

Stewardship 2023

A Rainbow of Giving

*God is making all things new
for a future that is looking bright*

Serving with Joy!

Sunday Worship

October 30, 2022

*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**

Come, let's praise God together!

For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's tell stories of God's power and majesty, God's mighty acts throughout history:

for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's remember the compassion He has shown toward us; God's mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:

for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren, so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.

For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let's worship God together!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One, you have promised to be with us. Long ago sent your Spirit to abide among us and guide us to a future of goodness and hope. We come seeking your truth, your justice, your kindness. O God, you are with us this morning. Let us feel your presence and welcome you into our lives. Come and fill these desires of our hearts.

***HYMN #637 verses 1, 2, 4,5** O Sing to the Lord

1. O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song
O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song. O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

2. For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders. For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders. O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

4. O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit. O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit. O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

5. For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Faithful God, we come before you with many issues on our hearts. We get frustrated and angry at the way things are going in the world. We want your immediate intervention; and when we don't see things happening the way we think they should be, we are quick to dismiss you and any thought of your presence. Help us stop our selfishness and our quick anger. Remind us that you will work with us and through us for peace and hope. Release us from the traps of quick tests of your faithfulness and help us see the "big picture" of your awesome love that spans all of time. Forgive us for our pettiness and our stubbornness. Bring us back to you, O Lord. Help us shout your praises and live lives of joyful service. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Remember the good news and say it aloud: Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

****GLORIA PATRI***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 1:11-23 *from the International Children's Bible*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #712*** As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought

1. As those of old their first-fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield, so we today our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land: of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

2. A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give, to make our life an offering that all may truly live. The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

3. In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with along life's way. O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 145

SERMON Praise the Lord!

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

****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***

Great God of all provision, we bring to you this day these gifts of our treasure. May our material giving reflect not our bounty, but yours, O God.

Creator God, who has uniquely crafted each of us, we bring to you this day our gifts of talent. May our creativity glorify your Creating Spirit, O God.

Merciful God, Alpha and Omega, we bring to you this day our gifts of time. May we live as your people in every place, in every moment, from this day until our last. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS AND FRIENDSHIP

(Please sign the friendship pad that is found in the center aisle of the pews and pass down the row to the windows.)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.

***HYMN #747** The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to life. *Repeat*
The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. *Repeat*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 30, 2022.

This week's carillon is in memory of Rudy and Sally Kalozi.

STEWARDSHIP 2023: Today we invite you to make your financial pledge by offering your 2023 Commitment card during the service.

TONIGHT YOUTH GROUP will meet 6:30pm – 8pm.: Halloween Fun Night. Wear a costume!

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSALS TODAY: All ages and abilities are invited to sing. Rehearsals will be each Sunday after worship. The performance date is December 18. Contact Leanne Yerkes or Pastor Su if you have any questions.

FIRST WEDNESDAY LUNCH SPEAKER: November 2, the congregation as well as community members are invited at noon to bring their own lunch and enjoy an enriching and engaging program. This first gathering will offer a program on *Genealogy*. Come to the lunch and learn how you can investigate your own heritage.

BIBLE STUDY Join Us This Thursday November 3 at 7pm. We will continue to examine the 10 Commandments including how Jesus reinterpreted them. Participation is by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875> Meeting ID: 127 591 875

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: November 4th will be held at the church. Again, it will be a potluck and lots of fun and fellowship as well as a mission. The theme for November is "Thanksgiving." Feel free to dress for the occasion. Costumes just add to the fun! Bring a friend or two!

THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING – RISE AGAINST HUNGER: This year our annual mission Sunday will be held on **NOVEMBER 13** when we will have a brief worship time and then worship God through mission. We will have a single project where we will pack 12,000 meals to be then sent throughout the world. All ages have a role to play in this fun and very meaningful project. We need people to help set up, clean up, and pack meals. Friends and neighbors are welcome to join us. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office. We need a minimum of 60 people. There are jobs for everyone!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Specific toy items are still needed. Slips are available in Fellowship Hall. All items must be dropped off at the church no later than November 6 before worship.

PHOTO FUNDRAISER FOR VIOLET SANDERS: To help support the family and their mounting medical bills, we are holding a photo fundraiser. Come to the church and have your Christmas pictures taken. <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=00CAC0D9F4CFF963&cs=09C3BAAE8FCD8B6C7B0B64715BCF9BCD&sortby=l.title> or by calling the church office. Cost: \$25 per photo shoot additional donations are welcome. All proceeds will be given to the Sanders family.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 71 GREENERY FUNDRAISER **Tis the Season of Giving.** Help support our Boy Scouts by going to: <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/bsatrop71/products> Please order by **November 4, 2022.** All profits from your purchase go directly to Troop 71.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: **This week we are asking for carrots, potatoes, and yams.** Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule. Any and all donations of any kind are greatly appreciated!

Calendar:	October 30	10:00am	Worship Service and Sunday School. Followed by Fellowship.
		11:15am	Christmas Musical rehearsal.
		11:30am	Christmas Picture appointments.
		6:30pm	Youth Group.
	October 31	8:30am	Deacons Meeting.
		7:00pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal.
		7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting.
	November 2	12:00pm	Community Lunch – all are welcome, bring your lunch.
	November 3	7:00pm	Bible Study on Zoom.
	November 4	6:00pm	Friday Night Fellowship.
	November 5	8:30am	Christmas Picture appointments.

Elder of the Month: Terry Holton Deacon of the Month: Rachel Dell'Orefice
Fellowship Hour host: Emilie Cullerton Sunday School Teacher: Kim King

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Sally Thiessen, Violet Sanders

Please continue to pray for the Martin family as they mourn the death of Ralph Martin. *Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live." "Blessed are those who mourn. They will be comforted.*



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