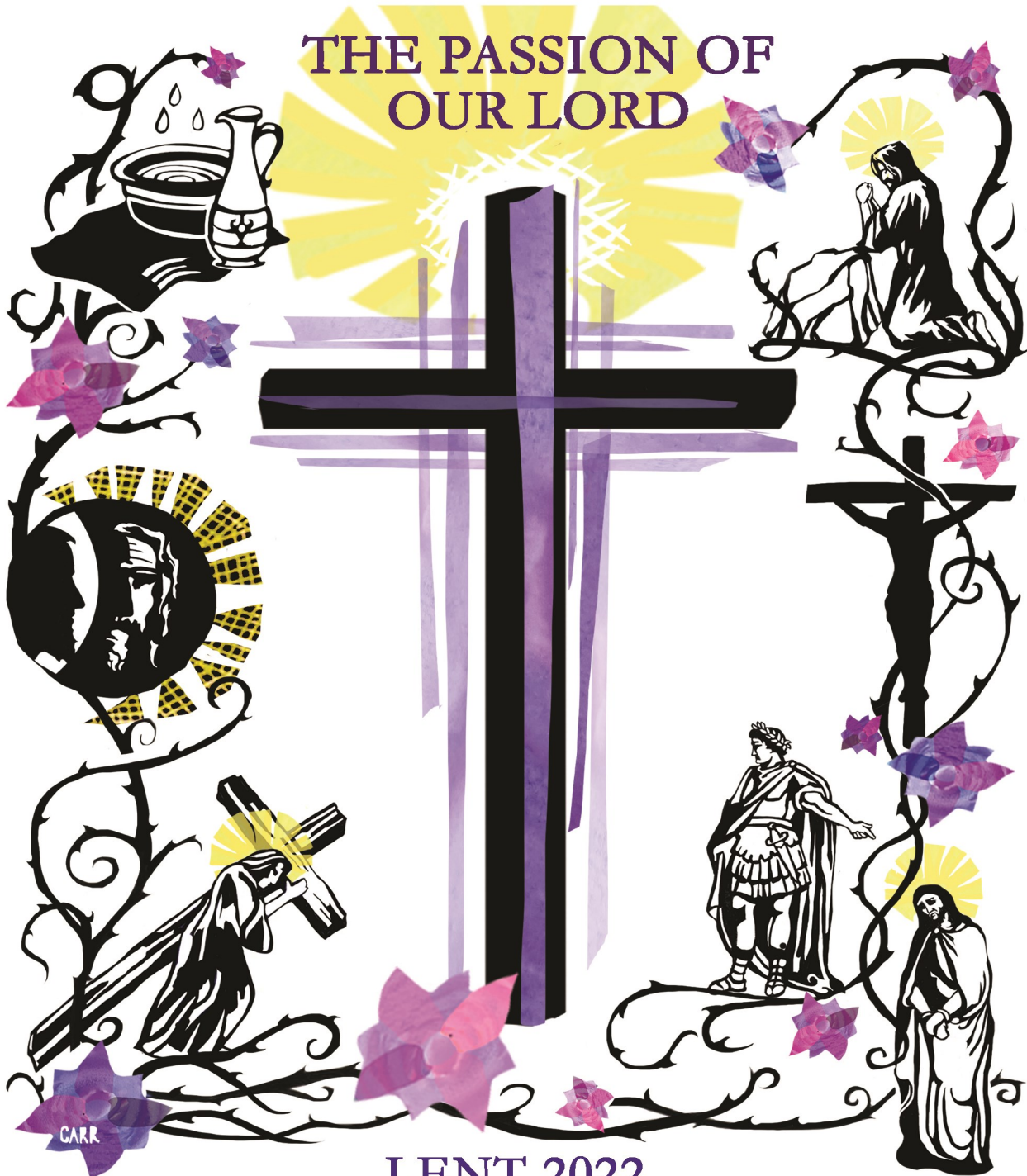


THE PASSION OF OUR LORD



LENT 2022

RUTHFRED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Ruthfred Lutheran Church!

