

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30 am



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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshiping with you. There's also a "prayground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. We pray that worshiping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

For Those Needing Hearing Assistance

Please ask an usher about our hearing assistance devices to enhance your worship experience.

Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal. All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. Children may commune with elements or receive a blessing depending on parent/guardian preference. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Bulletin Key

Bold Font – Spoken by the Congregation
Regular Font – Spoken by the Pastor or Worship Assistant
† – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

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A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death & resurrection & knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing & pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude and Welcome

In the Confession and Forgiveness, we are drawn by God's mercy to prepare to assemble around the Word and Sacrament. It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism through repentance.

† Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
Help us.

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you.
Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

† **Gathering Hymn: Rise, Shine, You People (ELW 665) v. 1, 2, 4**

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.

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*The assembly and
presiding minister
greet one another.
(scriptural
reference:
2 Corinthians)*

† **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

† **Hymn of Praise: Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)**

Refrain: Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!

- 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. *Refrain*
- 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain*
- 3 For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. *Refrain*

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The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.

† Prayer of the Day

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

To put this reading into context:

Immediately after Adam & Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, & even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;

he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation. We rise, if able, in anticipation of Christ being revealed to us through the Living Word of the Gospel.

† Gospel Acclamation:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Before and after the reading of the Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading

† Gospel: Mark 3:20-35 (Common English Bible version)

To put this gospel reading into context:

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

The holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Jesus entered a house. A crowd gathered again so that it was impossible for him and his followers even to eat. ²¹When his family heard what was happening, they came to take control of him. They were saying, “He’s out of his mind!” ²²The legal experts came down from Jerusalem. Over and over they charged, “He’s possessed by Beelzebul. He throws out demons with the authority of the ruler of demons.” ²³When Jesus called them together he spoke to them in a parable: “How can Satan throw Satan out? ²⁴A kingdom involved in civil war will collapse. ²⁵And a house torn apart by divisions will collapse. ²⁶If Satan rebels against himself and is divided, then he can’t endure. He’s done for. ²⁷No one gets into the house of a strong person and steals anything without first tying up the strong person. Only then can the house be burglarized. ²⁸I assure you that human beings will be

forgiven for everything, for all sins and insults of every kind. ²⁹But whoever insults the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. That person is guilty of a sin with consequences that last forever.” ³⁰He said this because the legal experts were saying, “He’s possessed by an evil spirit.” ³¹ His mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside and sent word to him, calling for him. ³² A crowd was seated around him, and those sent to him said, “Look, your mother, brothers, and sisters are outside looking for you.” ³³ He replied, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” ³⁴ Looking around at those seated around him in a circle, he said, “Look, here are my mother and my brothers. ³⁵ Whoever does God’s will is my brother, sister, and mother.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sunday School is on summer break! Young children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary during the sermon or go to the “learn & grow in faith” area (nursery room at the end of the hall on the east side of the building). Children must be supervised by an adult.

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

Silence for Reflection.

Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You’re invited to reflect on the following question:

Has there been an experience in your life when your faith community felt like family to you? What contributed to that experience? How have you shown up for fellow siblings in Christ with your support in Christ’s name? How could you intentionally practice that this summer?

The Hymn of the Day is the assembly’s proclaimed response to the sermon—making the sermon event a mutual

† Hymn of the Day: Now We Join in Celebration (ELW 462)

1 Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,

conversation of faith.

stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.

- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.
- 3 Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.

