

The liturgical color is green for growth & mission

PRELUDE "Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in C Major" J. S. Bach
Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME Willie Dycks, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us gather in the presence of the Holy One, who welcomes all with love.

Happy are those who find their home in God!

This is a place of refuge, where weary hearts are renewed.

Happy are those who draw near, for God is our strength!

One day in the presence of the Divine is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Happy are those who walk in God's ways and trust in God's goodness!

The Eternal One is our light and our shield, pouring out grace and love.

Let us worship the One who makes us whole and fills us with joy!

***OPENING HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH UMH 89

Hymn History: The music to this hymn is Edward Hodges' arrangement of Ludwig Van Beethoven's epic Ode to Joy movement from his ninth symphony. Hodges arrangement in 1864 used words from Robert Seagrave and Charles Wesley. The words we sing today were written by Henry Van Dyke in 1907 for a Methodist hymnal. Edward Hodges was born in Bristol, England in 1796. He was an accomplished organist, who in addition to playing, made several technical advancements to the instrument. He earned a Doctorate of Music from Cambridge University. In 1839 he moved to New York City and served two churches. One was St. Johns Chapel and the other was Trinity Church, located near Wall Street. Suffering from poor health, he returned to England in 1863. He died in Bristol in 1867.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OPENING PRAYER

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

SCRIPTURE John 16:20-22, p. 765

ANTHEM "Praise and Exaltation" Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Joy In the Morning" Natalie Sleeth

***DOXOLOGY #94**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, Whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN OF CENTERING "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" UMH 175

SCRIPTURE Psalm 84, p. 420

MESSAGE "You're Not the Boss of Me:
Redefining Emotions Through Faith - Happy"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

***HYMN OF MISSION** "Come, We That Love the Lord" UMH 732

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. Amen.