Member of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (www.aflc.org)

We are delighted to have you with us this morning as we gather to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here! Whether you are visiting from out of town, seeking a new church home, or for any other reason, thank you for choosing to worship with us. We would love to get in touch with you. Please fill out your contact information on the back cover of this bulletin, and place it in the offering basket.

About Us:

- ♦ Since her opening service on Christmas Eve in 1948 and her charter the following year, Ruthfred Lutheran Church has been a congregation rooted in the conviction that the Bible is inspired by God, living and active, capable to produce faith in its hearers, and true and faithful in all its parts. As such, our preaching and teaching aim to be faithful to its correct interpretation and is central to our worship of God.
- ♦ Our Divine Service, called the “Common Service,” possesses a rich history that stems from the early days of the Lutheran Reformation. It is centered upon God’s Word, and proclaims the realities of God’s abundant grace in Jesus Christ from its start to its close. If this is a new form of worship for you, this bulletin will serve as a welcome companion. The order of service begins on page 3.
- ♦ The Divine Service begins as our organist begins the Prelude. When the music starts, please quiet your hearts as you prayerfully prepare for worship.



Our cover is a paper cut or *scherschnitte* created specially for our church by our very own Kathryn Carr. The artwork will reflect liturgical and Ruthfred-specific themes that occur throughout the year.

The Divine Service of the Word

The Third Wednesday in Lent, March 16, 2022

“Our Lord Is Betrayed with a Kiss and Denied with a Curse”

Prelude:

“O Love, How Deep”

(P. P. Stearns)

The Opening Hymn:

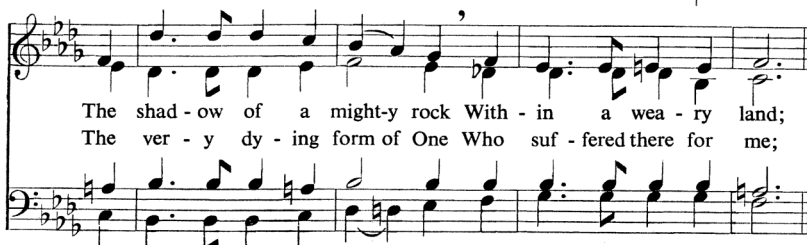
“Beneath the Cross”

(SBH482)

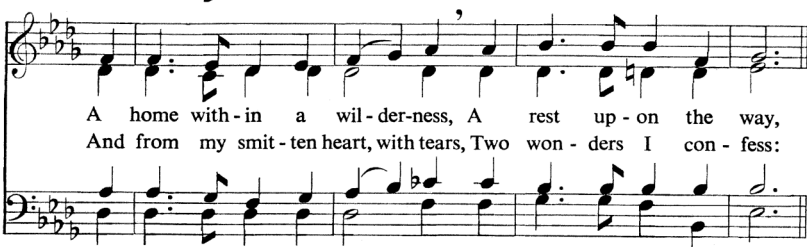
(Please stand as we join our hearts in song)



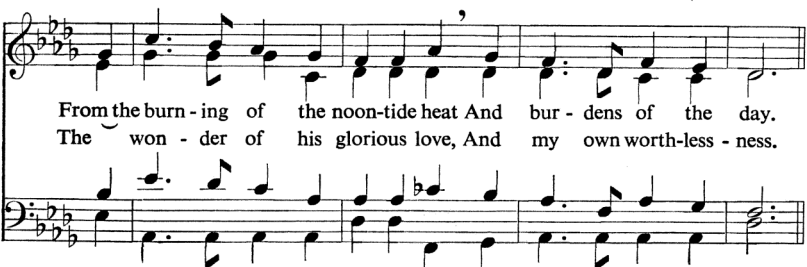
1. Be - neath the Cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand;
2. Up - on that Cross of Je - sus, Mine eye at times can see



The shad - ow of a might-y rock With - in a wea - ry land;
The ver - y dy - ing form of One Who suf - fered there for me;



A home with - in a wil - der-ness, A rest up - on the way,
And from my smit - ten heart, with tears, Two won - ders I con - fess:



From the burn - ing of the noon-tide heat And bur - dens of the day,
The won - der of his glorious love, And my own worth - less - ness.

