

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

12 OCTOBER 2025

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

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where each person is welcome in God's all-inclusive love.
Jesus shared God's gracious love with all people, and we seek to follow this
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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Prayer leader: Ana Villanueva

Reader: Ritu Suna, Maritza Vitela

Altar care: Bethany Rosenkrans

Assisting ministers: Marc de Chassey, Erandi Hassink,
Edwin Hassink, Maritza Vitela

Ushers: Alessia de Chassey, Marc de Chassey

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost + 12 October 2025, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:
Costa Rica, El Savador, Nicaragua, Panama

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting (*stand*)

To live by the Spirit,
to live as a gift,
to live free and open,
to live as we were meant to be,
to live a love beyond our means,
to live out dreams of justice and peace,
to live the grace of Jesus Christ, living in us,
we gather, grateful,
thankfulness rising against the grumps,
as we learn giving and forgiving more than getting ahead.
To God our creator, our source, our goal
belongs our delight, our devotion, our praise,
as our hearts and hands and voices rejoice in the Blessed Trinity,
whose presence ever near becomes the blessed peace that cheers us.

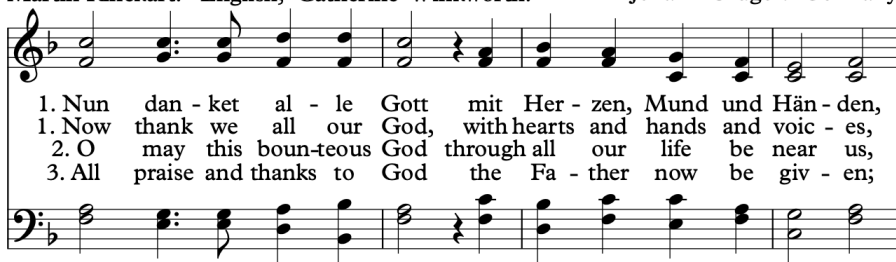
Hymn

Now thank we all our God

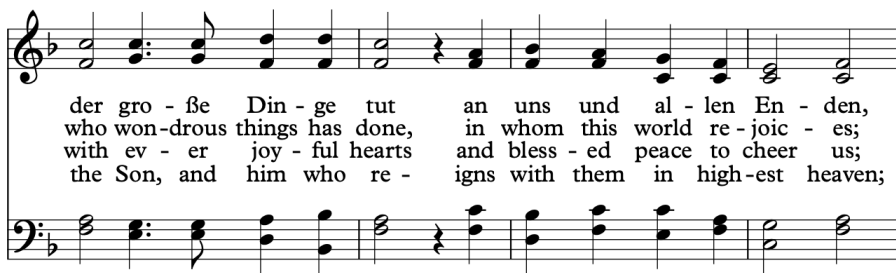
During the last verse the children are invited to gather around the baptismal font.

Martin Rinckart. English, Catherine Winkworth.

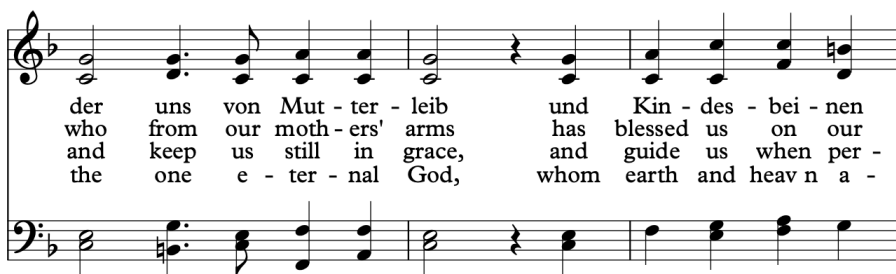
Johann Crüger: Germany



1. Nun dan - ket al - le Gott mit Her - zen, Mund und Hän - den,
 1. Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en;



der gro - ße Din - ge tut an uns und al - len En - den,
 who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who re - igns with them in high-est heaven;



der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kin - des - bei - nen
 who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our
 and keep us still in grace, and guide us when per -
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav n a -



an un - zäh - lig viel zu - gut und noch jetzt und ge - tan.
 way with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 plexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
 dore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Thanksgiving for Baptism (*sit*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Gracious God,
for the gift of your Spirit, washing over us at our baptism,
for the promise that we are yours,
that you know us by name and treasure us,
that we can call to you in the night and know your presence near,
with hearts and hands and voices, we thank you.