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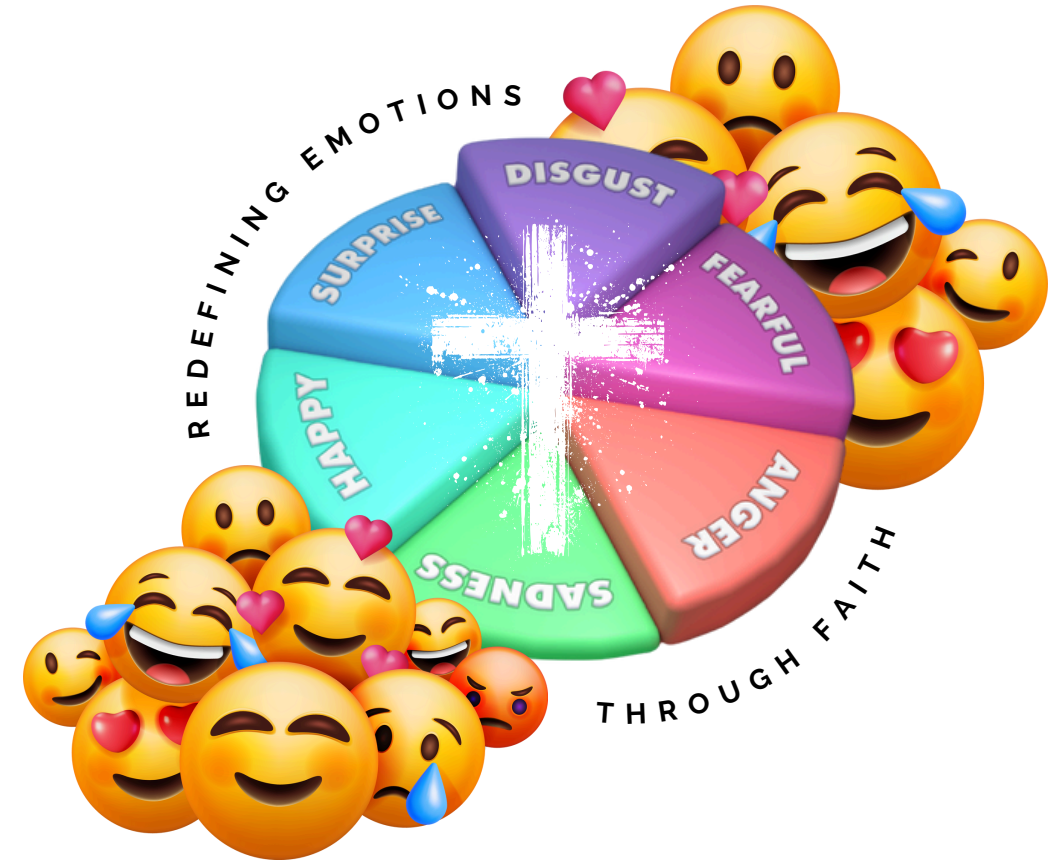
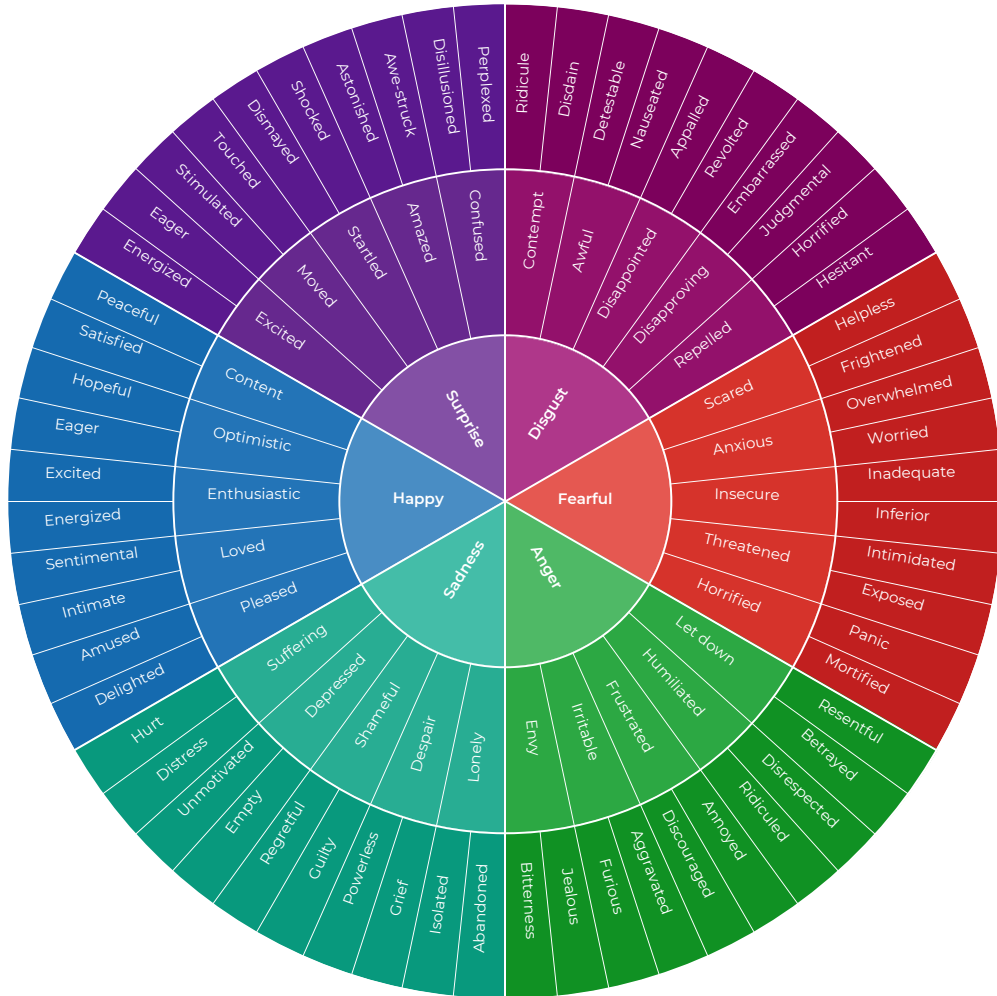
POSTLUDE "Toccata in F Major" D. Buxtehude

Liturgy and prayers written by Pastor Steve with assistance from ChatGPT

** Congregation invited to stand if able*

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