3 I take, O Cross, thy shadow
For my abiding-place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of his face:
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all, the Cross.

Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–69

The "invocation" is Latin for "call upon." In the Invocation we remember our baptism and acknowledge God as our Father. We are reminded that through Christ's name we have access to the Father's throne by the Holy Spirit. Because we are children of God, we have the privilege to invite (invoke) God's presence and blessing upon this service of "divine liturgy" in which we receive the Work of God through His Word and Spirit, and also in which we offer up to God our praise as an act of worship. *Hebrews 10:19-25; 13:15; Ephesians 2:18*

We confess our sins at the beginning of each service, because we are coming into the presence of a holy God. Though we are sinners who daily struggle with sin, we are invited to come to Him to receive the forgiveness of sin earned for us by Jesus. Through this forgiveness, we are given a right standing before a holy God.

Because sin is both corporate and personal, we confess our sins together, and privately in the silence of our hearts.

The Absolution is based upon God's instruction in Luke 24:47 that repentance and the forgiveness of sins should be widely proclaimed in the name of Jesus. (See also I John. 1:9).

The Call to Worship and Invocation

Pastor (P): We open this service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen

The Confession of Sin

Pastor (P): Let us continue by confessing our sin.

Together:

O Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ's sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Absolution

The Introit (Read Responsively; Please stand)

P: God forbid that I should glory; save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ

C: In Him is salvation, life and resurrection from the dead.

P: By Him, we are redeemed and set at liberty. God be merciful to us and bless us.

C: And cause His face to shine on us. (Psalm 67: 1)

The Gloria Patri (Sung in Unison; SBH p. 17)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Reading of the Passion History 3 (Page 12)

"Jesus Before The Sanhedrin"

The Holy Gospel Lesson: Matthew 26:47-56, 69-75 (NASB)

The Congregation shall rise and sing, **"Glory be to Thee, O Lord."**

⁴⁷ While He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a large crowd with swords and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him." ⁴⁹ Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. ⁵⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him. ⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. ⁵³ Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?" ⁵⁵ At that time Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as you would against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets." Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." ⁷¹ When he had gone out to the gateway, another servant-girl saw him and *said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷² And again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." ⁷³ A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; for even the way you talk gives you away." ⁷⁴ Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man!" And immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, "Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

The Congregation shall sing, **"Praise be to Thee, O Christ."**

During different seasons of the year, we confess our faith using Luther's explanation of the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed, which concerns the person and work of Jesus. In it we confess who Christ is, and what we believe about Him. This serves as a public witness of our faith, as well as personal and corporate affirmation of the salvation that is ours in Him.

The Confession of Faith: (Confessed in Unison)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord: who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, bought me and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death, in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

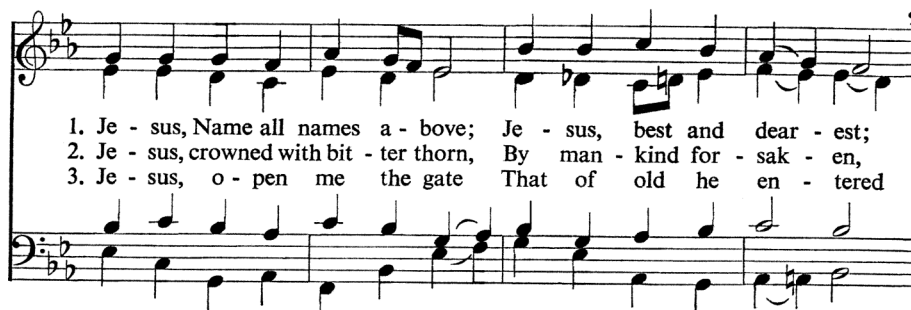
The Special Music

2:00 Sue Swan, vocalist— *Wayfaring Stranger* (arr. Burnett & Minghella)

