

Welcome! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Prelude

Chimes

Welcome & Sharing Our Service and Friendship Opportunities

* Greeting One Another

* Song *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #1 NCH - St. Denio

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious,
Your great name we praise!

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light; nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Your life is life-giving to both great and small; in all life you're living, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,
And wither and perish, but naught dims your power.

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer [using "trespasses"]

God of wisdom and truth, come to us, we pray. Reveal your wisdom and truth to us that we might grow in faith and in love. Help us to be filled with your life-giving love that we might share it with the world, as we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray, "*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.

Receiving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

* Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

In your wisdom and love, O God, you have called us to give as you give: freely, lovingly, and openly. We bring these tithes and offerings as a sign of our faithfulness and gratitude. Use them through the ministries of our church as well as our church's wider mission for your glory as we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

A Time with the Children – children are invited to join Dr. Havens on the steps at the front.
Afterwards they may return to sit with their families or to the nursery for the youngest ones.

Dedicating the New School Year

* Song *Ancient Words*

Holy words, long pre- served, for our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart, oh let the ancient words impart
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope,
In this world where e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

CHORUS: Ancient words, ever true changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts, oh let the ancient words impart

Instrumental interlude

Holy words of our faith, handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice, oh heed the faithful words of Christ
Holy words long preserved, for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart, oh let the ancient words impart

CHORUS: Ancient words, ever true changing me and changing you
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Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & Choral Amen

Scripture Lesson Psalm 111 *OT page 562*

Choral Anthem *My Life Flows on in Endless Song* Lowry

The Message "What Is Wisdom?" Bruce Havens
Theme: QUESTIONS WE MUST ASK

* **Song** *Now In the Days of Youth* #350 NCH - Diademata

Now in the days of youth, when life is filled with choice, when
Hope and doubt touch every hour, when all thoughts find a voice;
We turn, O god, to you for guidance and for grace. In
All our days in all our ways, help us to seek your face.

Teach us to use our lives with purpose and with power for
Visions of a better world and for decision's hour;
To choose the way of life, reject the way of death, un-
Til the radiant force of God fills mind and strength and breath.

Teacher, Creator, God, enfold us in your arms; be
With us as we try our wings, and keep us safe from harm.
All good and perfect gifts come to us from your hand. O
Help us use them carefully and live by love's command.

* Benediction

* **Congregational Response** *Alleluia* [*joining hands*]

Postlude *ALL MUSIC LICENSED UNDER CCLI #639547*

*Those who are able, please stand.