

### For Prayer & Contemplation

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Welcome & Sharing Information

**Prelude** “My Jesus, I Love Thee” - arr. Hayes  
*Ed Mitchell & Marilyn Rabbai*, piano duet

### Call to Worship

One: God gathers us from many backgrounds and traditions. God rescues us from the shadows of our scattered places.

All: **The worship of God restores our souls; the mercy of God calms our fears.**

One: God lifts us up to mountain heights.

All: **Here we are strengthened for life in our world. Let us worship God.**

\***Hymn No. 316** “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

### Prayer of Confession

Before your light, O God, we become aware of the shadows in which we live. In the midst of your abundant gifts, we sense the poverty of our response. Seeing the plight of siblings who hunger and mourn and suffer oppression, we realize how little we have done to ease their pain. Forgive us, God, for focusing on our narrow concerns and complaints. Open us to the life of thanksgiving. Amen.

### Moment of Silence

### Words of Assurance

One: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Beloved, believe and live the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

\***Hymn No. 581** “Glory Be to the Father”

“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.”

### Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you...

All: **And also with you.**

**Anthem** “O God, Show Mercy to Us” (Psalm 67) – Holst  
*Sanctuary Choir*

### Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: **God be with you there.**

Children: **God be with you here.**

### Scripture *Luke 15:1-10*

New Testament PG 78, Large Print PG 95

### Prayer of Illumination

**Sermon** “Parables of Loss and Joy” - *Rev. Jim Mehler*

### \*Affirmation of Faith

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. Amen.

-- from *A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*

### Invitation to Offering

\***Offering Hymn No. 710** “We Lift Our Voices”

“We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are offering; we are offering.”

### \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Because we have been blessed by you, O God, we are delighted to share. Because there are many who do not enjoy your bounty, we search for ways to help. Thank you for showing us the way of mercy and patient example, the way of generosity and service, the way of faithfulness and joyous celebration. Bless us and our offerings. Amen.

### Invitation to Communion

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you...

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.**

### The Prayers of the People

*Rachel, Jamie, Beverly, Ron, the family of Sandra, Meg, Gorman, Heather, Joanna, Dorothy, Sara, Jim, David, Ted, William, Mimi, Rachael, Laura, Russell, Phyllis, Aaron, Nic, Douglas*

### 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.

Words of Institution *Rev. Jim Mehler*

### The Sharing of the Supper

### Prayer after Communion

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given yourself to us through Jesus who is the true bread from heaven and food for eternal life. Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\***Hymn No. 684** “Faith Begins by Letting Go”

### \*Benediction

\***Benediction Hymn No. 541** (v.1)

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

“God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.”

Postlude “Fugue in G” - Buxtehude

\*\*\*\*\* *Please stand as you are able.* \*\*\*\*\*



## Worship Team

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Carol Owens
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Nicastro, Darlene Powell
<b>Coffee Hr. Hosts</b>	The Downing Family



## Music Notes

Today's prelude is part of a collection of sacred piano duets written by composer Mark Hayes in 2012. It is based on the hymn tune "Gordon," written by and named for Adoniram Gordon (1836-1895), a Baptist minister, writer and composer. The anthem is a hymn tune by British composer Gustav Holst (1874-1934) to which a paraphrase of Psalm 67 is set. We thank Ed Mitchell and the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

*Honoring  
ALL WHO  
SERVED*

## This Week's Calendar

November 7-14

<i>Sunday</i> November 7	<b>10 AM</b> Worship Service - Sanctuary/Livestreaming
<i>Monday</i> November 8	<b>9:30 AM</b> Library Committee Meeting <b>7 PM</b> Property Committee - Agape Room
<i>Tuesday</i> November 9	<b>7 PM</b> Invitation & Outreach - Memorial Lounge
<i>Wednesday</i> November 10	<b>6:30 PM</b> Sparrow Chorale - Music Room <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scouts - Social Hall
<i>Thursday</i> November 11	<i>Veterans Day</i>
<i>Friday</i> November 12	<b>6 PM</b> Wedding Rehearsal - Sanctuary <b>7 PM</b> Theology on Tap
<i>Saturday</i> November 13	<b>9:30 AM</b> PW Core Board Mtg. - Agape Room <b>3 PM</b> Quintieri-Little Wedding - Sanctuary
<i>Sunday</i> November 14	<b>10 AM</b> Worship Service - Sanctuary/Livestreaming

## This Week's Birthdays

<b>November 7</b>	Benzakary Sanker
<b>November 7</b>	Jack Staman
<b>November 7</b>	Dustin Paugh
<b>November 8</b>	Dave Nicastro
<b>November 10</b>	Julia Fisher
<b>November 12</b>	Betsy Wriggins
<b>November 12</b>	Linda Richardson
<b>November 13</b>	Roy Langlois
<b>November 14</b>	Carol Owens

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November 7, 2021  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Jim Mehler*