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*As the church,
we pray for
those in our
community and
around the
world. The
prayers are also
responsive,
emphasizing our
own
participation.*

*Each petition
addresses a
different topic,
often in the same
pattern:*

+ The Church

† Prayers of Intercession


We pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants growing food. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in

<p>+ Creation + Nations and leaders + Those in need + This faith community + The great cloud of witnesses/those now resting with God</p>	<p>modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. We pray for all impacted by war and natural disasters, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Haiti, and India. Merciful God, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness. Rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, & abuse, & bless organizations & individuals who work on their behalf. We pray especially for Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, Helen, Gail, Carl, Pam, Mary Lou, Tim, Frank D., Joe, Frank & Vicki, Kate, family & friends of Mark, especially his sisters, Susan, Rich, Shawn, Archer, Jim P., Ruth, Steve, Dick, Mindy, Kristina, family & friends of Sandy, Jeanette, Khams & his people & family in Manipur... & all those we name aloud or in our hearts. Merciful God, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: graduates preparing for new jobs or journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Receive our prayers, O God, through the power of your Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.</p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, we recognize Christ's peace in each other & share it together.</i></p>	<p>† Passing of the Peace</p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always And also with you.</p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Meal</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Offering</p> 

way we give thanks to God & support the ministry of the church.

God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, & your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impact by giving today by using the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/drtvut77>
Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page.

The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.

† **Offering Hymn: Praise to You O God of Mercy, ELW 208 v. 1 & 2**

- 1 Praise to you, O God of mercy:
thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
thanks be to you forever!
- 2 From of old you loved and sought us:
thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us:
thanks be to you forever!

Ending: Thanks be to you forever!

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† **Offering Prayer**

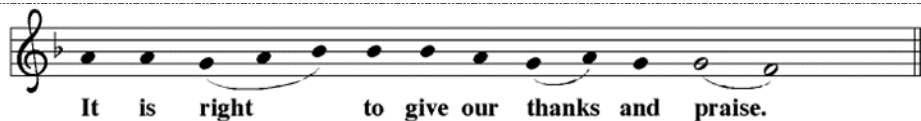
Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

† **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

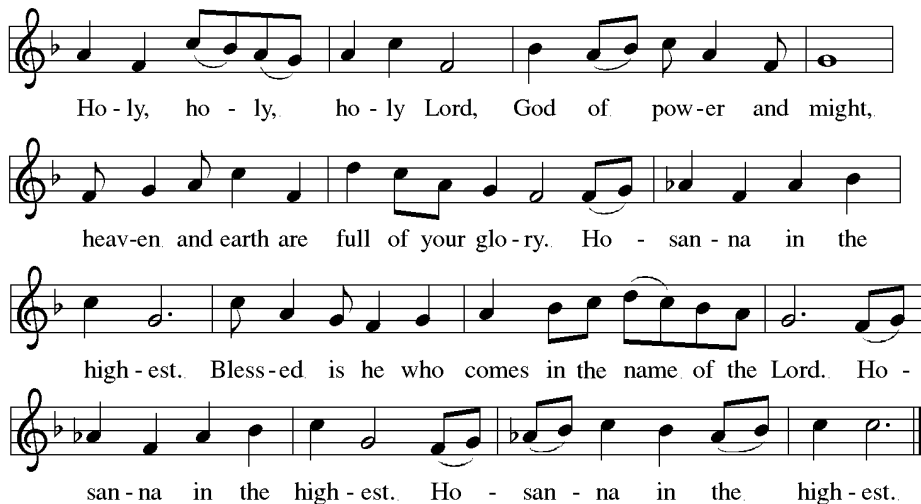
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



† Preface

† Sanctus



† Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.

† Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us: **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 and ever. Amen.**

† Invitation to the Table

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Communion

Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil.

Children are welcome to come to the Lord's table for communion or for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian's preference.

When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.”

Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding down the center aisle to the front in a single-file line. We will be observing standing processional communion, rather than kneeling at the rail.

Gluten-free bread is available on request. The wine (red) is in the outer rings of the tray, the grape juice (white) is in the center. Communion cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.

Communion Hymn: As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)

Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

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Communion Hymn: Creating God, Your Fingers Trace (ELW 684)

- 1 Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.
- 2 Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.
- 3 Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.

4 Indwelling God, your gospel claims
one fam'ly with a billion names;
let ev'ry life be touched by grace
until we praise you face to face.

