# ORDER OF WORSHIP

BAND PRELUDE

HOSANNA RINGERS "Hymn to Joy" arr. Michael R. Keller

ORGAN PRELUDE

Variations on "This Is My Father's World" Edna S. Jeffries Suite on "Join We All with One Accord" Jayson Snipes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER** 

HYMN 169 "Here in the Name of Christ our Lord" Hus (22F) \*During the singing of the final stanza, extend the right hand of fellowship

Here in the name of Christ our Lord, the church's head by all adored, with Christian love and purpose true, this church in faith embraces you.

We welcome you among us here, with joy that God has brought you near. With heart and hand we pledge our love and pray Christ's blessing from above.

\*The God of peace you sanctify and bless you richly from on high, that spirit, soul, and body may reflect God's presence ev'ry day.

# CALL TO WORSHIP/RESPONSIVE READING

In grace God called and chose the people of Israel and established with them a covenant: I will be your God, and you will be my people. In that relationship they were to be freed from sin and become a blessing to all. Then God came to us in Jesus Christ and fulfilled that covenant for all people. Through Christ's life, death and resurrection, God made for us a new covenant of grace.

# We come before you with joy, O God, to claim the promises of your covenant.

HYMN "God of Friedland's Ministry"

St. George's/ Windsor 205F

God of Friedland's ministry, Forebears tended, earnestly; Nourished soil and fostered seed, sunlight, rain – fulfilled all need. Bless'd souls for longevity, bound in faith and unity, Gracious God, we offer praise for your legacy of grace.

For Your hand, throughout the years, present in our joy and tears, Faithful guidance, grace abounds. Favor – great and small is found. Your provision – kind, steadfast; centuries of gifts, long-cast. For Your constant, guiding hand, we, your stewards, grateful stand.

Present with your servants now, in humility, we bow,
Asking for Your sacred pow'r to enrich this very hour.
May we, each, rise up and serve as your child, the call still heard.
May we, in this current day serve your church in word and way.

Father, in the years ahead, strengthen us through Wine and Bread. May this Land of Peace still strive to shine forth Your light – alive! Jesus Christ, Reality, be made known so all may be Sure within your warm embrace 'til in heav'n we take our place.

# THE LOVEFEAST

"All Hail, Our Church's Elder Dear" #569 1969 Hymnal/Worship 159A

Remembering what our fathers told thou didst in their young day, this solemn jubilee we hold, that we, as then did they, ourselves in covenant may bind, with soul and strength, with heart and mind, through life, in death, on land, o'er sea, meekly to follow Thee.

O Thou, in whom we all are one, if faithful found and true, Thy will on earth by each be done as each in heaven would do. To thee ourselves we first would give, live to Thy glory while we live, from step to step on Thee rely, then to Thy service die.

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#461 MBW/St. Anne 14H

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

#513 MBW/St. Thomas 582P

I love your kingdom, Lord, the place of your abode, the church our blessed Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways, her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as your truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest glories earth can yield and brighter bliss of heaven.

"Jesus, Still Lead On"

#799 MBW/68A Thuringia

Jesus, still lead on till our rest be won; and although the way be cheerless we will follow calm and fearless; guide us by your hand to the promised land.

If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faithless fears o'er-take us, let not faith and hope forsake us; safely past the foe to our home we go.

Jesus, still lead on till our rest be won; heav'nly leader, still direct us, still support, console, protect us, till we safely stand in the promised land.

"Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice"

#662 MBW/Hayn 82D

Jesus makes my heart rejoice, I'm his sheep and know his voice; he's a Shepherd, kind and gracious, and his pastures are delicious; constant love to me he shows, yea, my very name he knows.

Trusting his mild staff always, I go in and out in peace; he will feed me with the treasure of his grace in richest measure; when athirst to him I cry, living water he'll supply.

Should not I for gladness leap, led by Jesus as his sheep?
For when these blessed days are over to the arms of my dear Savior I shall be conveyed to rest.
Amen, yea, my lot is blessed.

"Come, Let Us Sing the Song of Songs"

#469 MBW/Wareham 22H

Come, let us sing the song of songs, with hearts and voices swell the strain, the homage which to Christ belongs: "Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"

To him, enthroned by filial right, all pow'r in heav'n and earth proclaim, honor, and majesty, and might; "Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"

Long as we live, and when we die, and while in heaven with him we reign, this song, our song of songs shall be: "Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!"

#### THE MORAVIAN BLESSING

Come, Lord Jesus our guest to be, and bless these gifts bestowed by thee. Bless our loved ones everywhere and keep them in thy loving care. Amen.

