

A photograph of a sailboat with multiple sails up, sailing on a calm body of water. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The water reflects the colors of the sky.

**"Your hand
will guide me"**

Psalm 139:10

Welcome to the

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Rev. Catherine Schuyler, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Karen Gierie Newman, Liturgist

GATHERING *O Spirit of the Living God*, Trad. English melody: arr. by R. Vaughan Williams

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** *Welcome, v. 1* W&S #3152

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is none other than the house of God,

and this is the gate of heaven.

***HYMN** *Surely, the Presence of the Lord Is in this Place* UMH #328

***INVOCATION**

Holy God, source of all life and love, you are as near to us as our breath. Speak your word of blessing and of grace to our hearts again; challenge us to claim your love as our way, and send us into the world as agents of your justice and peace. We ask this in Christ's holy name. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH #70

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 28:10-19a

CHANGE THE WORLD

PSALTER

Psalm 139:1-12, 17-18, 23-24

R: Search me, O God, and know my heart;***Try me and know my thoughts.***

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.*****R: Search me, O God, and know my heart;******Try me and know my thoughts.***

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

**If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,**even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"**

even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.***R: Search me, O God, and know my heart;******Try me and know my thoughts.***

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.***R: Search me, O God, and know my heart;******Try me and know my thoughts.*****ANTHEM***Variations on 'Greensleeves', Hayes & Butler*

Tina Lauro, handbells

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 13:24-30

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.***HYMN OF PREPARATION***Nearer My God to Thee*

UMH #528

SERMON*A Rock for a Pillow, a Promise for a Lifetime*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
PRAYER HYMN**

*Apostles' Creed
Change My Heart, O God*

UMH #882
The Faith We Sing #2152

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
SILENT PRAYER
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY**

The Lily of the Valley

The Faith We Sing #2062
Sharon Lensky, soprano
The congregation is invited to join on the refrain, verse 3

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

***PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

We offer our gifts, O God, as we offer our hearts and our lives. Consecrate them by the power of your Spirit that they may be vessels of love to the world, in Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Jacob's Ladder

UMH #418

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

As We Go

W&S #3183

Our worship has ended; our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are comfortable.

WELCOME, VISITORS!

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. There's a Visitor Center in the room to the right of the sanctuary with information and a welcome packet. If you'd like to share your name and address, you may use the QR code, or sign the guest book in the Visitor Center.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Finance Committee – Monday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- Church Council – Monday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDIES

- Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
- Friday Ladies' Small Group, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Saturday Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. via Zoom

LECTORS SCHEDULED

July 26 Larry Bing
August 2 Danny Gastelua
August 9 Amanda Mastrosimone
August 16 Faustina Gyedu
August 23 Karen Gierie Newman

COFFEE HOUR ATTENDANTS

July 26 Rita & John
August 2 Vicki & Annemarie
August 9 Lois & Kimberly S.
August 16 Amanda
August 23 Rita & John
August 30 UWF

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We'll share our prayer concerns aloud in worship. The ushers have microphones to bring to you to share. If you'd prefer, you may add a written prayer request to the offering plate.

CONCERNS & COMMITMENTS:

Whenever the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, the Spirit of God is at work. If you have been touched by God and desire to make a commitment to Christ and to His Church or you would like to have the pastor pray with/for you, please speak with her.

COFFEE HOUR HELP NEEDED



We need someone to help at Coffee Hour on the third Sunday of each month. You will be working with an experienced host, with directions posted, and all supplies are provided. Please help us maintain this ministry.

See Karen Gierie Newman newman1309@aol.com Thank you!

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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