



Sunday Worship

November 5, 2023

*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 gather for worship today to celebrate our gifts.

We are celebrating the gifts we give to this church, the pledges we are making for the upcoming year.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our community.

We are celebrating the love and support that we give to one another; the constant quest that we are on to be united by God's grace.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our future.

We are celebrating a future full of outreach, a future full of service, a future full of worship and a future full of growth. We are celebrating a future with hope.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our visions.

We are celebrating the visions of those who have come before us, the visions that brought us to where we are today and the visions that we see today for the future.

Let us gather in celebration!

Let us worship God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, your gifts surround us in all stages of our lives and in all circumstances of our lives. Help us to trust you for what we need. Help us to call on you for the strength we need for the tasks you call us to, so that we are faithful to the end. Help us to give with joy. We gather now to offer our worship to you. We bring our prayers and praises, our open ears and our willing hearts. Amen.

***HYMN #386** Come, Worship God

1. Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor; enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
You are the rock of your people's salvation to whom our jubilant praises belong.

2. Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains; held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them, God above all gods, who gave us our birth.

3. We are your people, the sheep of your pasture; you are our Maker, and to you we pray.
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you; great is the one whom we worship this day!

4. Now let us listen, for you speak among us; open our hearts to receive what you say.
Peace be to all who remember your goodness, trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Gentle God, trusting in your tender mercy, we confess our sin to you with one another. We confess that we forget you. We are so concerned for our own comfort that we forget our neighbors. We are so attached to our own will that we forget yours. We are so aware of our need, we forget our calling. We are so pleased with our possessions that we forget that they are yours. Bring us back to mindfulness, God. Forgive us, and be generous with your grace. Heal our hearts, restore your Spirit in us, and re-create us in your image. Awaken us to your gifts within us that we might live by them with trust and courage. Lord, have mercy on us, and grant us your peace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

...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 Matthew 6:24-34

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #708*** We Give Thee but Thine Own

1. We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.
3. The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.
4. And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

SERMON Love It, Live It, Give It

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND OUR COMMITMENTS

****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.

LITANY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

You have entrusted us with gifts—time, talent, energy, money—and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.

We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.

We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE 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 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 #707** Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

1. Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray; give us the mind of Christ each passing day; teach us to know the truth that sets us free; grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.
2. Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own; come thou within our souls and claim thy throne; help us to shed abroad thy deathless love; use us to make the earth like heaven above.
3. Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway; have in our inmost souls thy perfect way; guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease; guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.
4. Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill. We yield ourselves to thee; time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #698** Take, O Take Me as I Am (repeat 3Xs)

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 5, 2023

This week's carillon is in memory of Ray Purdy. Ray is the husband of Bee Purdy.

TODAY – Following worship, we gather for a Potluck celebration as we dedicate our Steeple. Join us in Fellowship Hall. If you forgot to bring a dish, not to worry we have plenty of food.

TONIGHT - YOUTH GROUP: We will gather at church at 6:30pm.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - RISE AGAINST HUNGER MISSION SUNDAY: We will once again engage in a morning of mission. It will begin at 10:00 with a brief worship service followed by packing meals for Rise Against Hunger. The meals we pack will be given to different areas in our world where there is need. We are asking everyone to please register using this website:

<https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=7013Z000002Kzp9>. You can also sign up in Fellowship Hall or call Susan in the church office.

BIBLE STUDY: This week, November 9 on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875> 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Pastor Su will lead the study which will focus on the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSALS! Calling all singers and stage hands of ALL ages and abilities! We are rehearsing Sundays after worship for about 30 minutes. Performance will be Sunday December 17th during service. Let the Season Begin!! Please join us.

PRAYER CIRCLE: With so much unrest and uncertainty in our world, all are invited to join in prayer on Wednesdays at 11:45 in the sanctuary for a time to pray together for peace, strength, and guidance.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: **This week we are asking for the following items:** Canned vegetables, soups, and fruit. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

<u>Calendar:</u>	November 5	8:30 am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
		10:00 am	Worship Service, followed by Potluck Steeple Celebration
		11:10 am	Christmas Musical rehearsal.
		6:30 pm	Youth Group
	November 6	10:00 am	Parish Life Meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
	November 7		OFFICE CLOSED – ELECTION DAY
	November 8	11:45 am	Prayer Circle
		12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship.
	November 9	7:00 pm	Bible Study on Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/127591875
	November 11-12		Boy Scouts Turkey Cookout and overnight camping

Elder of the month: Donna Jencks **Deacon of the month:** Maggie Realley
Ushers: Jim and Sue Hampton **Communion:** Maggie Realley and Donna Jencks

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Alvin Cornell, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Mary Lou Humlhanz, David Posnett, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton, Nancy Shvanda



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