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Where the Spirit of the Lord Is, there is Freedom

March 2, 2025
10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #634 - O How I Love Jesus

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship - from Psalm 99

Leader: Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations.
People: Let them praise your great and awesome name, our God is Holy.
Leader: The King is mighty, he loves justice.
People: Our God has established equity; in Israel He has done what is good and right.
ALL: Moses and Aaron were among his priests; Samuel was among those who called on his name. They called on the Lord and He answered them. He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statues and the decrees He gave them.

Opening Prayer

Holy and gracious God, thank you for loving us like you do. Help us to love others in the same manner. Give us your wisdom and your truth this morning, let us hear a word from you this day to help us on our way. Bless our world, dear God, the world that you created and called 'good.' Send your holy Spirit upon us that we might say 'it has been good to be in the house of the Lord. We thank you for your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we pray all things in his holy name. Amen.

Scripture Text: II Corinthians 3:12 through 4:2 (NRSV)

Prayer Hymn - #628 – He Touched Me

Prayers of the People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever.
AMEN*

12 Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, **13** not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. **14** But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. **15** Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, **16** but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **18** And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Treasure in Clay Jars

4 Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. **2** We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Sharon Arnold
- Jim Phegley	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Kate DeWees	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Larry & Betty Lintner	- Sandra Schauer
- Jerry & Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood		

Scripture Readings - II Corinthians 3:12 through 4:2 (NRSV)

Sermon - *Where The Spirit Of The Lord Is, There Is Freedom* — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

*Doxology

*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #619 - I Love To Tell The Story

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

OFFERTORY & COMMUNION

The bread and the cup are distributed together.

Please hold until you are invited to partake together.

*Closing Song - God's Love by Hal Gray

*Benediction

Leader: May the peace of God that passes all understanding
be yours today and forevermore.

People: Thanks be to God.

Todays Meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Weekly Meetings:

Wednesday, March 5th

6:00 p.m. - Youth Group - Wacky Wednesday

Sunday, March 12th

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Announcements:

Beginning Balance As Of 2-23-25	3747.19
Expenses/Payroll	2300.64
Weekly Offering	2360.00
Difference	+ \$59.36
Ending Balance	3806.55

Week of February 23rd - Attendance: 28 ; Live Stream Views on Facebook

Live: 0, YouTube: 10 Approx. Views: 15-43

Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday: will meet Wednesday, March 5th, 2025

at 6:00 p.m. There is not a volunteer for the meal. If you would be interested in volunteering, please call the office or see Helen or Betty after worship.

Thank you!

Youth Group Meal Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to provide a meal for our youth on Wacky Wednesday nights for 2025. If you are interested, the sign up sheet is available in the narthex. Also, a reminder card will be sent out a week prior to the date you choose. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!

JCEFA Pork Chop or Chicken Dinner: is Sunday, March 16th at Jasper County Fair Grounds. Serving 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Carry out are available. Sponsored by: Jasper County Fair Association. Profits to benefit Jasper County Fair. Dinner by Remington Poultry & Catering. Tickets are \$12.00 each. Flier in narthex.

Lenten Luncheon Schedule: Serving Times: 11:45-12:45
3/05 — Church of the Nazarene
3/12 — St. Augustine Church
3/19 — First Christian Church
3/26 — Brushwood
4/2 — St. Luke's
4/9 — Trinity UMC
4/16 —

Lent Devotionals: are available in the narthex.

Spring Forward: Be sure to turn your clocks ahead Sunday, March 9th.

Beginning Monday April 7: we will begin back with Balance exercises followed by a Bible Study. We will start at 9:30 am and take about 15-20 minutes to do a few exercises and then will start Bible Study immediately after in the church basement. It will be a 10-week Bible Study on the book "Ten Women of the Bible One By One They Changed the World" by Jenna Lucado Bishop and Max Lucado. I need to know if you are interested by March 17. The books are \$14 payable at the first session. I will order and have them shipped to the church so that they can be picked up by March 30. You can start the first Lesson on March 31 and we will discuss Lesson 1 on April 7. As we study the lives of the women in the Bible, we find important truths that God wants us to grasp. They lived in a different world than our own, but we find ourselves facing the same issues they faced. Yet even more, these women show us there is a God who see us where we are and loves us for who we are. He is the one who hovers over all the pages of the Bible, shaping lives, rescuing hearts, healing sicknesses, raising what was dead to life and assigning high callings to those who choose to follow him and have faith in him.

In this ten-lesson workbook, Max Lucado recounts some of his favorite stories of these ten women - Sarah, Abigail, Esther, the Samaritan Woman, Mary Magdalene, and others -and describes what set them all apart. Please contact Karen Wiseman by call or text 219-869-3513 or karenr6403@gmail.com by March 17 if you are interested in attending. Missing you all!

Happy 90th Birthday Anne-Marie Egan: She will be celebrating her 90th birthday on March 4, 2025. Her family invites friends and well-wishers to join in celebrating this special milestone. Cards can be sent to: 528 S Park Ave Rensselaer, IN 47978.

March Birthdays

- 3 - Viana Lewis
- 4 - Kris Bailey
- 5 - Pauline Amsler
- 6 - Matt Beehler, Stephen Nicole
- 7 - Charles Griffin, Kalyn Hall
- 8 - Haylie Newcomb
- 9 - Andy Morris, Ali Phillips
- 10 - Cathy Eldridge, Addie Dobson
- 11 - Josh Eldridge
- 14 - Sandy Todd
- 15 - Regina Sanders
- 18 - Cody Lintner, Heidi Phillips
- 19 - Laura Lefler-Kinnaird,
Jim Lefler
- 21 - Craig Jackson
- 23 - Casey Boose
- 25 - Travis Mattocks
- 26 - Jeff Phillips



March Anniversaries

- 3 - Dennis & Pam Saylor - 1973
- 6 - Marcia & Ote Wood - 1982
- 26 - Gary & Regina Sanders - 1988

