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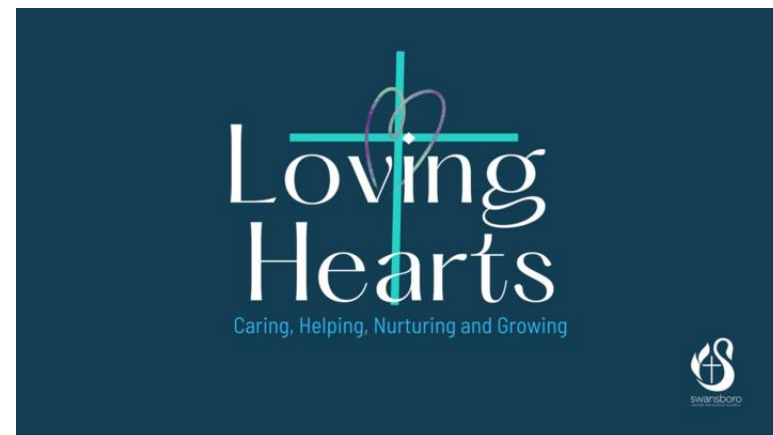
The Chancel flowers on the altar are dedicated

In memory of Nat Sylvester

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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



October 29, 2023

10:30 a.m. Combined Worship

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Combined Worship

Gathering Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation "Your Glory" Bryan Hoff, Kristen Viszneki

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our hearts are lifted up toward God in prayer and praise.

God created all that is!

We gather today to celebrate the amazing love of God!

Let us give thanks and praise to God for all of God's abundant blessings!

*Hymn UMH #593 "Here I Am Lord"

*Opening Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, it isn't easy for us to follow the commandment to love as you have loved us. We confess that we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, turning them away from those who need our love the most. Forgive us for the times when we have been stubborn, self-centered, and distracted by things that deter us and distract us. Give us the courage to be your people, recommitting ourselves to care for others, to nurture children and youth, to help the vulnerable and those in need, and to grow daily in faith, hope, and love. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the Good News. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.

That proves God's love for us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

*The Peace *(As forgiven & reconciled people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation & love.)*

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Nat Fahy

Open Altar, Open Heart *(During "Call to Prayer", all are invited to the altar for morning prayer.)*

Call to Prayer "Blessed Assurance"

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Apostles Creed UMH #881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

*Gloria Patri UMH #71

Anthem "If God is For Us" Chancel Choir

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon: "So Glad You Asked" Rev. Lynn Benson

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "Holy Water" Praise Band

*Doxology UMH #94 Led by Bryan and Team

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Song "I Thank God"

During the closing song, all are invited forward to bring their Commitment Cards and place them on the altar. Feel free to kneel or stand for as long as the Spirit leads you.

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

**Please stand as you are able.*