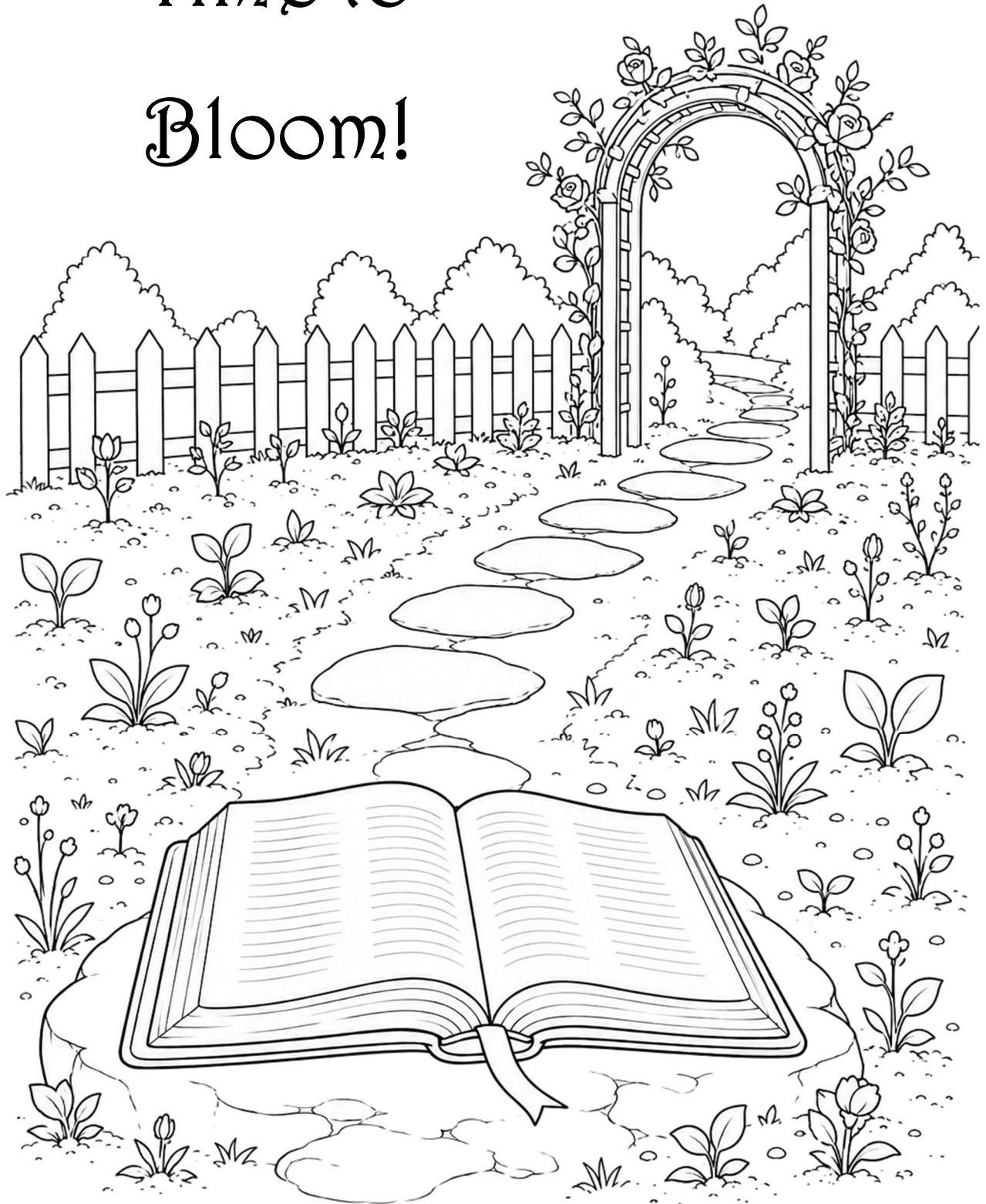


OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 14, 2026

Time to
Bloom!



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To reach a staff member or if a pastoral concern arises, contact the church office or note who is out of the office and email one of the pastors directly and we will respond in a timely manner.

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

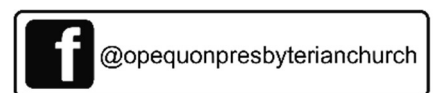
To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **We encourage you to share requests for prayer.** You may do so by completing the pink form found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering.
- **Trust your children to the care of our dedicated, loving workers!** The nursery rooms are located through the Gathering Area, down the Gallery and through the Dell Room. An usher will be happy to escort you. Our nursery ministry cares for infants and children under the age of 5.
- **Worship Bags are available for children ages 3 – kindergarten.** These bags are in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the basket when you are leaving.
- **Restrooms and a coat rack** are located off the Gathering Area, just outside the Sanctuary.
- **Large-print hymnals, Bibles and bulletins** are available from an usher.
- **Personal hearing assistance devices** are available from an usher if you would like to use one.
- **Transportation can be provided to worship.** Call the church office before 12:00 PM on Friday.