Ever-Present God,
for the gift of your Spirit, filling us with your love in Jesus Christ,
the water of life, from the spring that never runs dry,
the healing mercy flowing free to all who would bathe in its grace,
the servant, giving his life that we might rise with him,
with hearts and hands and voices, we thank you.

Creating God,
for the gift of your Spirit, making us new,
new hearts, new spirits,
new possibilities, new dreams,
new paths forward for loving our neighbors,
with hearts and hands and voices, we thank you.

Litany

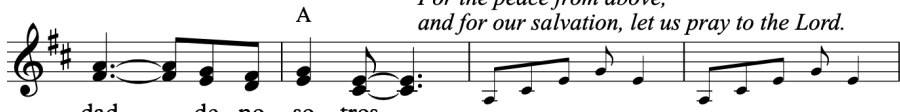
adapted from the Misa popular nicaragüense

In peace let us pray to the Lord. D




Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie-dad; ten pie

*For the peace from above,
and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.* A



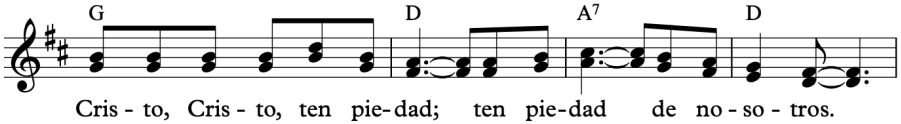
dad de no - so - tros.

For the peace of the whole world, let us pray to the Lord. D

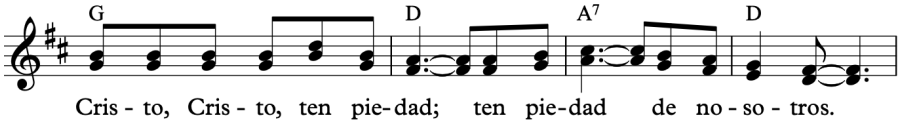


Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie-dad; ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.

For the well-being of the Church of God, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all



who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us.

Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.

You give food for those who fear you'
remembering forever your covenant.

You have shown your people the power of your works,
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

They stand forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.

You sent redemption to your people;
and commanded your covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is your name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Hymn of Praise (stand) Gloria, gloria, gloria

Luke 2:14

Cueca

E ♩ = 72

Pablo Sosa: Argentina

La, la, la

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria

en las al - tu - ras a Dios. Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos
 glo - ry to God on high. And on earth peace to the peo - ple in

que a - ma el Se - ñor. Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria.
 whom God is well pleased.

For the ending repeat 2 times each time softer

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Epistle Reading (*sit*)

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (*stand*)

Honduras

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - to.
Now the Lord is risen in - deed.

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 17.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon (*sit*)

Andy Willis

Hymn (*stand*)

There's a spirit in the air

Brian A. Wren

Joseph Parry: Wales

1. There's a Spir - it in the air tell - ing Chris-tians ev - ery-where:
 2. When be - liev - ers break the bread, when a hun - gry child is fed,
 3. When a stran-ger's not a lone, where the home-less find a home,

"Praise the love that Christ re-vealed liv - ing work - ing in our world."
 praise the love that Christ re-vealed, liv - ing work - ing in our world.
 praise the love that Christ re-vealed, liv - ing work - ing in our world.

Lose your shy-ness find your tongue; tell the world what God has done.
 Still the Spir - it leads the fight, see - ing wrong and set - ting right.
 May the Spir - it fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways
 4. There's a Spir - it in the air call ing peo - ple ev - ery-where

God in Christ has come to stay Live to - mor - row's life to - day.
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day
 praise the love that Christ re-vealed, liv - ing work - ing in our world.

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Prayers of Intercession (*sit*)

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Peace (*stand*)

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Gathering of Gifts (*sit*)

Meditation
Jules Massenent

Nellia Wierzynska, violin

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Offertory (*stand*)

Bendice, Señor, nuestro pan

Argentina

Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan, y da pan a los que tien-en
Lord, bless the bread you have given, and give bread to all who are

ham - bre y ham - bre de jus - ti - cia a los que tien - en
hun - gry, give hun - ger for jus - tice to those with

pan. Ben - di - ce Se - ñor nues - tro pan.
bread. Lord, bless the bread you have given.

English, Donald Wetherick

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sursum corda

Pastor

The Lord be with you.

