b B^b Cm F7 B^b

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

* Benediction
Postlude

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Rev. Doug Hagler
Praise Team

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary are given today to the glory of God.

Brief Survey: Coming Opportunities at FPC

Please take a moment to fill out a brief survey to let us know whether you are interested in some upcoming opportunities at FPC: New Members Class, helping with inter-generational events, and cultivating patience in a small monthly group. [Here's the link to the Google Form](#). -Pastor Doug

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22

Yes, Ash Wednesday is almost here. As our congregation takes small steps towards pre pandemic normalcy, we are going back to our “normal” way to celebrate Ash Wednesday. That is with a soup and bread supper at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall followed, at our tables, by a brief Communion service at 7 PM.

In order to plan for this, please sign up on the sheet located on the round table by the stage on Sundays or in the church office during the week. You may also call the office to make your reservation. If you, at the last minute, decide to attend without registering, you will be most welcome. See you in church.

Meals for St. Mary’s Franciscan Shelter

Many thanks to all who will be preparing and delivering meals to St. Mary’s Franciscan Shelter during the upcoming week of February 6 – 10. St. Mary’s Shelter provides vital and important services to local homeless families. We are blessed to have the opportunity to partner with them in helping homeless families find stability, independence, and a place to call home.

Souper Bowl 2023!

This year’s Souper Bowl of Caring event will take place at First Presbyterian Church next Sunday, February 12. Our children will be on hand to collect canned goods and cash donations to support local hunger relief. You can also drop off donations during the week in the church office.

What is Per Capita Apportionment?

Per Capita apportionment monies will help provide the means to strengthen the connections of the Presbyterian Church USA, to build lasting relationships, and to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry. Our church apportionment is \$37 per member. Please use the blue envelope in your box of envelopes or if you use direct deposit envelopes will be available for you to use. This money will help support our church, Donegal Presbytery, Synod of the Trinity, and the Presbyterian Church USA. Stewardship Committee

Lenten Book Study

Join Bob & Chris Wittrock in reading and discussing Brian McLaren's book "**The Great Spiritual Migration, How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking A Better Way To Be Christian.**" The author explores three main topics: The Spiritual Migration (from a system of beliefs to a way of life); The Theological Migration (from a violent God of domination to a nonviolent God of liberation); and The Missional Migration (from organized religion to organizing religion).

We will meet on Thursday evenings at 7PM via Zoom, beginning February 23 and ending March 30. **Please email Chris to sign up and get the Zoom link.** Cwittrock22@gmail.com

Raise Right Scrip Cards

After a short respite from the "**Raise Right**" scrip gift card frenzy of December, orders can be submitted again! **February 8 and 22** are the next times gift cards will be ordered. The money needs to be turned in by **Feb 6** for an order on the 8th and by **Feb. 20** for the order on the 22nd. There are so many ways to use these cards. You get the full amount paid to purchase items, but the church gets a percentage donation from the companies. Last year the church received over **\$2,300** from participating companies with this program. It is as easy as sending an email to Lynne Williams – brettdrew@comcast.net or send a text to Lynne at 610-955-4749 with the cards you want and the amounts. Cards will be ready to pick up by the following Sunday.

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns:

- We pray for those in our circles who are currently sick, with COVID and otherwise: the Wittrocks, the Williamses, Noelle Diehl and Erin Cox-Holmes (executive presbyter)
- Jenn Johnson's colleague suffered a heart attack and is in the hospital on a ventilator.
- Sharyn Funderwhite hopes to be released from the hospital soon.

Prayer Chain & Prayer Requests

To request prayers, you can fill out a card in the worship service, drop a note off in the church office or email Amy Myers and members will be lifting you up in prayer. fpcprayerchain1@gmail.com You may also call Sue Smith at [\(610\) 933-8816](tel:6109338816) and she will forward your requests on to Amy. Anyone interested in being a Prayer Warrior should email Amy.

Pub Theology

The next Pub Theology will meet on Sunday, Feb. 12th at 7:00 PM at The Foodery, (325 Bridge St, Phoenixville). Join Pastor Doug in a discussion of theological topics and current events over food and drinks. Listen, chat, and hash things out...it's fun and thought-provoking!

