

ORDER OF WORSHIP

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY

November 19, 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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

God has blessed us with life, and with much to enjoy the living of it!

We worship a God who gives freely.

Following God's way, we seek to live generously.

Grateful for God's blessings,

Let us echo those blessings, as an act of praise and worship!

***Hymn #619** "Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, we praise you for your heart always open to us, and your mercy that knows no limit. We confess that we do not live as generously, with either our actions or attitudes. Forgive our lack of trust that makes us hide our gifts instead of share them. Forgive our fear that makes us worry that we won't have enough. Forgive our pride that judges others as less worthy of receiving. Forgive us for burying what you give us, rather than using it to bless. By your abundant mercy, forgive what we have been, and renew in us the call to be your faithful servants. 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

Peter McCurdy

Anthem: "Precious Spirit, Breath of Peace"

J. Martin

The Choir

Precious Spirit, breath of peace, fall upon my heart today. Call so gently to my being, follow in my way. Loving Spirit, source of life, fill my heart with joy divine. Grant my life your richest blessing: Lord, your presence at my side. Give me, Lord, a sense of challenge, grant me vision for thy work. Let my heart reach out to people. For your glory let me serve. Holy Spirit, light from heaven, fill my eyes with vision clear. Take my life and make it holy, take my life and make it solely for the things you hold most dear.

Prayer for Illumination

Reveal yourself through the hearing of your Word, O God. By seeing more clearly who you are, may we know more fully who we are to be. In the way of Jesus, Amen.

First Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:31-46

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A Scripture Conversation

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:14-30

Page: NT 28

Sermon *"Picture this: Left Holding the Bag"*

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Music Meditation "We Are an Offering"
Sarah McCann, soloist

found as Hymn 710

Stewardship Dedication

Please bring your Stewardship Dedication Pledge Form forward to the Communion Table, as we sing together

Hymn #697 "Take My Life" (vs. 1,4,5)

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, you have given yourself to us in every way. Receive the ways we offer ourselves to you. Take what we give, and use how we live, to continue your way of love, justice and peace in your world. In the way of Jesus, 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 #700** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Organ Postlude

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

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Ray Snyder

Ushers: Ringo Keka & Mark Rappold

Nursery: Molly Cooney & Molly Shaw

Sunday School: Bev Stoudt

Fellowship Hour: Miranda Matthews & Linda Twyford

Counters: Bruce Raker & Jo Viola

The flowers today are given by *Miranda & Scott Matthews*

In Memory of Reynold J. Matthews & Lorane Lloyd Matthews

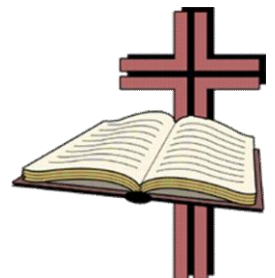
Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Carlo F. Viola

1914-1971

Ivan Philip Hanson

1902-1992



STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION –TODAY

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 TODAY in worship. IF YOU FORGOT YOUR GIVING FORM THERE ARE ONES AT THE END OF THE PEWS.

TODAY – "Ditty Box" Assembly for 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 NEXT SUNDAY, NOV 26. 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!

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 23rd 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

YARD WORK – SATURDAY, DEC 2, 9am-Noon

Please join us for our church yard clean-up. Please bring rakes and/or brooms. All are welcome! – Trustees

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – TOMORROW – MONDAY, NOV 20!

Please send to the church office your articles, small or large for the upcoming December Newsletter.

Prayer List:

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

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	11/19		STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
		10:30am	Worship & Sunday School
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour - All are Welcome!
		11:40am	Mission Outreach Meeting
		11:45am	Ditty Box Assembly
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers
Monday	11/20		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
			Meals on Wheels
		6:00pm	Mission Study Meeting
		7:00pm	English Country Dancers
		7:30pm	Trustees Meeting
Tuesday	11/21		Meals on Wheels
		7:30pm	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship @ Immanuel Episcopal
Wednesday	11/22		Meals on Wheels
Thursday	11/23		THANKSGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED
		8:00am	Breakfast & Bagels
Friday	11/24		OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday	11/25	8-9am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	11/26		CHRIST THE KING
		10:30am	Worship & Sunday School
		11:30am	Fellowship Hour – All Welcome
		11:40am	Resource Development
		12:00pm	Colonial Chimers