## PARTAKING OF THE LOVEFEAST

"Jesus Is the Living Stone"
"Lord Jesus, Bestow Thy Peace"
"O God Beyond All Praising"

Mary McDonald Edna Jeffries Dan Forrest HYMN "We Thank You, Lord" Barnes/Ebert

Our Father, God, with gratitude we gather here today, to celebrate with prayer and praise, with words that seek to say: "We thank you, Lord, for years now gone, two hundred years and more, for days that have not yet their dawn, for blessings still in store."

Though we have failed, and will again, through weakness and in pride, thy grace has lifted up our souls, thy love does still abide here in the memories of joy that reach beyond the years, in works that still our hands employ, in faith's repentant tears.

So bless us, Lord, with Christ-like heart, with power thy Word proclaim - the Cross, the Savior's sacrifice, his dear redeeming name.

Thy Holy Spirit from above send down to us, from Thee.

Let witness, willingness, and love be ours eternally. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "A Moravian Medley" arr. Jayson A. Snipes
OFFERTORY RESPONSE Tallis Canon 22T

Our tithes and off'rings, Lord, we bring; with grateful hearts to you we sing.
You are the source of ev'ry gift, to you our song of thanks we lift. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

HEBREWS 11:8-16

SERMON "Your Next 1000 Mile Journey"

The Reverend Dr. Steve Craver

HYMN 525 "Join We All with One Accord" Gaudeamus Pariter

Join we all with one accord; praise we all our common Lord; for we all have heard his voice, all have made his will our choice. Join we with the saints of old, no more strangers in the fold, one the Shepherd who us sought, one the flock his blood has bought.

One the name in which we pray, one our Savior day by day; with one cup and with one bread thus one cov'nant way we tread. One in spirit, one in life, one amid earth's frequent strife, one in faith and one in love, one in hope of heav'n above.

HYMN 543 "Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord"

Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice; exalt our God with one accord and in his name rejoice.

Ne'er cease to sing, O ransomed host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, until in realms of endless light, your praises shall unite.

There we to all eternity shall join th'angelic lays and sing in perfect harmony to God our Savior's praise; he has redeemed us by his blood and made us kings and priests to God; for us, for us, the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord! Amen.

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata" from Organ Symphony No. 5

C. M. Widor

Bechler 159D



250 Years: 1775-2025

If it hadn't been for bad weather and a bad business deal, Friedland would not exist. In the 1740's and '50's a number of Germans came to the New World and settled in Broadbay in what is now the state of Maine. But the New England climate was too harsh for some of them, and questions arose over ownership of the land. They were determined to move — but where?

It so happened that their pastor was George Soelle, a Moravian minister, and he knew that his church had recently bought Wachovia, consisting of 100,000 acres of land in North Carolina. So, the families set sail, and enduring shipwreck, seasickness, and fever, they arrived in Wachovia in two waves in November 1769 and autumn 1770.

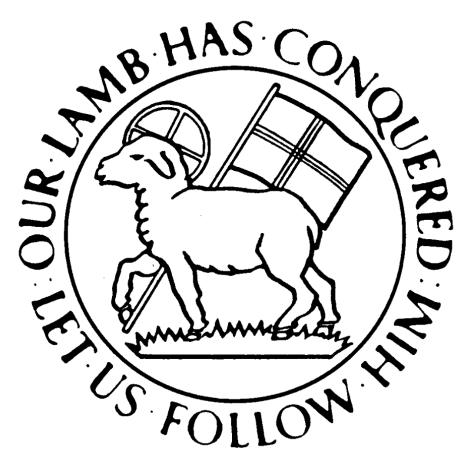
This time the Broadbayers found a place where they could stay. The Moravian Church set aside about 2,000 acres of land for them, and each family took up 200 acres, with 30 acres in the middle reserved for the church. The settlement was organized into a society of the Moravian Church on July 21, 1771, and the name Friedland (Land of Peace) was given to it.

Work on a meeting house went slowly, but on February 18, 1775, the society welcomed Tycho Nissen as its first pastor and the building was consecrated with a lovefeast. Friedland was formally organized as a congregation of the Moravian Church on September 3, 1780.

Through shifting currents of Methodism, rising tides of Baptists, loss from migration westward, frequent inability to support their pastor, and sometimes Provincial neglect, the Friedland congregation has quietly progressed.

The first meeting house served Friedland for almost three-quarters of a century, until it was removed to make way for the second church, which was consecrated on October 31, 1847.

The second church served Friedland for more than a century, and when the new brick sanctuary was opened for worship on December 21, 1952, the service began in the old building and progressed into the new. The new church was dedicated on December 18, 1953.



Inniversary Sunday May 4, 2025

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Watchword for the week Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power
and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and
glory and blessing.
Revelation 5:12