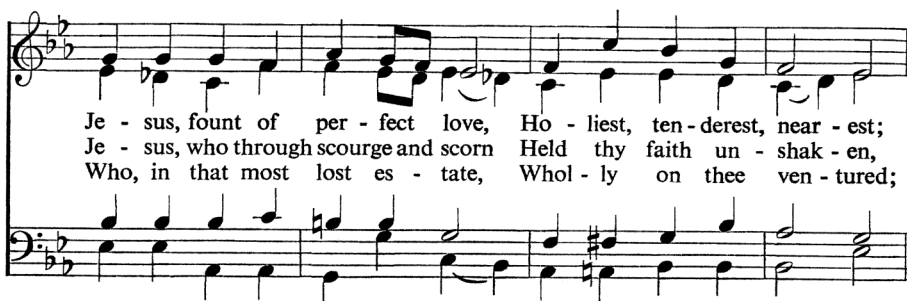
7:30 Sue Swan, vocalist— *Wayfaring Stranger* (arr. Burnett & Minghella)

The Announcements

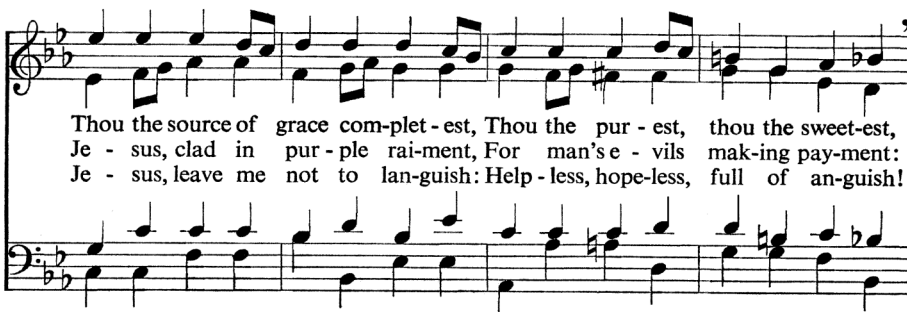
The Sermon Hymn
"Jesus, Name All Names Above" (SBH67, 1st tune)



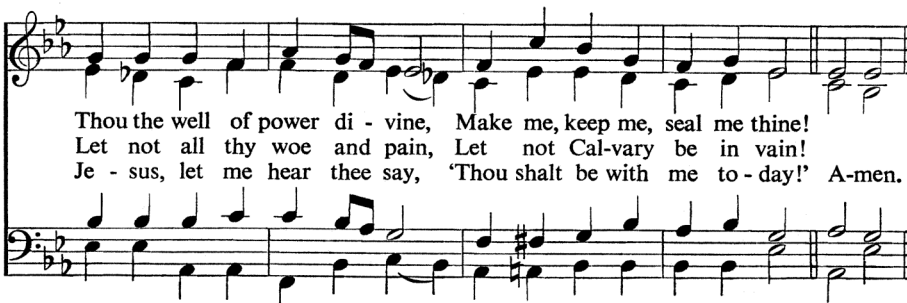
1. Je - sus, Name all names a - bove; Je - sus, best and dear - est;
 2. Je - sus, crowned with bit - ter thorn, By man - kind for - sak - en,
 3. Je - sus, o - pen me the gate That of old he en - tered



Je - sus, fount of per - fect love, Ho - liest, ten - derest, near - est;
 Je - sus, who through scourge and scorn Held thy faith un - shak - en,
 Who, in that most lost es - tate, Whol - ly on thee ven - tured;



Thou the source of grace com-plet - est, Thou the pur - est, thou the sweet-est,
 Je - sus, clad in pur - ple rai-ment, For man's e - vils mak-ing pay-ment:
 Je - sus, leave me not to lan-guish: Help - less, hope-less, full of an-guish!



