

For Prayer & Contemplation

God is merciful and loving and gives direction to us in offering loving actions toward all people. We long for the insight and will to treat others as we wish to be treated. May we pray for help that we may embody lasting values in all our relationships and become part of God's transforming plans for the world.

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" – arr. Honore

Call to Worship

One: Come near to our God. Be still before the one who fulfills our hearts' desires.

All: We wait patiently for God to be revealed to us.

One: We believe God is among us and will be known by us.

All: We gather to receive life in all its abundance. God is providing for us and has a purpose for us. God will help us wherever we are. In thanksgiving, let us worship God.

*Hymn No. 620 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Prayer of Confession

Kind God, we have sinned against you. We have judged and condemned those whose actions offend us. We hesitate to forgive our enemies or make allowances for the behavior of others. We pray far less often for our enemies than for our friends. We admit our failures and ask once more for pardon and renewal in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: God is merciful and calls on us to offer mercy to those who have wronged us. God forgives and bids us to forgive others. God's love is always available to us and we are to pass it on. God provides for us; and out of that bounty, we minister to those around us. Let us live as people who recognize and appreciate God's gracious love. Beloved, this is the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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: "New Hope" – Landry, 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

1st Reading: *Psalms 37: 1-9*

Old Testament PG 510

Large Print PG 628

2nd Reading: *Luke 17: 5-10*

New Testament PG 80

Large Print PG 97-98

Sermon "Moving Rubber Tree Plants (or Mulberry Trees)"
– *Rev. James Mehler*

Affirmation of Faith (*Apostles Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Dedication of Pledges

Invitation to Offering

Our prosperity gives us the joyous opportunity to be generous. We can go beyond tithes and offerings and bless the world with dazzling gifts. We are given the privilege to offer mercy and care that can transform the lives of others. Let us give with delight, that others may live.

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

O God, receive our joy along with our gifts. We reach out with this offering to do good in and through our church. Through our shared life in this community of faith, create in us the image of the one who calls us to love in his name. Lead us to share with the world the blessings we have received from your hand. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise... therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and cup of heaven. Enable us to recognize you in the breaking of the bread, and in each other. Amen.

*Hymn No. 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Benediction

Love your enemies and do good. Lend to others, expecting nothing in return. Forgive as God forgives us. Be merciful as God is merciful. Greet others as children of God. And as you go and do...

*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 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" – arr. Adam

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

Worship Assistants

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Ushers	Dave Nicastro Darlene Powell
Liturgist	Vicki Downing
Acolyte	Kendall Wichart



Music Notes

Music Notes: Today's prelude is Jeffrey Honore's set of two variations on the tune "Alleluia No. 1," written in 1973 by Don Fishel. Carey Landry wrote the text and music of our anthem. The postlude is Johann Ludwig Adam's variation and fugue on the hymn tune "Lauda Anima," originally written in 1869 by John Goss for Henry Francis Lyte's free adaptation of the words of Psalm 103. We thank the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> November 6 - November 13	
<i>Sunday</i> November 6	Deacons Meeting 8:30am, 10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers Practice, Youth Group 11:30,
<i>Monday</i> November 7	Session Meeting 7pm
<i>Tuesday</i> November 8	Girl Scouts 6:30pm, Invitation & Outreach Committee 7pm
<i>Wednesday</i> November 9	Sparrow Choral 6:30pm,
<i>Thursday</i> November 10	Bell Choir 7pm, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8pm
<i>Friday</i> November 11	Theology on Tap 7pm
<i>Saturday</i> November 12	
<i>Sunday</i> November 13	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Deacons Veterans Coffee Hour 11am, 100th Anniversary Handbell Choir Concert 5pm

Birthday Blessings



<i>This Week's Birthdays</i>	
November 7	Benzakary Sanker, Jack Staman, Dustin Paugh
November 8	Dave Nicastro
November 10	Julia Fisher
November 12	Betsy Wriggins, Linda Richardson



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10 AM Worship Service
November 6, 2022
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