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A 10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday After Pentecost

- ☞ **Thank you for silencing your phones before we begin the Worship Service.**
- ☞ **As the music of the Prelude begins, we invite you to take a moment to quietly focus your heart and prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.**
- ☞ Please complete the Friendship Folder and pass it along during the greeting.
- ☞ PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew holders – please place in the offering plate.

† = All who are able, please stand.

Bold print = All in unison.

☞ WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME ☞

PRELUDE..... *Baba Yetu*
By: Christopher Tin

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS
GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD & THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG.....*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

**I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus –
no turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me –
no turning back, no turning back.**

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ invites us all: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

We have come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus.

In the name of Christ,

We worship and praise God.

In a world where cruelty abounds,

We proclaim the God of Compassion.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow whole lives, whole peoples,

We proclaim the God of Hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

We proclaim the God of Love.

In the name of Christ,

We accept the invitation to discipleship.

Let us worship, and share God's living presence in the world.

†OPENING HYMN No. 300 *They'll Know We Are Christians*

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

[refrain] **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:** [refrain]

**We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:** [refrain]

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:** [refrain]

(Please be seated for prayer.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

In a world where trust is hard and faith is so often denied, we are called to proclaim Jesus' Good News with joy and determination. Sadly, we often fail at this task. But he is patient and beckons us again and again to share what we know. No matter how often we might fall short of our calling, Christ asks us to keep going and supports us into success. Let us confess our weaknesses, repent, and try again.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Persistent and loving God, you are forever drawing near to us, always calling us to follow, faithfully beckoning us to trust you in the deeper waters. So often we choose easier paths and turn away from your voice. We see our limitations but not your assurance of blessing. We wallow in guilt and refuse to believe the Good News of forgiveness. We move so fast we miss your summons in the beauty of the day, the words of a friend, the hope amidst discouragement. Guide us with your redeeming love, so that we may be pilgrims of courage as we show all the world the abundant life found in Jesus Christ. Help us today and every day to be beacons of hope and

pillars of justice. Empower us for dynamic living through faithful discipleship to a world that is in great need and in much trouble. You always bring promise to every future. Send us as witnesses to that promise. Strengthen us as your disciples, through Christ our Lord...

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Here is good news. Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us! If anyone is in Christ there is a new person altogether...the past is over and gone.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 750 *Goodness is Stronger than Evil*
**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.**
Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us. [repeat]

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those near you.)
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

☞ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ☞

ANTHEM..... *We've Got the Spirit*

By: Pepper Choplin

We've got the Spirit in our hearts, the Spirit in our souls; and now the Holy Spirit is in control. We've got the Spirit in our hearts, the Spirit in our souls; and now the Holy Spirit is in control. We've got the Spirit in our hearts, the Spirit in our souls; and now the Holy Spirit is in control. And God is gonna bless like never before when we live in the Spirit of the Holy Lord. We hear the Gospel and we believe. Oh, who receive with a Spirit of hope and a Spirit of love; and it comes from a kingdom that is high above. Now all God's children got the Spirit in our hearts, the Spirit in our souls; and now the Holy Spirit is in control. And God is gonna bless like never before when we live in the Spirit of the holy Lord. Now when we're filled with the Spirit we cannot hide. All the power and love we hold inside. God is calling us now and there's no doubt: When the Spirit comes in, He will send us out, He will send us out with the Spirit in our hearts, the Spirit in our souls; and now the Holy Spirit is in control. And God is gonna bless like

never before when we live in the Spirit of the holy Lord. We've got to pray in the Spirit, wait on the Spirit, sing and shout and praise in the Spirit. Go with the Spirit when the Spirit says go, that all the world will know that we've got the Spirit in our hearts, the Spirit in our souls; and now the Holy Spirit is in control. And God is gonna bless like never before when we live in the Spirit and love in the Spirit and go in the Spirit of the Lord, the holy Lord. Go in the Spirit of the Lord.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 100Pew Bible p. 481

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 9:35-10:8Pew Bible p. 791

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES..... "More About Apples"

Nursery (Infants – Age 4)

†HYMN No. 721 *You Have Come Up to the Lakeshore*

**Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.**

[refrain] **Oh Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.**

**You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.** [refrain]

**You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labor to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving.** [refrain]

