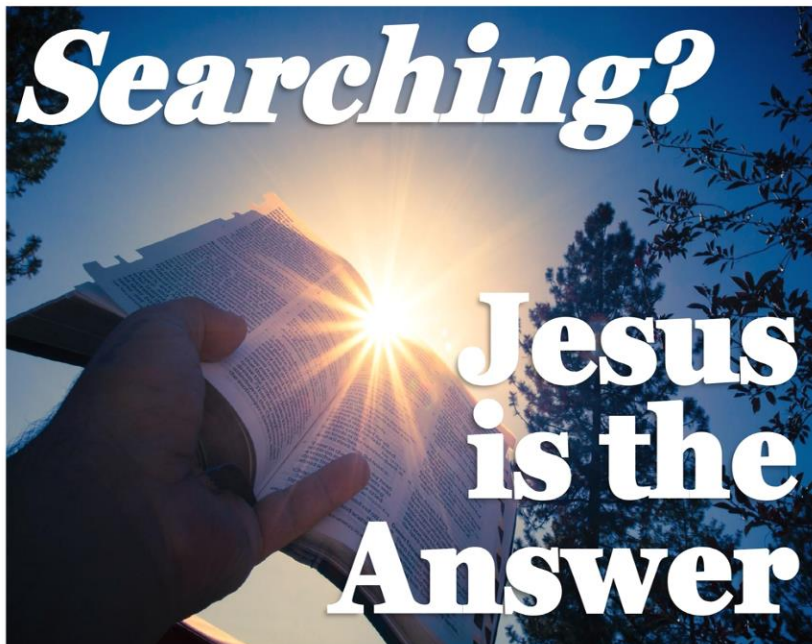


Welcome to Worship Today!

Sunday, March 5, 2023



Worship Schedule

Sunday:

10:00 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

Can't make it to today's worship? Visit
Echo Hill on the web to watch today's
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• Today's Scripture •

Today's Scripture is John 3:1-17 with a sermon titled "Searching? Jesus is the Answer."

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.

Hearing assistance devices are available: Ask an usher.

Hand sanitizer & wipes: Available for those who need them.

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

Connection Card

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

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 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 – March 5, 2023

Gather to Worship God -----

Prelude

(Worship is our response to the goodness of God. We are blessed to be called together, by God, to offer our praise and bring our joys and concerns, leaving renewed in spirit and eager to go and live our faith.)

The Welcome & Announcements

*(*We invite you to please stand if you are able.)*

*The Call to Worship (Psalm 121: 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 MSG)

Leader: I look up to the mountains: does my strength come from mountains? No, my strength comes from God, who made heaven, and earth, and mountains. God's your Guardian, right at your side to protect you.

All: God guards you from every evil, he guards your very life. He guards you when you leave and when you return, he guards you now, he guards you always.

*The Hymn of Praise #839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, you know the intentions of our hearts. You call us to yourself so we may see your glory and confess our sins. Your Holy Spirit is our companion showing us how to live close to you. Draw us to your side and remind us of your presence and the strength we have available to us in life's daily decisions. We give thanks for Jesus Christ. It is by his death and resurrection that we are invited to know God and live in relationship to each other. We offer our prayers in his name and ask that you hear our prayers as we continue to pray in silence...

*Words of Assurance (Romans 4:25 MSG)

Leader: "Abraham was declared fit before God by trusting God to set him right." But it's not just Abraham; it's also us! The same thing gets said about us when we embrace and believe the One who brought Jesus to life when the conditions were equally hopeless. The sacrificed Jesus made us fit for God and set us *right with God*. Amen.

*Response #581

"Glory Be to the Father"

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen,
amen.**

*Passing the Peace

Listening to God's Word -----

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture

John 3:1-17 (page 93)

The Sermon

"Searching? Jesus is the Answer" – Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

Responding to God's Word -----

The Hymn of Response #829

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sharing Joys & Concerns in Prayer

If you have a special request you'd like to share with the prayer chain, please use the green connection card and place it in the offering plate.

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.

The Call to Dedication

Leader: Today, we bring our tithes and offerings for the work God is doing among us.

All: With grateful hearts we dedicate our offerings to God.

The Offertory

*Congregational Response #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

All: Holy God, we bring offerings, not in hopes you will love and forgive us, but because we believe in what you are doing in the world today. We give offerings because you have blessed us, and we give ourselves because we know a life lived for you is the real life we were created to enjoy. What a joy it is to be a part of the ministry of Bridgehaven and we bring baby clothes and supplies to support what you are doing there. We ask that you accept what we have brought as we give, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Going Out to Serve -----

*The Closing Hymn #634

"To God Be the Glory"

The Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

Announcements for the Week of March 5

Ushers: Lori Waggoner & JoAnn Ingels
Lay Leader: Linda Kipp

A birthday lunch for Rachel Wheeler will be held after the congregational meeting this morning, Sunday, March 5th. You're invited to help celebrate Rachel's birthday with a meal from Zio Johno's!

We need volunteers to provide fellowship after worship. Please look for the clipboard with the sign-up sheet if you'd like to help out on a Sunday in March or April.

The April/May/June issue of *These Days* (daily devotional) is now available. Free copies are located on the table just outside the church office.

Happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating their special day next week!

Betty Stover Mar 5
Diana Peiffer Mar 7
Kevin Zvacek Mar 9

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Communion

Rachel Wheeler Birthday Lunch

9:00 AM: Bible Studies

10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary

11:00 AM: Congregational Meeting

12:30 PM: Church of Pentecost

Monday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

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

Wednesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Dennis Morey on Vacation

7:00 PM: Worship on Wednesday (Via Zoom)

Thursday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Dennis Morey on Vacation

6:00 PM: Worker Bees

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

Dennis Morey on Vacation

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Olivet Seeking Volunteers

Do you have an hour free between 12:00 pm and 2:30 pm Wednesdays/Thursdays/Fridays? Olivet Neighborhood Mission is looking for volunteers to help drive and deliver food boxes to homebound individuals. They ask that you have a valid driver's license and a vehicle with insurance, and that you can lift 40 pounds. If you're interested, please send an email to volunteer@olivetmission.org to learn more.

Congregational Meeting This Morning

Members of both Calvin Sinclair and Echo Hill congregations are needed to attend the congregational meeting this morning following the service. The purpose of the meeting is for both congregations to vote on a new name for our combined congregation. Echo Hill members will then vote to dissolve the Echo Hill congregation. This is a requirement before the March 11 Presbytery meeting. We need at least 25 Echo Hill members in attendance to meet our quorum requirements. – *The Sessions of Calvin Sinclair and Echo Hill*

Bring Your Bridgehaven Items Today

Today is the last day to bring baby items for Bridgehaven. Items needed are wipes, baby bottle brushes, Dr. Brown bottles, crib sheets, bibs, burp cloths, swaddling blankets, sleep sacks, newborn care package/baby shower needs, nursing covers (5 in 1), hooded towels, washcloths, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby soap, car seat toys, handheld toys, teething toys, hats, mittens, booties, baby outfits (sizes NB-6mo), pacifiers, baby books, baby carriers and car seat covers. – *The Caring Team*

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