

The liturgical color is green for growth & mission

PRELUDE "Ricercare in C Major" J. Pachelbel
Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME Jack Donahue, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, all who seek the presence of God, for perfect love casts out fear.

People: We come with open hearts, longing for the love that makes us whole.

Leader: In God's love, there is no fear—only grace, mercy, and peace.

People: We stand in the light of Christ, embracing the love that sets us free.

Leader: Let us worship the God whose love is greater than our doubts and stronger than our fears.

People: With joy and confidence, we lift our voices in praise, for God's perfect love is here!

***OPENING HYMN** "How Firm a Foundation" UMH 529

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OPENING PRAYER

God of love who meets us where we are, thank you for your acceptance, love, grace and peace. We come this morning with all our emotions. Help us name our fears and hear what they have to tell us. Through your living Word, read, sung, proclaimed and received in worship, help us discern helpful fear from unhelpful fear and make us more perfect in your love. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 29:25 CEB

People are trapped by their fear of others; those who trust the LORD are secure.

ANTHEM "Great Is the Lord" arr. Bruce Greer
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.

** Congregation invited to stand if able*

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "The One" Craig Courtney

***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 "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" UMH 129

Hymn History: The words to the hymn we sing today are the result of two gentlemen. The original hymn was written by Paul Gerhardt. He was born in Germany in 1607 and died in 1676. Gerhardt was a Lutheran Minister who is considered one of Germany's greatest hymn writers. The inspiration for the words are from Psalm 34:4, "I sought the LORD and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears." (NIV). John Wesley, on his way to the state of Georgia, heard Moravians sing this German hymn while they were sailing across the Atlantic in 1735. The hymn eased Wesley's anxiety about crossing the ocean and he decided to translate it into English. The music used for this hymn is an adaption of William Walter's FESTEL SONG.

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:18 ESV

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

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

HOLY COMMUNION UMH 17, Musical Setting A

HYMN OF MISSION "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee" UMH 623

