

For Prayer & Contemplation

‘...we do not have to despair because life is so brief, but we must not pretend to more because we are so great. Because we are both small and great, we have discerned a mystery and meaning beyond our smallness and our greatness, and a justice and a love which completes our incompleteness, which corrects our judgments, and which brings the whole story to a fulfillment beyond our power to fulfill any story.’ -Reinhold Niebuhr

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude “Introit (Psalm 83: 3,2)” - arr. Near

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 146)

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

One: Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

**All: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in
them;
who keeps faith for ever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.**

One: The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**All: The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!**

***Hymn No. 758** “Why Do Nations Rage Together”

Prayer of Confession (From the Worship Sourcebook)

**There are many times we think we love you well, O God.
But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart,
and all our mind, and all our strength,
we confess that our love for you is a diluted love,
made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart.
Our love seems pure only for brief moments;
soon our affections are drawn away.
How easily our devotion dies...**

**Forgive us;
in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you;
in grace rekindle our love for you
in seeing anew Jesus’ first love for us.**

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance (Adapted from John 15:1-8)

One: God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!
Believe the good news and give thanks;
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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 “Thank You, God” – Kirkpatrick – *Sunshine Singers*

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

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:4-20
Old Testament PG 244-5, Large Print 303-4

Second Reading: Mark 13:1-8
New Testament PG 50, Large Print 60-1

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “What Does Tomorrow Look Like?” - Rev. Drew Harrison

***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle’s Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father, almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead...**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

Minute for Mission Vicki Downing, Family Promise

***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

**Gracious God, your gifts are more than we deserve. We give you
our thanks as we offer up our gifts. Accept them, bless them, and
let them serve your kingdom as we do. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

*The family of Martha, Erin, Rhett, 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.**

***Hymn No. 772** “Live Into Hope”

*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 “Live Into Hope” – arr. Callahan

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



Thank you to our Worship Servers

Acolyte	Kendall Wichart
Liturgist	Sue Hummel
Ushers	Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing
Coffee Hr. Hosts	Deacons’ Veterans Coffee Hour



Music Notes

Today’s prelude is American composer Gerald Near’s 2019 setting of a Gregorian chant used as an introit and incorporating opening verses of Psalm 83: “O God, do not keep silence; do not hold your peace or be still, O God! For behold, your enemies make an uproar; those who hated you have raised their heads. They lay crafty plans against your people; they consult together against your treasured ones.” The postlude is based on the hymn tune “Truro,” arranged by another modern American composer, Charles Callahan. We thank the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.



All are welcome to join us outside for a special Coffee Hour hosted by the Deacons in honor of our Veterans. Thank you for your service.

*This Week’s Calendar
November 14-21*

<i>Sunday</i> November 14	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming 11 AM Veterans Coffee Hour – Church Grounds 11:30 AM New Members Class – Agape Rm./Virtual
<i>Monday</i> November 15	
<i>Tuesday</i> November 16	6 PM Youth Group – Memorial Lounge
<i>Wednesday</i> November 17	10 AM Joy Circle 1 PM Faith Circle 6:30 PM Sparrow Chorale – Music Room 6:30 PM Girl Scouts – Social Hall 7 PM Circle of Life
<i>Thursday</i> November 18	6 PM Youth Group – Memorial Lounge 7 PM Christian Ed. Committee - Zoom
<i>Friday</i> November 19	
<i>Saturday</i> November 20	9 AM Combined Board Meeting – Agape Room 9:30 AM Grace Circle
<i>Sunday</i> November 21	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming

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