Men's Group Book Discussion

Join the Men's Group on the 3rd Sunday of each month after church for lunch and discussion. Starting in 2023 they will be reading *The Fellowship of the Ring* by JRR Tolkien, followed by *Cry Like A Man* by Jason Wilson, founder of the Cave of Adullam in Detroit. Come see Pastor Doug if you have any questions, or would like for him to order you a book, and feel free to join the group any 3rd Sunday whether you are reading the books or not.

Upcoming Scripture Reading

February 12th: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Deuteronomy 30:15-20

February 19th: Leviticus 19:1-18; Matthew 5:38-48

Books Through Bars

The next Books Through Bars volunteer trip will be on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Registration to volunteer is available via Sign-Up Genius.

<https://www.cignupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-books>, or call Sue Smith in the church office (610-933-8816) to sign up. Please indicate if you are willing to share with driving. Volunteers will meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 am and return by 2:30 pm. Thanks in advance for your help with this meaningful ministry.

Antiracism Book Club

The Antiracism Book Club will continue conversation about *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. Zoom with the group at 7:00 pm on Sunday, Feb. 26th. No book, no problem. There is a free audio version on YouTube. Check it out by visiting https://youtu.be/xgf85EZ_eIE.

Presbytery Women's Circle

The women's study, *Celebrating Sabbath*, will resume on Sunday, Feb. 19th at 12:00 noon in the parlor. Bring a snack or your lunch. Enjoy a brief video session followed by discussion and prayer. Join in this fun learning experience.

Cards for the Military

There is a basket in fellowship hall for your cards, letters, and notes for individuals serving in the military. Jen Johnson will be delivering these notes to her nephew Peter Johnson and his Navy squadron. Contact Jen (physedjj@verizon.net) for more information.

Gratitude in 2023

Your Church Growth Committee has a plan for a simple church-wide practice in the coming year, based on something we do with the children each week in Sunday School. If you are like us, you have some unused notebooks and journals lying around, or on shelves, or in a closet. Maybe you bought them thinking, "I'll start journaling this year" but you haven't started yet. Bring them to the church office and keep an eye out for a church-wide practice we'll be introducing in 2023.

2023 Calendars Needed

Chris Wittrock is collecting 2023 calendars to give to Books Through Bars, as incarcerated people frequently request them. Bring in any extra 2023 calendars you have to the church office and Chris will collect them throughout January.

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, February 5th Communion (*Childcare available.)

8:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom with Sue Casey

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, In person and via YouTube

10:45 a.m. *Sunday School (start in church then to Sunday School rooms)

Monday, February 6th

9:00 a.m. People to People clothing+ (fellowship hall)

6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Tuesday, February 7th

6:30 p.m. Zumba class (fellowship hall)

Wednesday, February 8th

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal (choir room)

Thursday, February 9th

9:00 a.m. Public Health Management (fellowship hall)

9:00 a.m. People to People clothing+ (fellowship hall)

10:00 a.m. People to People Food ministry (kitchen)

7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal (choir room)

7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends (parlor)

Friday, February 10th No events scheduled.

Saturday, February 11th No events scheduled.

Sunday, February 12th (*Childcare available.)

8:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom with Sue Casey

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, In person and via YouTube

10:45 a.m. *Sunday School (start in church then to Sunday School rooms)

12:00 n. Worship & Music Committee meeting (parlor)

5:00 p.m. Bridge of Hope dinner (fellowship hall)

7:00 p.m. Pub Theology (The Foodery on Bridge street)

Nursery/Sunday School: The church nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the main building in room 209 and is available for children ages infant-3 years.

All children 3 years and older are invited to attend Sunday School during worship (children will depart fellowship hall for their classrooms immediately following the Children's Sermon), with ages 3-5 in room 210, ages 6-8 in room 208, and grades 5 and older in the third-floor classroom. Sunday School is from 10:45am–11:45am.

Restrooms: The church restrooms are located on the first & second floors of the main building. Ushers can help direct you to the restrooms.

For Hearing Assistance: If you wish to use a wireless assistive listening device to better hear the service, see one of the ushers.

Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher.

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