Thou the well of power di - vine, Make me, keep me, seal me thine!
 Let not all thy woe and pain, Let not Cal-vary be in vain!
 Je - sus, let me hear thee say, 'Thou shalt be with me to - day!' A-men.

Theoctistus of the Studium, cir. 890
Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66 a.

The Sermon is the central component of our Worship. In it, we hear God's Word taught and explained. We hear His Law, convicting of sin and guiding the believer. We also hear the promises of His Gospel, the Good News of Christ's work for us—His redemption, forgiveness and provision of life eternal.

The Sermon:

"Our Lord Is Betrayed with a Kiss and Denied with a Curse" |
Matthew 26:47-56, 69-75

The Offertory Response (Sung in Unison; Please Stand)

Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation: and uphold me with thy free Spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12)

The Closing & Silent Prayer (Please bow or kneel in prayer)

The Lord's Prayer (Prayed in Unison)

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; 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.

The Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you

May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

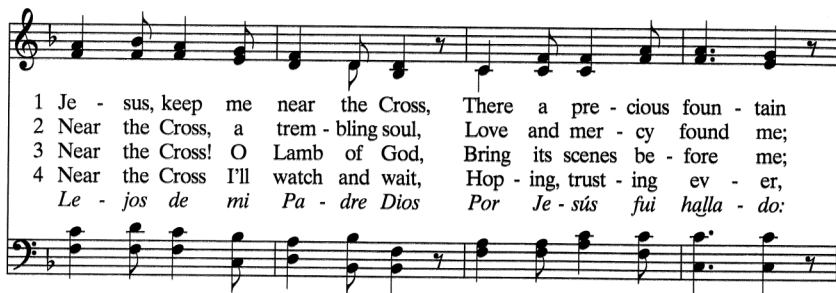
The Closing Hymn:

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

(AMB71)

The Silent Prayer & Chimes

The Postlude



1 Je - sus, keep me near the Cross, There a pre - cious foun - tain
2 Near the Cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the Cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the Cross I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,
Le - jos de mi Pa - dre Dios Por Je - sús fui halla - do:



Free to all— a heal - ing stream, Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
There the bright and morn - ing star Shed its beams a - round me.
Help me walk from day to day, With its sha - dow o'er me.
Till I reach the gold - en strand, Just be - yond the riv - er.
Por su gra - cia y por su a - mor Só - lo fui sal - va - do.

Refrain



In the Cross, in the Cross, Be my glo - ry ev - er;
En Je - sús, mi Señ - or, Es mi glo - ria_e - ter - na:



Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er
Él me_a-mó y me sal - vó Por su gra - cia tier - na.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Tune: William H. Doane, 1832–1915

NEAR THE CROSS
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We welcome you to our service. This is a time of deep reflection and commitment. Let us make every effort to attend all Lenten services and spend time in fellowship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Prayer Requests

Please use this space to let the
pastors, elders and/or church
know of your prayer needs.

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- Please keep this request Private (to be kept amongst the pastors and vicar only).
- Please make this request known to the Ruthfred prayer team and announce it to the congregation when appropriate.

Visiting with us?

Please use this tear-off section to help us get to know a little bit about you and how we may best serve you.

If you have a specific concern or prayer request, please use the space on the other side of this fold.

Date:

Name:

Children:

Address:

Phone (indicate home, cell, etc.)

Email:

I am a/an:

- ☐ 1st-Time Visitor
- ☐ 2nd-Time Visitor
- ☐ Out-of-Town Visitor
- ☐ Regular Attendee

I would like to learn more about:

- ☐ What It Means To Be a Christian
- ☐ Church Membership
- ☐ Ruthfred's Ministries or Groups
- ☐ Ways To Share My Gifts

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