**You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.** [refrain]

SERMON..... "Blooming Disciples"

Pastor Tracie Martin

☞ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ☞

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC..... *We Won't Stop Dreaming*

By: Pinkzebra

†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606) & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, grant us the wisdom to comprehend the true purpose of dedicating our offerings. Let our gifts bring glory to your name and support the work of your kingdom. Help us align our intentions with your divine plans and understand the impact of our contributions in furthering your will, through Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

☞ **WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME** ☞

†CLOSING HYMN No. 69 *Here I Am, Lord*

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? [refrain]**

[refrain] **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [refrain]**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [refrain]**

†CHARGE & BLESSING

†CLOSING RESPONSE No. 69 (refrain) *Here I Am, Lord*

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

†POSTLUDE

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Rebecca and Max Agbayani in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Robin Cooke	Mike Shade	Riley Fitzgerald
Nancy Budny	Karen Lemons & Family	David Goode
Hilda Zalonis	Krista Bowen	Lori Jones & Stephen
Carol Nutry	Bonnie Triplett	Armstrong
Ella Unrath	Jenna Boyer	Mike & Trish Crawford
Dunkle Family	Vern Gamble	Pastor Kristin Whitesides
Patti Shuler	Al Schollenberger	June & Nathan Windle
Ben Weber	Cheri Norris	Judy Gaines
Linda Swiger	Kaley, Matt, & Emmet	Tim Loftis
Sara Frey	Bender	Lynne Rosamilia
Chick Doroffe	Betty Gano	JoAnne Farrell
Joan Patton	Brad & Denise Lincoln	Katie Happel
Chrissy Schmitt	Mo & Heide Mohler	Judy Camper
Carol Tubbs Family	Jay Horne	Candi Gardner
Kimberley Meyers	Marge & Tim Higgins	David Lewis
Sarah Shade	Susan Arthur	David DesMarias
Jace Hartman	Tammy Mowery Earhart	Megan Tschappat
Bud & Becky Proctor	Mary Bremer	Charlotte Rosamilia
Robin Owens	David Emery	All Struggling with
Xavier	Dan Cammer	Mental Illness
Krista Hartenbach	Middle East War	Nancy Kerns
Matthew Shade	Our Soldiers	Jewish & Muslim Victims
Rich Reifsnnyder	Nathan Smith & Tracy	Worldwide
San Diego Mosque &	Roger Murphy	Cindy Corell
Community	George & Carole	Katie Wolf
Carolyn, Jordan, &	Schwantes	Ukraine
Judith Hartman	Gary McDowell	Ethiopia Church Mekane
Annemarie Matthews	Rick Ours	Jesus
Dawn Williams	Jolissa Matthews	

☞ **PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES** ☞

Robert Littman, Cameron Lloyd, Cameron Andrew Veach, Kayleen Paquette, Kelly Klimek, Jacob & Tiffani Peoples, Sawyer Phillips, Joshua Blake, Max Crane, Andrew Crane, Thomas Crane, Jacob Heavner, Samuel & Julia Phillips, Michael White, Ben Jensen, Gavin Eanes, Eli Keaton

SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

TODAY – June 14

10:00 AM	Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream
11:00 AM	Congregational Building Update – Sanctuary
12:15 PM	Senior Outreach Ministry
1:30 PM	Spring Arbor Worship
5:00 PM	Vacation Bible School

THIS WEEK

Monday:	* Deadline for June Newsletter Submissions *	
	12:00 PM	Life Goes On – Bageant Room
	5:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday:	5:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday:	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting – Bageant Room
	5:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
Thursday:	10:30 AM	Tai Chi – Picnic Shelter/Memorial Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Small FEAST Group – Picnic Shelter
	6:00 PM	Youth Mission Trip Meeting – Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Sherando Food Pantry
Saturday:	11:00 AM	Memorial Service for Jean Steidel – Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Memorial Reception – Gathering Area
	4:00 PM	Windsong Concert & Reception – Sanctuary/Gathering Area

NEXT SUNDAY – June 21 (Father's Day)

Father's Day; Blood Pressure Checks

Scriptures: Psalm 86:1-10; Matthew 10:24-39 Sermon: "The Cost of Discipleship"

10:00 AM	Worship – Sanctuary & Livestream
11:15 AM	Fellowship Time – Gathering Area

CONGREGATION-WIDE BUILDING UPDATE

The Session invites you to a Congregational Gathering, **immediately following the worship service today**, to get the latest updates on our proposed building expansion. We look forward to sharing a timeline called, "Steps to Putting a Shovel in the Ground." This gathering will also be available via Zoom. (The link was shared in the Tuesday/Friday emails this past week.) Please join us as we together take steps forward in this unfolding vision.

