

The liturgical colors are gold & white for joy and festivities

## PRELUDE

"Fantasia" Pachelbel  
Amy Bender, organist

## WELCOME

Chris Fournier, liturgist

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who carry heavy burdens of grief and loss.

**We come, seeking rest for our weary souls.**

Bring your tears, your questions, and your pain before the Lord.

**We bring them, trusting in God's mercy and grace.**

God sees our sorrow and hears our cries.

**In our grief, we will find God's presence and peace.**

Let us worship the God who brings hope from despair, joy from mourning, and life from death.

**We come with open hearts, ready to receive God's healing and redemption.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" UMH 126

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## OPENING PRAYER

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

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:16-18 NIV, p. 682

## ANTHEM

"Gonna sit Down and Rest Awhile" Patti Drennan  
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

## COMMISSIONING 2025 CHURCH LEADERS

## 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

"Blessings" arr. Heather Sorenson

### \*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

**Gracious God, who blesses us in our brokenness and rejoices with us in our joy, we bring these gifts as an offering of hope and love. May they be used to heal the hurting, feed the hungry, and welcome the weary. Help us to be a community that reflects your kingdom, where all find acceptance and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## HYMN OF CENTERING

"Come, Ye Disconsolate" UMH 510

## SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 6:13-15a NIV, p. 539

## MESSAGE

"The Gospel According to Peanuts: Good Grief"  
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

## HYMN OF MISSION

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH 133

*Hymn History:* The words to this hymn were written by Elisha Hoffman He was approached Anthony Showalter (1858-1924) who had written the music but could not come up with the lyrics. Hoffman added the words to complete the hymn in 1887 Elisha Hoff was born in Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania in 1839. He learned music from his father, an Evangelical minister. He was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1873 after attending Union Seminary (now Albright College). Hoffman moved to Cleveland where he worked in the publishing division of the Evangelical Association for 11 years. He then pastored churches in Cleveland and Grafton, before moving to Benton Harbor, Michigan and then to Cabery, Illinois. Hoffman wrote over 2,000 hymns He died in Chicago in 1929.

### \*BENEDICTION

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**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. Amen.**

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## POSTLUDE

"Toccata" Thygerson

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

# The Gospel According to Peanuts

Altar Flowers are presented by Kay Feiten  
To the Glory of God

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Nancy Smith  
In Honor of her husband, Richard Smith's, 87th birthday


*There are openings for flowers in February:  
please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*



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