

For Prayer & Contemplation

The terms of life...are other than our own. They are the terms of the generous, merciful, giving forgiving God. This God invites us to that new life, or second look, and a second life, forgiving, forgiven.

-Walter Brueggemann, The Threat of Life

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude “Voluntary in C major” – Purcell

Call to Worship (Written by Rev. Bill Getman from Psalm 103)

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul

All: And all that is within me bless God’s holy name.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul

All: And forget not all his benefits.

One: The Lord forgives all our sin

All: And crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: He removes our transgressions from us.

Bless the Lord and sing praises to his name!

*Hymn No. 445 – “God, How Can We Forgive”

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, in our Son we have seen the depth of your love for us and we have received your generous mercy and forgiveness. But we are slow to mirror your forgiving spirit and instead we choose to hold fast to the hurts others have inflicted upon us. We have been slow to accept your Grace to forgive others and forgive ourselves. Forgive us and free us this day from our resentment, anger, and bitterness. Strengthen us to free others and ourselves from hard feelings we hold, forgiving others just as your Son showed us.

Forgive us, God of grace. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: Even when our cups run dry, God’s grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God’s generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God’s love overflows. Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God’s grace, and by the power of God’s love, your sins have been forgiven. Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*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.”

*Passing of Peace

One: At this time, we bless one another and greet those here in the sanctuary and those worshipping apart from us with a passing of the peace .May the peace of Christ be with you and we respond, and also with you. Please share the peace with each other.

All: And also, with you.

Anthem: “March for 2 Trumpets” – Handel
Robert Earley and George Rabbai, trumpets

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

1st Reading: *Genesis 50: 15-21*
Old Testament PG 48
Large Print PG 60

2nd Reading: *Matthew 18: 21-22*
New Testament PG 20
Large Print PG 24

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “The Elephant in the Room” *Bev Ballard*

Affirmation of Faith (*The 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

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”
“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

It is humbling, Lord, that you trust us depend on our gifts to build your Kingdom. May we live up to the responsibility you have given us, giving glory to you with all our gifts. Amen

The Prayers of the People

Rebecca Monaghan, Joy Pino-Mottlin, the family of Margaret Fortney, Mavis Finch, the family of Paul Minkoff, Dan, Cindy, the family of Phyllis Bullock-Beaufait, April Staman, Jason, Tina, Sarah Chowning, Joan Wagner, Nic Albadine, Erin Fitzpatrick, Meg Yanefski, The family of Dorothy Weir, Sara Crispin, Jim Taylor, David, William Loeb, Rachael Lodholz, Aaron Hill, Douglas Hoffman, Jason Bell, the family of Luke Griffith, Jack Van Ens, Greer and Graham, Marta, The family of Dot Clay

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. 435 “There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*Benediction

*Benediction Hymn 765 “May the Hope of God Go with Us”

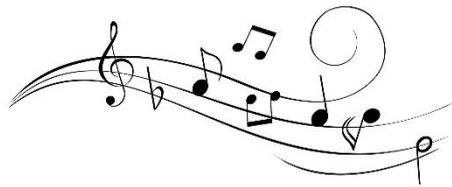
**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
Singing, share our joy with all;
Working, for a world that’s new;
Faithful, when we hear Christ’s call.**

Postlude “Trumpet Tune Duet” – Clarke

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

Worship Assistants

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Ushers	John Fitzpatrick Renee Sheridan
Liturgist	Barbara Walters



Music Notes

Music Notes: Today's prelude is a movement from the Ceremonial Music of Henry Purcell (1659 - 1693). The anthem was written for two unaccompanied trumpets by George Frederic Handel (1685 - 1759). The postlude was written by English composer Jeremiah Clarke (c. 1673 - 1707) when he served as composer and organist at the "Chapels Royal" in London. We thank Robert Earley and George Rabbai for sharing special music with us this morning.



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<i>This Week's Calendar</i> October 30-November 6	
<i>Sunday</i> October 30	10 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers Practice, Biblical Storytelling 4pm
<i>Monday</i> October 31	
<i>Tuesday</i> November 1	Girl Scouts 6:30pm
<i>Wednesday</i> November 2	Sparrow Chorale 6:30pm
<i>Thursday</i> November 3	Bell Choir 7pm, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8pm,
<i>Friday</i> November 4	
<i>Saturday</i> November 5	
<i>Sunday</i> November 6	10 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers, Youth Group-Fahrenheit Ceramics 11:30, Biblical Storytelling 4pm



<i>This Week's Birthdays</i>
October 31 Beverly Currier
November 3 Jillian Lai
November 5 Barbara Vignola



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