

# Family Day Worship

**Family Day in the Park  
Mechanicville, NY  
July 13, 2008**

Special Thanks...

It is with great joy that we thank the members of  
**The Dorothy Welch Choral Society**  
For sharing their gifts and talents with us today.

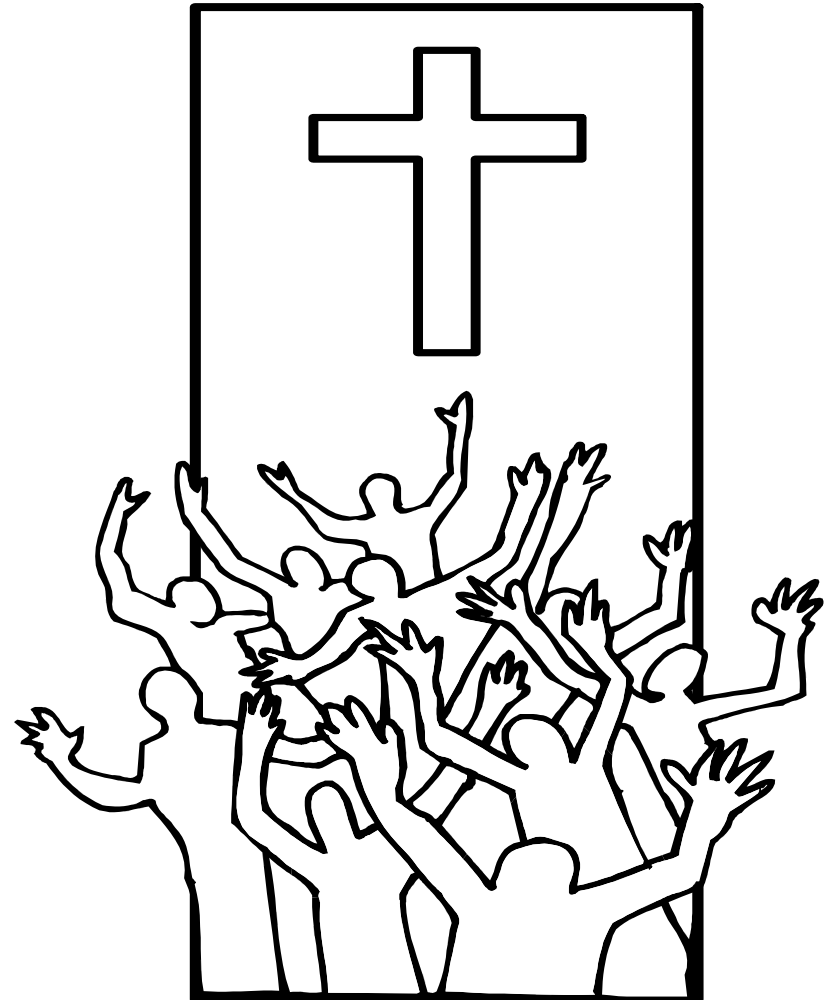


The Mechanicville/Stillwater Council of Churches  
and Clergy Association sponsor this annual Worship celebration.

**Today's worship leaders:**

**Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney**, Interim Pastor,  
**Emmanuel United Church**  
**Rev. Dr. Alan C. Rhodes**, Pastor,  
**Mechanicville United Methodist Church**

Your generous support of the offer-  
ing this morning will go to area Food  
pantries and other  
ecumenical ministries in our area.



Welcome to Family Day Worship  
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**We Prepare for Worship**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

\*Hymn, "America", *see insert*

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 107 (unison)

"O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
His steadfast love endures forever.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
Those He redeemed from trouble  
And gathered in the lands,  
from the east and west,  
From the north and south"

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Lord God, as we gather here this morning, we remember that we are not the people you created us to be. We are sometimes stumbling disciples, unwilling servants, and wayward children. We go our own way, and block out the voice of your love, your guidance, and your grace. We are bold to ask forgiveness for taking our blessings for granted, for not remembering that you are the source of all that we have, and all that we are. Thank-you for bringing us back when we wander, and for always welcoming us home. Help us to remember what a blessing it is to be your children, to be part of your family. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen

**Words of Assurance**

**Choral Anthem, "United by the Red, White, and Blue"**

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**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen

**The Offering** (The offering this morning supports the Food Pantries and other ecumenical ministries in the Mechanicville/Stillwater area. Thank You for your generosity.)

**Offertory – \*Doxology – \*Prayer of Dedication**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God, with all the hosts above,  
Praise God, with wonder, joy, and love. Amen**

**Choral Anthem, "I am Thankful to be an American"**

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**The Word is Proclaimed**

**The Lessons from the Scriptures**

**Message – "Not for Parents Only"**

**Rev. Jerrie Shepard Matney, Interim Pastor,  
Emmanuel United Church**

**We go forth to Serve**

\*Hymn, "God of Wisdom, Truth, and Beauty" , *see insert*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**