



Sunday Worship
November 7, 2021

Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Come, let us love one another with the love of God.

Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

**OPENING PRAYER*

God of love, bring your dazzling light into our hearts and spirits that we might see the glorious opportunities we have to serve you. Help us to see that following your mandate to feed the hungry, bring nourishment to those who thirst, offer clothing to those in need, visit the sick and those who are imprisoned, welcome the stranger – any activity of service as an act of great privilege and joy. We praise you for the light of your son, Jesus Christ, who boldly bids us care for each other and become those who would bring good news of peace for all. Amen.

**HYMN #305* Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:31-46 *The Message*

³¹⁻³³ “When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left.

³⁴⁻³⁶ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what’s coming to you in this kingdom. It’s been ready for you since the world’s foundation. And here’s why:

I was hungry and you fed me,
 I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
 I was homeless and you gave me a room,
 I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
 I was sick and you stopped to visit,
 I was in prison and you came to me.’

³⁷⁻⁴⁰ “Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?’ Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’

41-43 “Then he will turn to the ‘goats,’ the ones on his left, and say, ‘Get out, worthless goats! You’re good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because—

I was hungry and you gave me no meal,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was homeless and you gave me no bed,
I was shivering and you gave me no clothes,
Sick and in prison, and you never visited.’

44 “Then those ‘goats’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn’t help?’

45 “He will answer them, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.’

46 “Then those ‘goats’ will be herded to their eternal doom, but the ‘sheep’ to their eternal reward.”

MEDITATION Made to Serve

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

**DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

We may not be hungry, but there are those who are.

We may not be parched from thirst, but there are those who do.

We may not have someone in prison, or have to wear clothes tossed aside by others, but many of our sisters and brothers find themselves in such lives. But we have been blessed by you. So may these gifts we offer be used to everyone might know that your community of compassion, of hope, of grace, of life is for everyone. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who is 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**SONG* This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

2. Hide it under a bushel – NO! I’m gonna let it shine.

3. Shine all over the neighborhood, I’m gonna let it shine.

4. Let it shine ‘til Jesus comes, I’m gonna let it shine.

**BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music
Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator Jason Gordon, Youth Director
Mary Ann Welsh, Treasurer Chris Miterko, Grounds Keeper

ANNOUNCEMENTS: November 7, 2021

Today: The Church has Left the building: Join us today following services. There is something for everyone, including those at home. The projects are as follows:

- *Packing lunches for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen: we need homemade cookies or brownies to add to the other lunch items (these can be made ahead of time at home)
- *Fleece Blanket Making for Synergy Project that provides services and supplies to homeless teens
- *Soup for Caring for Friends which provides meals for seniors
- Yardwork for Seniors in our church community
- Write “Thinking of You” notes for Veterans. These notes can be written at home and then given to the church for distribution. The notes should follow these guidelines:
 - Keep things light.
 - Share things about yourself like hobbies or interests.
 - Write about your life but keep it positive.
 - Thank them for their service.
 - If you have connections in the military, mention that.
 - Be positive.
 - Stay away from political or polarizing topics.
 - Tell them what’s going on at home but stray away from things happening in the news.
 - Let them know you support them.
 - Your letters don’t have to be long, just write from the heart.
 - Write like you speak and show your personality.
 - Encouraging quotes are always nice.
 - Never share anything negative, personal struggles, your own thoughts about controversial subjects, or ask their opinion about controversial subjects.

*These are projects that will take place in the church building

Today 9:30am Youth Group: We will gather together for worship and then head out into our community. Bring your own rake!

Today is your last day to order your Christmas Wreaths: Help support our Boy Scouts by going to: <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/bsatroup71/products> or contact Nathan or Sam Holton.

Wednesday noontime: This Wednesday **November 10**, 2021. Bring your lunch and join us for some mid-week time together. All are welcome!!

Thursday Night Bible Study and Fellowship to resume: **November 11 at 7:00pm** all are invited to join on Zoom as we continue to discuss the Psalms <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875>

Poinsettias for the Christmas Season: Order forms can be found on the table as you’re departing today. Thank you for helping decorate our sanctuary with Poinsettias.

Unicef: Please support UNICEF for our final collection today. Donation bucket is located in Fellowship Hall.

- Calendar:**
- November 9** – 11am Garden Club. 7pm Property mtg.
 - November 10** – Bring a sandwich and join us in Fellowship Hall for lunch.
 - November 11** - 7pm Bible Study Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>
 - November 13** – BSA Thanksgiving Dinner for the troop. After dinner Bonfire.

November 14 – 10:00am- Worship and Sunday School

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright, John Thiessen, Rebecca Stemplewicz, Rick Wiggins, Becky Schroeder, Linda Bowers