



**Faith**  
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

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Sunday, November 24, 2024  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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## WELCOME

*Time of Silent Preparation for Worship*

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Know that the Lord is God.

**People: It is God that made us, and we belong to him.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

**People: Let us give thanks to the Lord and bless his name.**

Leader: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

**People: We gather to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.**

Leader: Our hope is in the name of the all-giving God,

**People: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of heaven and earth.**

## INVOCATION

### \*CONFESSION

Leader: O God, we know we forget about you, we forget to love you, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank you.

**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you, and strong hands to serve you.

**All: Help us live this day, this week and always, so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.**

## **\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Leader: God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Savior. We can rest assured. We are a forgiven people.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*HYMN** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* Gray, #381 vs. 1,2,4

## **BLESSING OF FOOD DONATIONS & CHILDREN'S LESSON**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Joel 2:21-27

**RESPONSIVE READING** (from Psalm 126)

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**People: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice.**

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**People: The Lord is doing great things for us, and we are thankful.**

Leader: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

**People: The Lord will do great things for us, and we will praise his name forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *We Gather Together* Gray, #376

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 6:25-33

**SERMON** “Consider the Lilies”

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\***HYMN** *For the Fruit of All Creation* Gray, #379 vs. 1,3

\***DEDICATION OF PLEDGES**

\***GIFTS and OFFERINGS** *There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.*



\***DOXOLOGY**

\***BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all who are at war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know. Bill Bates, Vickie Bieger, Sue Cook, Gary Cook, Stephen Dearth, Sonne Durphy, Barb Fink, Ruth Foley & Family, Louise Forney, Friends & family of Jim Henry, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Fred Shear, Sydney Stisser, Janet Taber, Bob Tills, and Joyce Whittemore.

**For Those in the Military:** Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teegan Partridge, Cadan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Joe Solak, Mark Solak, Aaron Wellman, and Mark Williams.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you so much to all that have provided so generously for our Food Drive.
- Please plan to stay for Turkey Soup after worship today whether or not you signed up in advance. Come and enjoy some good food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- December 7<sup>th</sup> Women's Group will be decorating the Church for Christmas and practicing for our Advent program.
- The Women's Advent program will take place during worship on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The Women's Christmas party will be Wednesday, December 11, 5:15 pm at the Parsonage. All women are invited.
- The Sunday school Christmas Program will be presented during worship on Sunday, December 15, with a Coffee Hour following.
- Just a reminder there are envelopes available to donate towards Grace House and Plymouth Crossroads for the holiday season.

### OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2465  
Offering collection from November 17, 2024: \$3086  
Current: \$3021 Benevolent: \$65  
Attendance on Sunday, November 17, 2024: 66