***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.

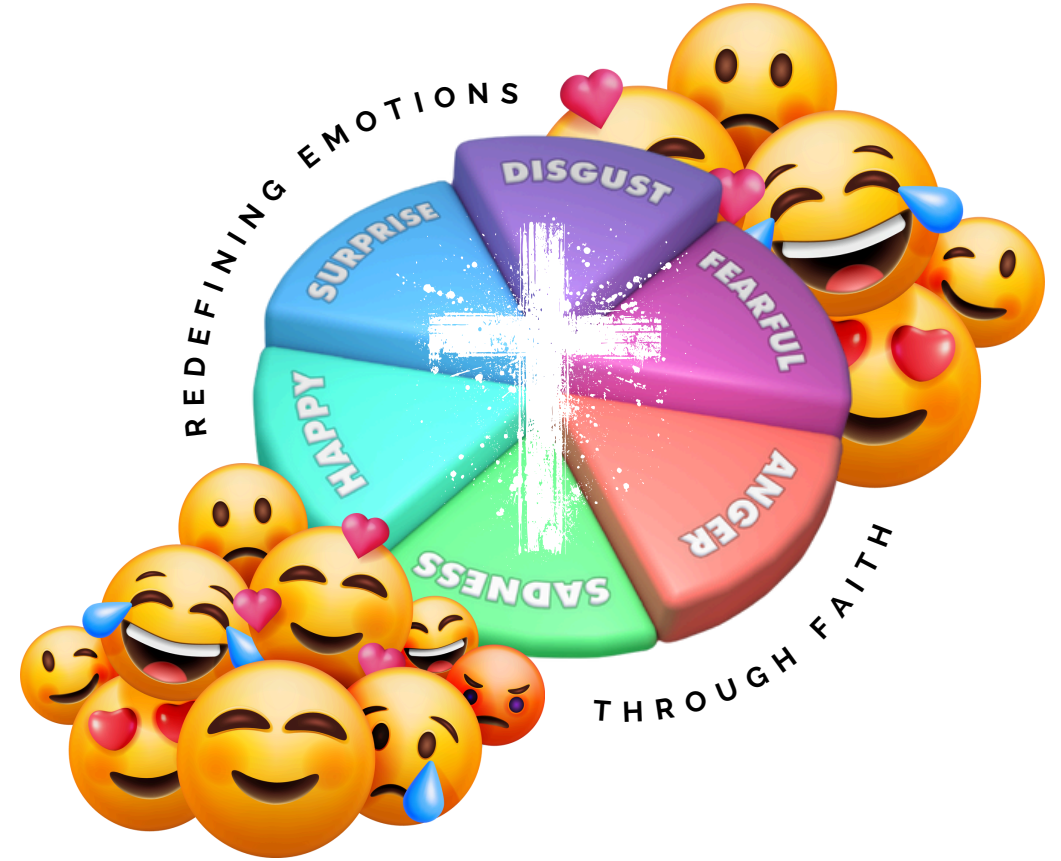
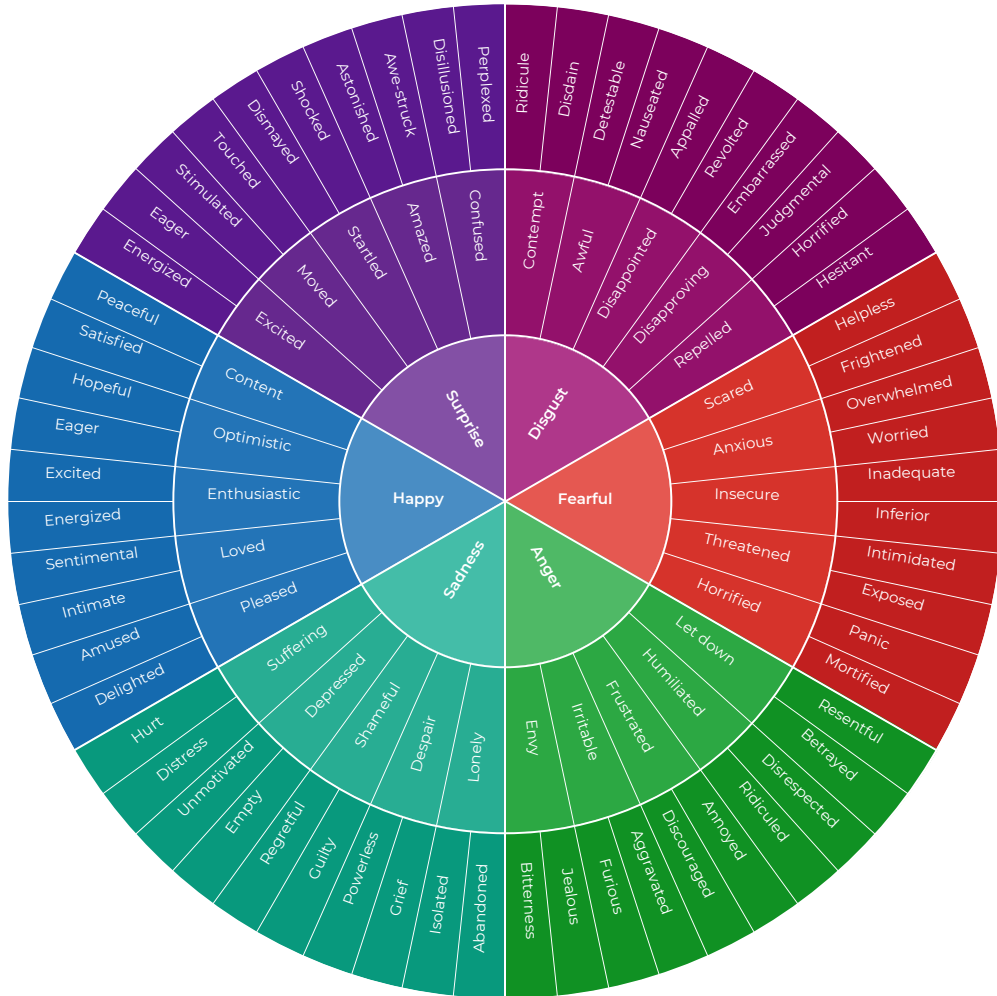
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POSTLUDE "Classical Postlude" Robert J. Hughes

*Opening Prayer and Prayer of Dedication written by Pastor Steve
Call to Worship - written with assistance from ChatGPT*

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