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Communion Hymn: How Deep the Father's Love for Us (Townsend)

- 1 How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.
- 2 Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.
- 3 I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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† Post-Communion Table Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

The Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

† Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
‡ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Through the
sending hymn
we are sent out
into the world to
follow Jesus.*

† Sending Hymn: A Mighty Fortress is Our God (ELW 504) v. 1, 2, 4

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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<p><i>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body: fed, nourished, & ready to serve. Worship has ended, & our service begins!</i></p>	<p>† Dismissal</p> <p>Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.</p>
	<p>Postlude</p>

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*Please be seated for the Annual Congregation Meeting.
Coffee fellowship is on summer break.*

Today's Worship Servants:

Livestream: Trey Harrison	Reader: Ellen Young
Ushers: Larry & Chris Jacobson, Dave Blocksom	Counters: Larry Jacobson & Dave Connor
Online Usher: Kim Wylie	Acolyte: Edith Young



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, June 9, 2024

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the NEO Synod, Helen Andrews, Gail Boggs, Carl Bruns, Pam Bruns, Mary Lou Busby, Tim Chiang, Frank Dunaway, Joe Forshey, Frank & Vicki, Kate Labuda, family & friends of Mark- especially his sisters, Susan Omerod, Shawn O'Neil, Archer Oster, Jim P., Ruth Patrick, Steve Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Dick Schluep, Mindy S., Kristina Seeley, family & friends of Sandy Towberman, Jeanette Weidlich, Khams Zotal & his family & people of Manipur, & the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Haiti & India.

For those celebrating birthdays: Mark Lison (6/13).

The flowers adorning the altar are given to the Glory of God for diversity in all God's creation.



Annual Congregation Meeting Today directly after worship: We'll celebrate the ministry of the 23-24 program year & elect new council members. Please be seated after worship. Use the QR code to the left to view the Annual Report.

Annual Meeting Reflection Questions- To access the digital version of the Annual Meeting Reflection Questions that is included as a bulletin insert, use the QR code to the right or go to <https://forms.gle/CF8Smoj6LHPmfDM57>.



Flower Sign-Up- Interested in signing up to adorn Christ's altar with flowers for worship? You can sign up with the flower list on the bulletin board in the hallway or online using this QR code. Please note: The physical flower list on the bulletin board has first priority. Best efforts will be made to ensure the digital calendar reflects the physical one, but if you happen to digitally sign-up for a date that is already taken on the physical sheet, you will be contacted to reschedule.



Lakewood Community Outreach Every 3rd Sat.- Want to share God's love in a tangible way & help feed neighbors in our community? Our friends in Lakewood are seeking additional volunteers to assist with their summer produce distribution. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 9am to help prep food in the parking lot of Lakewood Congregational Church (1375 W Clifton Blvd). You can also help by donating plastic bags (bin located under the coat rack in the hallway) and praying for this ministry. Thanks for your support!

Newsletter- Want to keep up with news at Good Soil or share the e-news with a friend? Sign up or share our newsletter *Seeds* with the QR code to the right or this URL: <https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp> The e-news goes on summer break after 6/14.



Suburban Cooperative Nursery School has been successfully educating westside preschoolers since 1961. They're now enrolling for Fall with openings in the age 3 preschool program and the age 4 Pre-K program. For more info or to schedule a tour, call 440-331-9929, email suburbancoop@gmail.com, or visit www.suburbancooperative.com

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Jun 9	In-Person and Livestream Worship Annual Meeting to celebrate the ministry of the 2023-2024 program year and vote on new council members	9:30 am 10:30 am
Sat, Jun 15	Produce Distribution @ Lakewood Congregational	9:00 am
Sun, Jun 16	In-Person and Livestream Worship Father's Day Fellowship/Coffee Hour	9:30 am 10:30 am
Sun Jun 23	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sun, Jun 30	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Thurs, Jul 4	<i>Fourth of July, Church Office Closed</i>	
Sat, Jul 6	Ladies Breakfast @ Gene's Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sun, Jul 7	In-Person and Livestream Worship	9:30 am