People

And al - so with you.

Pastor

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

Sanctus

Argentina

Flowing $\text{♩} = 64$

C G Am F G C

San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! ¡Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dore you! My



Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the Word made flesh, abiding with us.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is Jesus Christ,
whose dying is love for us and the whole world,
whose rising is his living in us.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Remembering

Gathered round this table in the Spirit of Christ,
with this bread we see Christ's body.
With this wine, we see Christ's blood.
We proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Lord's Prayer

in our many languages

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.***

Agnus Dei

Cordero de Dios

Misa popular nicaragüense



Cor-de-ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del
O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

mun-do; ten pie-dad de no-so-tros,
world: have mer-cy up-on us,

ten pie-dad de no-so-tros. Cor-de-ro de
have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of

Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

da-nos tu paz, da-nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Songs during Communion

Vamos todos

Guillermo Cuéllar. English Bret Hesla and William Dexheimer Pharris

Guillermo Cuéllar: Misa popular salvadoreña El Salvador



Refrain

Va-mos to-dos al ban-que-te, a la me-sa de la crea-
Let us go now to the ban-quet, to the feast of the u-ni-

ción, ca-da cual con su ta-bu-re-re-te, tie-ne un
verse. The ta-ble's set and a place is wait-ing; come, ev-ery

pues - to yu - na mi - sión. 1. Hoy me le - van - to muy tem -
 one, with your gifts to share. 1. I will rise in the ear - ly

pra - no, ya me es-pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad, voy su -
 mor - ning; the com - mu ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a

bien - do a - le - gre la cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
 spring in my step I'm walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.

2. Dios invita a todos los pobres,
 a esta mesa común por la fe,
 donde no hay acaparadores,
 y a nadie le falta un con que.

2. God invites all the poor and hungry
 to the banquet of justice and good
 where the harvest will not be hoarded
 so that no one will lack for food.

3. Dios nos manda hacer de este mundo,
 una mesa de fraternidad,
 trabajando y luchando juntos,
 compartiendo la propiedad.

3. May we build such a place among us
 where all people are equal in love.
 God has called us to work together
 and to share ev'rything we have.

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Somos pueblo

English Carolyn Jennings

Misa Popular Nicaragüense

1. So - mos pue - blo que ca - mi - na por la sen - da del do - lor.
 1. We are peo - ple on a jour - ney; pain is with us all the way.
 2. God has sent the in - vi - ta - tion to the hum - ble and the poor.
 3. This is bread that God pro - vides us, nour - ish - ing our u - ni - ty.
 4. Christ is ev - er pres - ent with us to u - nite us all in love.
 5. All who tru - ly thirst for jus - tice seek their lib - er - a - tion here.

a - cu - da - mos ju - bi - lo - sos a la san - ta co - mu - ni - on.
 Joy - ful - ly we come to - geth - er at the ho - ly feast of God.

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Gracias, muchas gracias

Rafael Zamora: Costa Rica



Gra - cias, mu - chas gra - cias, siem - pre gra - cias mi Se - ñor.



Gra - cias, mu - chas gra - cias, siem - pre gra - cias mi Se - ñor.



1. With all our laugh-ter and all of our song with all our strug-gle and
2. For - est and riv - er, tall moun - tain and sea, cit - y with nois - y throngs



sor - row our - selves we of - fer. To you we be - long.
teem - ing, land bear - ing fruit for a bright ju - bi - lee,



Your word brings hope for the mor - row. Long-ing for life which comes
danc - ing and draw - ing and dream - ing: all that we are is sur -



on - ly from you, we wait the strength for to -
ren - dered to you, car - ried in your hands, re -



mor - row. Tak - ing what we give, you make some - thing new for all
deem - ing, chang - ing what we give to make some - thing new for all



peo - ple, all our sis - ters and friends.
peo - ple, all our bro - thers and friends.

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1. Nosotros nos ofrecemos a ti
con nuestras penas y luchas;
con nuestro canto y nuestro reir;
todo_está_en la mano tuya;
Esta_Asamblea que quiere vivir
cuando tu palabra_escucha
y_estas hermanas que quieren construir
algo nuevo, en la Comunidad.

2. Nosotros nos ofrecemos a ti
dandote lo que tenemos;
bosques y ríos, montañas y mar,
danzas, poemas y sueños.
Nuestras ciudades con su cruel rugir,
nuestra tierra con sus dones
y_estos hermanos que quieren construir
algo nuevo, en la Comunidad.

