

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements – Minute for Mission

GATHERING

Welcome *from Micah 6:8*

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #457) "I Greet Thee"

Worship from the Psalms (adapted from Psalm 141:1-5 CEB)

L We cry out to you, Lord: Come to us—quickly! Listen to our voices when we cry out to you!

C Let our prayer stand before you like incense; let our uplifted hands be like the evening offering.

L Set a guard over our mouths, Lord; keep close watch over the door that is our lips.

C Don't let our heart turn aside to evil things, so that we don't do wicked things with evildoers, so we don't taste their delicacies.

L Instead, let the righteous discipline us; let the faithful correct us!

C Let our heads never reject that kind of fine oil, because our prayers are always against the deeds of the wicked.

Prayer of Confession (based on Romans 7)

God, we confess that we don't always understand our own actions. We clearly know what is right—what you expect of us—but we don't always do it. We also clearly know what is wrong—the thoughts and actions that hurt others and offend you—but we do these things anyway. Forgive us! Through Jesus Christ our Lord, set us free from the sin that controls us.

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon (from Psalm 103:8-10)

*Responsive Hymn (Red #302 v. 1) "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Special Music

"A Song of Self-Control"

Prayer for Illumination

Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence and please you more and more.

Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Scripture

Ephesians 4:17-32 Titus 2:11-14, 3: 3-7 (CEB)

So I'm telling you this, and I insist on it in the Lord: you shouldn't live your life like the Gentiles anymore. They base their lives on pointless thinking, and they are in the dark in their reasoning. They are disconnected from God's life because of their ignorance and their closed hearts. They are people who lack all sense of right and wrong, and who have turned themselves over to doing whatever feels good and to practicing every sort of corruption along with greed.

But you didn't learn that sort of thing from Christ. Since you really listened to him and you were taught how the truth is in Jesus, change the former way of life that was part of the person you once were, corrupted by deceitful desires. Instead, renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness.

Therefore, after you have gotten rid of lying, Each of you must tell the truth to your neighbor because we are parts of each other in the same body. Be angry without sinning. Don't let the sun set on your anger. Don't provide an opportunity for the devil. Thieves should no longer steal. Instead, they should go to work, using their hands to do good so that they will have something to share with whoever is in need.

Don't let any foul words come out of your mouth. Only say what is helpful when it is needed for building up the community so that it benefits those who hear what you say. Don't make the Holy Spirit of God unhappy—you were sealed by him for the day of redemption. Put aside all bitterness, losing your temper, anger, shouting, and slander, along with every other evil. Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ.

Message *"It's Not a Burden, When ..."* Tenna Rhonemus
Prayer of Affirmation (Ephesian 3:20, 21 CEB)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #321) *"Holy Spirit Truth Divine"*

*Offering Prayer

Our offering is received in the offering plate on the back table in the sanctuary.

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:

Lord, in your mercy,
Please respond,
Hear our prayer.

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 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**

SENDING OUT

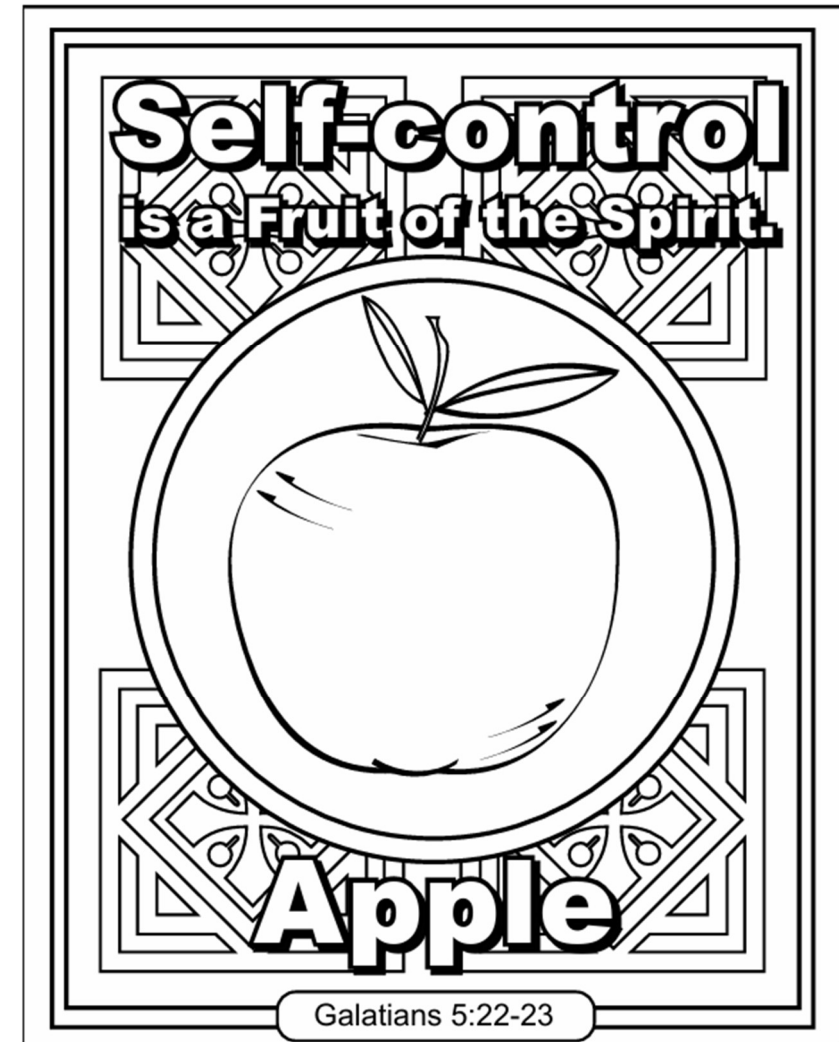
*Closing Hymn (Blue #535, sung twice) *"Go with Us Lord"*

