



*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.*

February 26, 2023

8:30 am

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### Preparation for Worship

If in Christ we have been tempted, in him we overcome the devil. Do you think only of Christ's temptations and fail to think of his victory? See yourself as tempted in him, and see yourself as victorious in him. He could have kept the devil from himself; but if he were not tempted he could not teach you how to triumph over temptation.

—St. Augustine

Focus Scripture

Psalm 32:11

Prelude

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Carrier/Marsh

### \*Call to Worship

Temptation surrounds us every day.

**Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.**

Opportunities to stray litter our path.

**Happy are those whose sin is covered.**

Though we stumble and fall, God's mercy picks us up.

**God's grace brushes us off.**

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,

**God's love meets us here.**

\*Hymn

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

No. 269

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

**Righteous God, we need your presence in our lives if we are to resist temptation.**

**Send your angels to minister to us when the tempter comes to call. Put not our hearts to the test, but shelter us in your protective love. For you are our god and we are your people. Amen.**

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11

Bell Choir

*When We All Get to Heaven*

Kid's Time

Message

\*Hymn

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

No. 2112

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

*Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

Traditional

Doxology No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

**Eternal God, you have given us grace and gifts without measure. We come now to return that grace and those gifts in our tithes and lives. In your transforming hands, may they become abundant for all creation. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*Be Still, My Soul*

No. 534

Announcements

Benediction

Though life is full of temptations, God will see us through.

**We rejoice in the One who strengthens us.**

God with God, always! **Amen!**

Postlude

*Psalm of Glory*

Smith

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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.

**Margaret Lindsley celebrates 100 years of life on March 5th!** Daughter Janet Burke says she is healthy, content and well looked-after in assisted living in McHenry, IL. Please send cards to: Margaret Lindsley, % Janet Burke, 2 River Drive, Trout Valley, IL 60013

**Food Pantry Requests:**

Hamburger Helper, graham crackers, minute rice and rice side packets, taco fixin's, canned fruit

**Calendar**

**Today**

8:30 am      Worship, in-person, online and radio  
 9:45 am      Sunday School classes  
                   (Adult, The Orchard, and Orchard 567)  
 10:45 am     Worship, in-person  
 5- 7 pm        Youth Group

**Monday, February 27**

4:00 pm      T.O.P.S (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)  
 7:00 pm      Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, February 28**

8:30am        Just Walking

**Wednesday, March 1**

1:00 pm      Bible Study  
**1:15 pm      Orchard Early Out**  
**After-School Program**  
 6:00 pm      Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm      Bells Rehearsal  
 8:00 pm      New Day

**Thursday, March 2**

8:30 am      Just Walking

**Sunday, March 5**

8:30 am      Worship, in-person, online and radio  
 9:45 am      Sunday School classes  
                   (Adult and The Orchard)  
 10:45 am     Worship, in-person  
 3- 6 pm        Family Game Night with pizza dinner

**Looking Ahead**

March 8 - Area Outreach meeting - noon  
                   Regular Orchard After School WATCH meal  
                   Trustees mtg - 5:30 pm  
 March 10 - District Leadership Event 9-3  
 March 13 - Outreach committee mtg 10 am  
 March 16 - Midwest Missions - all day