FLAG RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITY

Many of us have a US Flag or two that have outlived their pristine appearance. Yet, we still have them lovingly tucked away. Here is a solution to retire your well-loved Stars and Stripes with dignity... Nick and Ben Jenkins are very active with Scouting America and, during their weeks at summer camp, the Scout Leaders hold a very specific and dignified US flag retirement ceremony as needed. Along with their parents, Austin and Amanda, they have agreed to transport your flags to camp for this ceremony, as a ONE-TIME service to our OPC family. A designated tote is available in the Gathering Area to receive flags ready for retirement – but only **through today**.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS TONIGHT

We look forward to the summer evenings this week with all the children, youth and adults who are participating in Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held **Sunday – Wednesday, 5:00 – 7:30 PM**. We appreciate the VBS Staff who will make it all happen and we are thankful for all the donations of food items that were needed, given by so many of you.

LIFE GOES ON

We will gather in the Bageant Room at **noon tomorrow**. The main dish will be a taco bar! Please plan to bring a dish to pass or chip in a buck or two towards expenses. See you then.

WINDSONG SPRING CONCERT

Windsong will be celebrating their 5th anniversary with a "Blue Skies & Green Grass" Spring Concert this **Saturday, June 20**, at **4:00 PM** in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend! Light refreshments in the Gathering Area will follow. Free-will offerings appreciated.

ROYALS BASEBALL OUTING FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH!

The Men of Opequon invite all women and men, girls and boys to the Winchester Royals game on **Thursday, June 25**, at Bridgeforth Stadium in Jim Barnett Park. The cost of entry this year is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors (60+), and \$3.00 for students. Just bring the price of the ticket and money for the **6:00 PM** dinner through concessions at the park. Meet us at the picnic table for dinner, behind home plate. The first pitch is at 7:00 PM. This is the best buy in town! Take me out to the ballgame!

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, June 28

"Picnic in the Garden" & Wonderful Outdoor Worship

All are welcome to come and partake in all of the wonderful food, fellowship, and outdoor worship on **Sunday, June 28!** Come to the Roots & Shoots Garden at **4:00 PM** for a summer feast and fellowship! Bring a side or salad to share and your own chair or sit at a picnic table or bench in the garden. The Garden Team will provide grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and beverages. Dessert will be provided by the Fellowship Ministry.

At **6:00 PM**, we will head over to the Picnic Shelter for a WOW—"Wonderful Outdoor Worship" service, where we will enjoy a relaxed outdoor worship experience with singing, meditation, and prayer. We hope you will join us!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY?

In recent years we had great success with a Disciple Fast Track Study which is adapted from the widely renowned Disciple Bible Study. The fast track is a viable option for busy people seeking to fit a comprehensive study of the bible into their schedule. It is 24 weeks, broken down into two 12-week sessions. Each session includes video insights from engaging presenters and wonderful group conversation all within 75-90 minutes. We are gauging interest in beginning a new Disciple Fast Track class. If you would like more information or are interested, please let Carole Witt know.

UPCOMING CCAP FUNDRAISERS

- **An Evening of Enchantment Charity Gala—**June 18, 2026 (5:30 PM)****
Join the group for an evening of magic, dinner and drinks at the George Washington Hotel. Enjoy captivating performances by Magician VIC and emcee Janet Michael. Silent auction items will also be available. Tickets are \$100/person. Register here: <https://evening-enchantment.replit.app/>
- **6th Annual Benefit Bike Tour 2026—**August 2 (8:00 AM)****
For full event details, to register to participate, and/or donate, please visit: www.bikereg.com/6th-annual-ccap-benefit-bike-tour

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR TODAY

Liturgist: Mac McNichols

Beadle: Ron Smith

Door Greeters: Steve Burton, Heather Burton

Hospitality Greeter: Ron Smith

Building Steward: Terry Hartman

Ushers: Mike Wygant, Wendy Wygant, Norie Noll-DeHaven, Richard DeHaven, Joshua Lilly, Ethan Jordan, Kennedy Jordan, Will Baker

Livestream: Susan Ritter, Brad Jordan

WORSHIP NOTES & REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

✂ How did today's music witness to the strength and power of God made known through the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives?

Notes on Today's Prayers

✂ Were you able to use today's prayers to voice your own concerns and joys?

Notes on Today's Conversation with All Ages

✂ What can you do to help our children become disciples of Christ?

✂ What one lesson would you teach them about the Christian faith?

Notes on Today's Scripture & Sermon

✂ Are you a disciple? Of what or whom?

✂ How do you offer your gifts to God? Through the Opequon Church? Outside of OPC?

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