Sending Forth (*stand*)

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements (*sit*)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monthly Teens' Gathering – Starting today at 13h00

This fall, there will be a monthly get-together for teens (age 13-19), meeting on the second Sunday of each month after worship. This will be a time for kids to get to know one another better, share in fun activities, and grow in faith together. The activities will vary from month to month, and it promises to be a great space for our congregation's teenagers. Three young adults from the congregation—Gareth Kit, Marianna Lukas, and Nanah Naingola—are leading the group. The first gathering (with pizza and group activities) will take place today at 13h00. Contact Nanah (nanah.naingola@gmail.com) or the church office with any questions.

A Political Prisoner's Story – Presentation after Worship Today

Gladys Ambort will be offering a presentation after worship today, during coffee hour—all are welcome to attend. Here's a brief description:

At just 17, Gladys Ambort was imprisoned in Argentina in the 1970s for her political activism. She spent three years behind bars, but it was fifteen days in solitary confinement that broke her spirit. In this powerful testimony, she reveals how our identity and strength only exist through others—and how isolation erases our very sense of being. Her story is both a personal journey and a call to recognise solitary confinement as torture. Now based in Geneva, Gladys shares her passion for words and the resilience of the human spirit.

Prayer Group – Tuesday 14 October

Our congregation's prayer group meets monthly to pray for the needs of our community and our world. The next meeting will take place at church, on Tuesday, 14 October from 19h until 20h on the 3rd floor. If you cannot join in person, it will also be possible to join online, via Zoom. Please contact Kiki Lawal with any questions you have or prayer requests you like to share: kiki.lawal@gmail.com.

Being With Course – Starting this Month

The Being With course, developed by St Martin-in-the-Fields church in London, is an invitation into Christian life—for those who are new to the faith, and for those who wish to continue their journey. Unlike many introduction to Christianity classes, this one is not much focused on doctrine or Bible study—instead, it's “an immersive experience of learning how to be with ourselves, with others and the world around us, and learning how to be with God.” Fulata Moyo and Andy Willis will be offering the course in our congregation this October-December. To sign up, or for more information, contact the church office: office@genevalutheran.ch / 022 310 50 89.

Young Adults Group

If you're 18-30, you have a place here! Join our young adults group to grow in faith, build friendships, and walk with Christ. We'll be meeting up one Friday and one Saturday per month at church (top floor). To get connected, please text or approach Naomi (+41762146607), Olivia (+41764493137), or Ano (+41795502633).

Women's Circle Invitation

Ladies, come and join our Women's Circle! We gather in our church, our village, on one Saturday each month from 10am to 12pm for coffee and croissants and for fellowship and fun. All women church members and regular attendees are welcome. Dates for the coming months: **8 November**. Please contact Marit Bauer-Moore, Cynthia Wilbers, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler or the office for more information.

Worship Committee – Thursday 16 October

We continue our planning for Advent/Christmas on Thursday, 16 October at 12h30 in the church. We share lunch and dream what might be meaningful in worship this year as we await the coming of Christ.

Church School Now in Session!

We meet each Sunday during the school year (except on the first of each month, when worship is in the evening, and during school vacations). Children begin the worship service with their families and return to the sanctuary in time for Communion. Questions? Contact the church office.

Choir Rehearsals – Thursday Evenings

The choir of the English-Speaking Congregation is open to anyone—we meet on Thursday evenings from 19h30 until 21h00 to learn the music for the upcoming Sunday worship service and work on additional pieces. The rehearsals will be led by our music director, Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg. Come and sing!

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

Our congregation holds a simple coffee hour after worship each Sunday. Preparation for coffee hour is by neighborhood groups:

19 October – Group D

26 October – Group E

2 November – Group A

9 November – Group B

*If you can help on a week when your group is assigned,
please let your group's coordinator know*

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This Week’s Schedule:

Tues, 14 Oct.	19h00	Prayer group
Thurs, 16 Oct.	12h30	Worship committee
Sat, 18 Oct.	19h00	Young adults’ group
Sun, 19 Oct.	11h00	Worship and church school
<i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i>		

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Thank you for your support of our ministry together!

If you are a guest in our congregation today, *please fill out the connection card below—you can place it in the offering bag or hand it to the pastor or one of the ushers. We’d love to be in touch and answer any questions you might have about the church.*

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