

Welcome to Worship Today!

Sunday, September 5, 2021



Worship Schedule

Sunday:

9:30 am: Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair
Combined Worship-Sanctuary

Wednesday:

7:00 pm: Worship on Wednesday
(held virtually via Zoom)

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - Noon

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today's service again or to share with a
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• Church Life Snapshot •

Michael Becker, Sarah Switalski, and Sandy Minger were honored during fellowship hour on August 29. We thank the staff for their years of dedication and expertise. Gifts were given to the staff from the deacons fund and men's fellowship. Thanks also goes to Rev. Dennis and Margaret's table flowers from their garden.

Worship is...

Joyful. Spirit-filled. Thoughtful. Welcoming.

Restrooms: Located next to the church office as you come in from the parking lot on the west end of the building.

Large Print Hymnals (words only): Available on the back table.

Hand Sanitizer & Wipes: Available for those who need them.

Questions? Please feel free to ask an usher for assistance!

Connection Card (please note changes)

In your bulletin is a green connection card. We ask that you complete the card and drop it in the offering plate. If you have a specific person, group, or event for which you'd like us to join with you in prayer, place this prayer request on the back of the connection card. This can be for a concern in your life or your health, or for a concern you have for someone else, or for a joyous event.

Welcome to Worship! Connection Card

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Best Contact Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if changes in contact information	
If 1st- or 2nd-time guest, how did you hear about the church?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Church website <input type="checkbox"/> Church member <input type="checkbox"/> Event <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	_____
Are you a:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> Member/regular attendee

Order of Worship – Sept. 5, 2021

Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair Presbyterian Churches

Gather for Worship -----

Prelude

“In His Hand”

Welcome

*Pass the Peace

Prepare for Worship -----

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 146*)

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

All: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Praise #610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

***Call to Confession** (*1 John 1:6-8*)

Leader: If we say that we have fellowship with God, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ the Son cleanses us from all sin.
(moment of silence for personal confession)

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

All: Holy God, often we put our trust in those who have been elected to office. We have such high hopes and look to them to rescue us from our troubles. We have trusted in the strength of armies and authorities, and found that they don't always have the best ideas and we feel deceived. Your word tells to trust in you. You never change. Your mercies are always ready when we call upon you. Give us wisdom to listen to your word and live in the absolute luxury of trusting you. Forgive us for our foolish ways and put a new mind in us that is determined to hear your word and apply it to life. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Words of Assurance** (*1 John 1:9*)

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen.

***Response #581**

“Glory be to the Father”

Proclaiming God's Word -----

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 7:24-37

Message

"Going to the Dogs" – The Rev. Dr. Dennis E. Morey

The Response #203

"Jesu, Jesu"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Responding to God's Word -----

Announcements

Call to Dedication (*James 2:14-17*)

Leader: What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Offertory

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

***Congregational Response #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

All: Holy God, with grateful hearts we respond to your care by caring for others. In response to your faith in us, we want to work for your Kingdom. You have blessed us with plenty; now we want to be a blessing by bringing tithes and offerings to bless the lives of others. Use us to show the world, there is hope. We give in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Leave to Serve God's People -----

***Closing Hymn #465**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

"Pass It On"

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Life at Echo Hill for the Week of September 5

Ushers for September 5: Lynda Nelson
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Starting September 12, worship will begin at 10:00 am. Both congregations will continue to worship together in one service.

On September 19, the visioning team will present its report to the congregation during fellowship time after worship. You're invited to hear their recommendations and provide input on the future plans of the church.

Please consider making a monetary donation to support our food banks. The food banks can purchase food at a lower cost and more efficiently than we can. We're supporting Linn Community Food Bank (LCFB) in September. To contribute, simply leave your donation in the office, or mail it to church, with a notation on the memo line for "food bank." Make your checks out to "Echo Hill Church" and we'll send one check at the end of the month to the food bank. Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU! We'd like to thank the congregation (especially men's fellowship and the deacons) for the gift and reception during fellowship last Sunday. We are extremely grateful for the love and appreciation shown to us, not only last Sunday, but throughout the entire year. – *Sandy Minger, Michael Becker, and Sarah Switalski*

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Communion
9:30 AM: Worship-Sanctuary
12:30 PM: Church of Pentecost-Fellowship Hall

Monday: Labor Day – Church Office Closed
9:00 AM: Bible Study at Genee Coles' Home
9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Sewing Group-Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm
9:30 AM: Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM: Echo Hill Deacons Meeting-Room #1
7:00 PM: Cedar Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines

Wednesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm
7:00 PM: Worship on Wednesday (Via Zoom)

Thursday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm
6:00 PM: Worker Bees

Friday: Office Hours: 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Gleanings from Jim White

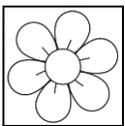
"Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house." – *Henry Ward Beecher*

Bob Kopp Memorial Service



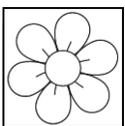
A memorial service for Echo Hill member Bob Kopp (who passed away on January 6) will be held on Sunday, September 26th at 4:00 pm with a time to meet with the family afterward. The service will be held at the church and we will follow local guidelines for mask-wearing.

Bible Study Beginning September 12



A Bible study will begin on Sunday, September 12th at 9:00 am in Room #1. In this eight-session video-based program, Andy Stanley takes you on a journey through the Gospels as he traces Jesus' teaching on what it means to follow. A study guide is available and those interested can sign up on the information sheet at the church or contact Don or Darlene Worden. Everyone is invited to attend.

WOW to Begin New Sermon Series



The Worship on Wednesday (WOW) service has been using sermons from Village Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS. A new sermon series begins for us Sept. 8th and will continue through Oct. 13th. It is about the church and we hope you can join us. Titled "The Church: An Already/Not Yet People," Rev. Tom Are asks, "What is a church good for? Why did God decide the world that God loves needs a church?" Rev. Are explores the six Great Ends of the Church, which not only describe the life of the church as it is, but also serve as aspiration and describe what the church should be. WOW meets Wednesday at 7:00 pm via Zoom. E-mail Carol Sindelar by 5:00 pm at fishlounge1@cs.com and she will send you a Zoom invite for that week's worship.