

Welcome to worship! No matter where you are, where you have been, or where you are on your faith journey, our prayer is that you will find a place to belong in worship and mission with us.

8:30 am January 22, 2023

Preparation for Worship

Light shines. Light calls. Light guides our way. Focus on the light of Christ; answer the call and follow where Christ leads. -M.J. Scifres

Psalm 27:1 Focus Scripture

Emily Pilcher, piano Gathering Music Ode to Joy

Prelude All Creatures of Our God and King Sewell

*Call to Worship

We come seeking God,

the one who guides us and protects us.

People of God, there is nothing to fear,

for God dwells in our hearts.

Let us shout with joy, for God is here!

Let us sing praises to the Holy One!

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

God of light, we come tired and weary, carrying many burdens. We come wondering if you are even here. We come seeking your face, seeking your love. In this moment, Holy One, open our hearts to the mystery of your love. Remind us that you are always with us and that you never leave us. Reassure us that you love us, even as you invite us to love one another. Amen.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Scripture Matthew 4:12-23

Special Music Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart Bell Choir

Kid's Time

Message

*Hymn

No. 103

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory The Bright and Morning Star

Stairs

Doxology No. 94 Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, light of the world, we thank you for these gifts. May they share your joy and your hope, bringing reconciliation and help to those seeking to walk in your ways. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

No. 2129

Announcements

Presentation of a Quilt of Valor to Tim Maier

Benediction

Go forth–shining the light of Christ. **Amen.**

Postlude *Arise Toward the Light*

Birchwood

Staff and Worship Assistants:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet

Director of Music: Kathy Brown

Director of Family Ministries: Melanie Burger

Organists: Gloria Cardoni & Mary Ellen Dean

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https://www.facebook.com/groups/237998406251361 Office Hours--Monday-Thursday 9 am - 12 noon Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 am WCZQ 105.5 FM Worship: 8:30am in person and Facebook Live 10:45 am in person If you are visiting, we welcome you and invite you to Fellowship with coffee and conversation at Café 2020. We also have a Sunday School Hour from 9:45-10:30 am. We offer adult classes, our Orchard Children's Ministry classes for Preschool-5th grade, and our bi-weekly Orchard 567 class for our 5th-7th graders on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please join us as we dig into God's Word.

During today's service, please know that individual wireless receivers are available from the ushers. Rocking Chairs are located at the back for parents with babies, and our Kids' Corner is stocked with things to educate and entertain your children as well.

Food Pantry Requests: syrup, jelly, pasta/spaghetti sauce, coffee (~1lb), paper towels Thank You!

Calendar

| Today | | Wednesday | <u>, January 25</u> |
|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 8:30 am | Worship, in-person, online and | 1:00 pm | Bible Study |
| | radio | 5:30 pm | Trustees Meeting |
| 9:45 am | Sunday School classes | 6:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| | (Adult, The Orchard, and | 7:00 pm | Bells Rehearsal |
| | Orchard 567) | 8:00 pm | New Day |
| 10:45 am | Worship, in-person | | |
| 2:00 pm | Millikin Choral Concert | Thursday, January 26 | |
| 5-7 pm | Youth Group | 8:30 am | Just Walking |
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Monday, January 23

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| 4:00 pm | T.O.P.S (Take Off Pounds | 9:00 am | Sunday School classes |
| | Sensibly) | 10:00 am | COMBINED Worship |
| 7:00 pm | Boy Scouts | | with meal to follow |
| 7:00 pm | Parents Bible Study | 5-7 pm | Youth Group |

Tuesday, January 24

8:30am Just Walking

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, January 29

February 1 - Orchard Early-Out 1:15-5pm February 4 - Willow Tree Work Day 9-noon February 8 - Orchard After-School 3:15-5 February 8 - WATCH Meal February 13 - Parenting Bible Study 7pm