Rock cairns have carried spiritual meaning across cultures for centuries. In National Parks and elsewhere, way-marking cairns (stacks of rocks) guide people safely on a path or trail.
**Thought for the Day**  
“Oh nothing I accept about myself can be used against me to diminish me.”  
– Audre Lorde

**Prelude**  
*O Wir Armen Sünder*  
Georg Philipp Telemann

**Gathering**  
Tolling of the Church Bell  
Words of Welcome and Announcements  
*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register at the end of the pew.*

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**Call to Worship**

*Come and dwell in the presence of God*

**In this place, we remember who we are**

We find ourselves capable of hard and holy things

**Love sets us free from fear and shame**

What is our part in God’s Holy plan?

**We gather to listen, to dream, to discover.**

Faithful people, let us commune with God.

– enfleshed

**Hymn #139**  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**Opening Prayer**

*Divine Teacher, you are patient and wise. You do not rush our growth with a controlling hand. Neither are you passive before our harmful wrongdoing. You call each and all of us into honest and sacred introspection as a practice of our faith. That we may find healing, encounter truth, and show up with and for each other and all our neighbors with courage and humility. With Christ as our guide, may it be so. Amen.*

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**The Lord’s Prayer**  
Hymnal #895

**A Moment for Children**

Children are welcome to come forward or to gather around the screen at home to share in this special time with Pastor John. Afterwards, preschool through sixth graders may go with the Sunday school teachers. Children may be picked up on the second floor in room 203 following the service.

**Community Prayers**

**Reading of the Holy Scripture — Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24**

Lord, you have examined me.  
You know me.

2 You know when I sit down and when I stand up.  
Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.

3 You study my traveling and resting.  
You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.
4 There isn’t a word on my tongue, Lord,
    that you don’t already know completely.
5 You surround me—front and back.
    You put your hand on me.
6 That kind of knowledge is too much for me;
    it’s so high above me that I can’t reach it.
7 Where could I go to get away from your spirit?
    Where could I go to escape your presence?
8 If I went up to heaven, you would be there.
    If I went down to the grave, you would be there too!
9 If I could fly on the wings of dawn,
    stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean—
10 even there your hand would guide me;
    even there your strong hand would hold me tight!
11 If I said, “The darkness will definitely hide me;
    the light will become night around me,”
12 even then the darkness isn’t too dark for you!
    Nighttime would shine bright as day,
    because darkness is the same as light to you!

Examine me, God! Look at my heart!
    Put me to the test! Know my anxious thoughts!
24 Look to see if there is any idolatrous way in me,
    then lead me on the eternal path!

10:00 Special Music  The Lord’s Prayer
    Albert Malotte
    Ryan Doherty and Grant Sahr, duet

Sermon  “To Be Known”  Pastor Andi

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory  8:30  Air and Variation
    César Franck
10:00  The Resting Place on the Hill, from Our Town
    Aaron Copland
    Joy Doran, piano

*Doxology  Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #2051  I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry  The Faith We Sing supplemental

*Benediction

Postlude  Toccata in C major  Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

*Please rise as you are able. Bold text indicates congregational response. Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers at the back of the sanctuary and in the balcony.

Please note that the 10:00 a.m. worship service is being recorded and livestreamed on YouTube.

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EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**Last Outdoor Family Movie Night**  
*Wednesday, July 26; 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.*

Join us for a movie, fun, and fellowship in the parking lot on Wednesday night July 26! This week’s movie (our last!) is *Holes*. We’ll begin gathering at 7:30 p.m. and start the movie when it gets dark! There is no cost. Bring your own snacks and chairs.

**Adopt-a-Stream Annual Clean-Up**  
*Saturday, July 29; 9:00 a.m. – Noon*

Several years ago, our church adopted a section of St. Joseph Creek through The Conservation Foundation’s Adopt-a-Stream program. Join the Environmental Stewardship Work Area as we gather to clean up “our” section of the creek, located about two miles west of our church north of Curtiss Street and east of Walnut Avenue, during our annual clean-up day. All you need to bring are waterproof boots or shoes you won’t mind getting muddy. This is a great activity for kids ages seven and up to participate in with a parent or guardian. Email Vera Miller at veramiller83@gmail.com to sign up! Thank you for supporting this important Downers Grove First United Methodist Church environmental initiative.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Youth Room Summer Cleaning**  
*Monday, July 31; 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.*

Do you value the ministries offered for youth? Is cleaning one of your gifts? Join Pastor Andi on Monday, July 31 to deep clean and organize the youth room! Stop by to help anytime between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. People of all ages are welcome. No need to RSVP but you are welcome to give Pastor Andi an email at andi@dgfumc.org with a heads up of the time you are coming. Thanks for helping kickoff fall activities with a clean and organized space!

ASSISTING IN OUR SERVICES TODAY

**Music**  
Elizabeth Vaughan, Chapel Organist

**Lay Reader**  
8:30 Joan VanOrder
10:00 Caryl Safford

**AV Team**  
Jim Gracey, Tom Lykins, Sam Brockway

WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, July 23**

8:30 am – Worship Service – Outdoors
10:00 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary

**Tuesday, July 25**

7:00 pm – Board of Trustees Meeting – Rm 202
7:30 pm – Environmental Stewardship Mtg

**Wednesday, July 26**

9:00 am – Women’s Bible Study – Rm 213
7:30 pm – Outdoor Family Movie Night – Parking Lot

**Thursday, July 27**

5:30 pm – Community Kitchen dinner – CH

**Saturday, July 29**

9:00 am – Adopt a Stream Cleanup Day

**Sunday, July 30**

8:30 am – Worship Service – Outdoors
10:00 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary

SANC – Sanctuary   FH – Fellowship Hall   YR – Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In the Hospital? Let us Know . . .**

If you hear of members of our church family in the hospital or in need of our prayers or if you are the person who would like prayers, please notify the church office. You can leave a message at 630.968.7120 any time of day or night. Due to privacy issues, hospitals don’t notify us so there are times when a hospitalization occurs (or someone passes away) without our knowledge. It’s better if we hear it more than once than not at all!

**Update Your Contact Information**

If you have not already informed the church office about changes to your address, phone, or email, please let us know by Monday, July 31 so the church records can be updated this summer. Email your updates to Carolyn Donnelly at carolyn@dgfumc.org.