

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

November 12, 2017

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church

\* A Time of Greeting

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

**Call to Worship**

God is here now, as we gather to worship.

**We praise you, God, for your presence with us here and always!**

God promises a day when all will be made right, and peace will prevail.

**We long for the day of that promised fulfilled, and of Jesus' return.**

As we wait, we listen for God's word and wisdom,

**Seeking to be church together, doing God's work in the world.**

**\*Hymn #409**            "God is Here!"

Call to Confession

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we seek your forgiveness for times and ways we have been more foolish than faithful. You offer us the way of peace and reconciliation, but we choose another way. You offer us hope and purpose, but we choose another way. We don't tend to our spirits, and then find ourselves running on empty. We grow impatient waiting upon your will, and give up our trust in you. We have the calling and the means to share with others, but we withhold what they need. By your mercy, help us to wise up to your way in this world. Ever grateful, hear our prayers...**

(silent prayers)

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **\*Response #39 refrain**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see.**

**All I have needed thy hand hath provided.**

**Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

A Stewardship Snapshot

Allie Lundgren

Anthem

“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”  
Choir

K. Lee Scott

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear. The evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The Bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near. Go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.

The marriage feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand. Arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand

The saints, who here in patience their cross and sufferings bore, shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold; in triumph cast before Him their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear. Arise, O Sun so longed for. O'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see. The day of earth's redemption that sets Your people free!  
rejoice, rejoice, rejoice!

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Help us hear your Word, O God, and take it to heart. Then, hearing and believing it, let us be about the work of living it, day by day. In the way of Jesus, Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson      Joshua 24:1-5,13-18

Page: OT 215

A Scripture Conversation

Second Scripture Lesson      Matthew 25:1-13

Page: NT 28

Sermon

*“Picture this: Preventing Burn Out”*

\* **Hymn #350**

**“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”**

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

### Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

#### Offertory

##### **\*Response (#712 v.3)**

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,  
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

##### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**O God, we offer again our gifts and ourselves. We give, not only to build up the ministry of this church, but to strengthen our own faith commitment, and to support all who are church with us. As we wait upon you, keep us doing your work in your world. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

#### 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.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

**\*Hymn #761**                    “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Organ Postlude

*You may recycle your bulletins in the basket at the back of the Meeting House.*

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**Thank you for serving today:**

Worship Leader: Sally Brett

Ushers: Gail & C.J. Seitz

Nursery: Lyn Briggs/Susan Townsend

Sunday School: Heather Raezer

Fellowship Hour: Heather Raezer/Bev Stoudt

Counters: Jane Fouracre/Bruce Raker

The flowers today are given by *Gail & C.J. Seitz*

**In Honor of our Growing Family**

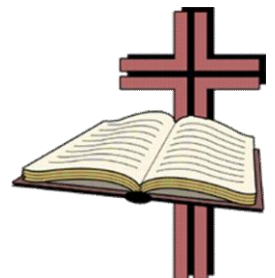
Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

*Nelson L. Murray*

*1914-1971*

*Russell Lowell Jaberg*

*1914-1992*



## **TABLE TALKS – TAKE TWO TODAY!**

Thanks to all who gathered around tables and shared responses at last Sunday's Table Talk. Come again today – sit with different people – and listen and share as the Mission Study Team leads us through this experience again. This first step in our Mission Study process will give input and insight to the Mission Study team about how to proceed. And listening well to others is always a good exercise for a congregation. Join us!

## **STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION –NEXT SUNDAY NOV. 19**

We've heard the "Stewardship Snapshots" offered by our church family. We've heard scripture and sermon speaking to the call to give. We've heard information at our Giving Brunch about realities and needs for your giving to continue and fuel the mission of this congregation. And now, you have received the Stewardship mailing, with the new 2-sided pledge form, asking you to indicate how you hope to give of your time, talent and financial resources to be church with us.

