

# New Covenant Fellowship

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## “Prayer: A Complicated Relationship”

by Melissa Logsdon



“May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.”

—Psalm 141:2

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### You Are the Rock of My Salvation

Welcome & Psalm 62:5-12 (Valerie Hoffman)

#### Jesus Said

#### I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Prayer of Blessing for 2024 Board, Leadership Team & Associate Pastor, Melissa Logsdon (Ron Simkins)

#### Servant Song

#### Lead on, Jesus

Teaching (Melissa Logsdon)

#### Psalm 9

#### We are Being Built into a Temple

Benediction (Bob Husband)

#### Kindle Your Fire Within Us

### BENEDICTION

Sisters & Brothers,

Let us lift our hearts in faith  
to the one who hears all prayers  
and holds close all those in need.

Amen



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2023 Charitable Donation Letters**—Charitable Donation Letters are in process and will be sent the week of February 5th. These letters will primarily be sent via e-mail. If you prefer a mailed letter, please contact [NCFCUtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:NCFCUtreasurer@gmail.com) to express this preference.

**Call for Closers!** Closing up the NCF building after a Sunday service takes about ten minutes. If you have a key to the building and would be willing to be a Closer once in a while, contact Paige at her email (see NCF contact list).

**Backup Care for Glor**—Glor Franczak needs a back-up paid caregiver, to come on days when her current aid-helper cannot come. If interested, or to nominate someone, please contact Glor via email (see NCF contact list) to set up an interview. Possibility of position becoming permanent. Glor retires from CERL on April 30, 2024.

**Black Earth Gardens** is committed to a more equitable food system. Sign up for their newsletter [here](#).

**Financial Opportunity**—FreedUp is a 7 week app-based financial program, complete with a workbook and opportunities for small group discussion. Everence is offering a discount code to get this program for \$19 (regularly \$99). Find out more and [register here](#).

**Illinois Interfaith Conference** is a FREE opportunity for University of Illinois students, campus allies, student leaders and professionals from across the Midwest to discuss together critical questions about interfaith engagement on the college campus. The conference runs Friday, February 23rd to Saturday, February 24th at the University YMCA (1001 S. Wright St., Champaign). All people of religious and non-religious philosophical traditions are welcome! See newsletter for more info.

#### Upcoming Events:

Jan 15-April 15 Renée on sabbatical  
Jan 28 Prayer @NCF 9:45-10:15 am  
Feb 23/24 Illinois Interfaith Conference

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December tithes: \$18,560.62; Family Fund: \$1,025.00; Reparations Fund: \$1,150.00—Thank you!