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

The Call to Prayer, Prayer of the Day, and Words of Encouragement were taken from re-Worship.com.
The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession was adapted from a Prayer of Intercession on the Kir-shalom website.

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Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship. Thank you, Jana Schroeder, for being liturgist today.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



Bruce is at the **Rekindle Youth Camp** at Kirkmont Center from Friday, November 7th to Sunday, November 9th. Tenna Rhonemus is preaching today!

The **funeral for Letty Badenhop** will be at 4:00 p.m. at the church, with visitation starting at three. A light meal will follow.

Next Sunday, November 16th, we request that the **pledge cards for 2026** be returned to the church.

Session meets on Monday, November 17th at 4:00 p.m.

The next **Friendship Lunch** is Tuesday, November 18th at 11:00 a.m. at Hill's. Please sign up in the south alcove.

The **Connections Bible Study** has just finished *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them*. At our next meeting on November 19th, we're doing something special!

***** With SNAP benefits late and half of normal,
Together We Can Make a Difference and St. Vincent De Paul
could use anything we can give them, food or money. *****

Our **Card of the Week** is for Lenny Schweter.

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher

VANCREST: Dollie Smith

SIMMONS CROSSING: Connie Cobb

ALPINE VILLAGE: Sandy Johnson

PRAYER LIST: Gene & Carol Detmer, Joe & Linda McOscar, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall's father and mother), Jacob Clegg (Brenda Stough's friend), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)

Spiritual Discipline in Worship: A Song of Self-Control

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z72poGnbYEw>

God fortify my spirit
with your wisdom's might
Let not my walls crumble
keep them strong and tight
A city breached is lost in chaos bound
Lord in your strength let me be found

The Lord is my shield my guarding wall
In his wisdom I stand tall and never fall
Teach me God the ways that I should go
That self control my heart may truly know

Lord guide me in the light your pure way
Teach my heart to keep
what your words say
Grant me strength to resist
to stand and fight
In your wisdom and power I find my might

Lord lead me in your spirit's peaceful path
Where love and joy
prevent wrath's aftermath
God plant in me goodness
faith and self-control
That I might embody your spirit whole

The fruit of the spirit Lord let it grow in me
Forbearance kindness and gentle piety
God guide my actions and guard my soul
In every challenge let self-control be my
goal

Lord guide me in the light your pure way
Teach my heart to
keep what your words say
Grant me strength to
resist to stand and fight
In your wisdom and power I find my might

Awaken my soul Lord from complacency
Let my mind be alert in your grace I see
Prepare me for action
to stand firm in the frame
God in Your salvation I find my way

Be self-control whispers the Spirit's voice
In the hope of Christ let my heart rejoice
The Lord guides my steps
away from the night
In his coming glory I will walk in light

In the calm of your presence I am restored
Your spirit within me forever adore
As I walk this journey keep me close
God my strength the one I need the most
Lord guide me in the light your pure way
Teach my heart to keep
what your words say
Grant me strength to resist
to stand and fight
In your wisdom and power
I find my might