**We will dedicate our giving next Sunday Nov 19 in worship. PLEASE BRING THE COMPLETED PLEDGE FORMS WITH YOU.** (If you know you cannot be here, please get them to the church office in advance of Sunday).

## **NEXT SUNDAY – "Ditty Box" Assembly for Seamen's Center**

Next Sunday, Nov 19 is the deadline for all donations for the Christmas at Sea program for the Seamen's Center. After worship, we'll gather in Fellowship Hall to assemble the "ditty boxes" – hopefully 40 or more! Many thanks to all who have donated – please stay and help us pack the boxes. Many hands make lots of ditty boxes in no time! Questions? Contact Ellie Gerhart (328-0908) or Barbara Whisman (322-6234).

## **USHERS NEEDED!**

Can you say "Good morning!"? Hand out bulletins? Count to 80? Collect the offering? Then you can be an usher – AND WE NEED YOU! The Worship Committee has a sign up sheet in the CE Building – and it is BLANK starting NEXT SUNDAY NOV 19. You no longer are expected to commit to a month. Just a single Sunday here and there. Please consider stepping up to help. Instructions – and gratitude - provided!

## **YARD CLEANUP – SATURDAY, DEC. 2, 2017**

## **NOV. 26 – CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY – Readers needed**

On the last Sunday of the church year, we will worship through readings and songs that take us through the whole cycle of the church year/life of Christ. 4-5 additional readers are needed. Please let Jenny know if you wish to be one of them!

## **BAGELS & BLESSINGS – THANKSGIVING MORNING**

Join us on Thanksgiving morning, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for “Bagels & Blessings”. It’s a way to start Thanksgiving with thanksgiving, with your church family. Bring that out-of-town family with you, as we share a light breakfast (because we will have LOTS of other food coming that day!) and a brief time of worship, prayers and songs of thanks. Blessings abound – and so will the bagels! Please sign up in Fellowship Hall so we know to count on you and yours!

## **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS 2017 - SATURDAY, DEC. 9 - How can you help?**

Sign-up sheets and schedules have been posted in the CE building. See **Monty Gerhart** if you have questions about the schedules.

**Books:** Coffee-table quality books and other nearly new volumes are preferred. You may bring books in boxes or sturdy shopping bags clearly labeled for SOC to the CE building and leave them in the entry area. If you have questions, or if you have a large number of books to donate, please contact **Peter McCurdy** for guidelines.

**“Look What \$20 Will Buy” table:** Please contact **Jo Viola** or **Carol Mayhew** for details before bringing donations to the church. Need: **NEW children’s toys and games. The deadline for donations is Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017.**

**Homemade Soups and Breads:** For details or soup recipes, please contact **Susan Townsend** or **Janet Reed**. Add your name to the posted sign-up sheet!

**Crafts:** If you have a homemade craft specialty to offer, contact **Ellie Gerhart**

**Refreshment table:** Cookies may be store-bought or homemade. Please bring them in starting Nov. 26 and label them clearly for SOC.

**Spread the Word:** Red and green “Save the date” cards are available in the entry area of the CE building. Please pick up a few and distribute them to your friends and other contacts.

**Pat Taylor, Miranda Matthews, and Kelly Koczak McCurdy**

## **Prayer List:**

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 [suzieflook@hotmail.com](mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com) or Fran Gingher, silverfran@aol.com

## ***Continuing Care Homes:***

### ***Jean Swanson***

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***This Week's Schedule***

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>11:30am</b>  <b>11:40am</b> <b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b> <b>Fellowship Hour / Table Talk</b> - All are Welcome! <b>Deacons Meeting</b> <b>Colonial Chimers</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/14</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/15</b>	<b>1:00pm</b> <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> <b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/16</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Celebration Ringers</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/18</b>	<b>8-9am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11/19</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>11:30am</b>  <b>11:45am</b> <b>12:00pm</b>	<b>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</b> <b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b> <b>Fellowship Hour</b> - All are Welcome! <b>Ditty Box Assembly</b> <b>Colonial Chimers</b>