

The Mt. Carmel Congregational Church
A United Church of Christ
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 24th, 2021



Christ Healing the Blind, Domenico Fiasella

Prelude

“Amazing Grace”

Valerie Duffy, Flute

Arr. Daniel Kallman

Diane Scott, Violin

Gathering Prayer

*Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

[See Below]

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Greeting

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: *And also with you.*

The Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Oh Christ, if we carry the name Christian, we are signs of your presence. Yet we confess that we sometimes hurt people through our pride, rather than showing the way to the healing waters of your Spirit. When we are discouraged ourselves, we are unable to be signs of joy or hope or good news. Forgive us, and give us grace to be earthly reminders of your love. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

***Hymn of Thanks** The Gloria Patri NCH #759
*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.*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Kevin P. Delaney

Words of Welcome

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior. Amen. [NCH Page 46]

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Collect for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Eternal Source of life, be with us this day as we seek to open ourselves to your love and your wholeness. Be with us as we set aside our everyday worries and concerns and concentrate on your forgiveness and loving

***Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there 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 life everlasting. Amen.

The Joys and Concerns of the Parish Family

Altar flowers for this week's service are given by Sally and Dick Jaynes in memory of their parents, Bing and Esther Humprey and Harold and Virginia Jaynes.

Please remember the following persons in your prayers. Martha Buller; Joan Copeland; Amos Hewitt; Beverly Dean; Rhonda Pruzinsky; Gilbert Spencer; Ron Vanacore; Lynda Pedersen's brother - Peter Bronson; Susan Owens; Kathy Willey; and Beverly Churchill's friend Joanne. Our prayers continue to go out to everyone recovering from Covid 19 and those grieving for loved ones.

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

“Amazing Grace”

Performed by our very own Bell Choir

*The Doxology

*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.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

“My Life Goes on in Endless Song”

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*Benediction

Postlude

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*As a community of faith, gathered in Christ's love,
we strive to support one another in hearing the Word,
living the Word, and sharing the Word.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deadline for Newsletter Articles is this Sunday, October 24th.

There will be no Bible Study this week. Bible Study will resume on November 3rd at 7pm over Zoom. All are welcome to attend, please contact Rev. Olivia for details.

Calling all landscaping enthusiasts! Our next church grounds cleanup will be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, October 30th at 8:30am. Landscaping tools are appreciated! Hope to see you there!

In honor of All Saints Sunday, we will be honoring the names of the deceased in service on Sunday, November 7th. If you would like a name to be read, please contact the office by phone or email by Wednesday, November 3rd at the latest.

Get some Christmas shopping done early! Stop by the parlor during coffee hour to purchase goods provided by the Craft Committee.

Altar flowers are needed for the month of November and December. If anyone wishes to donate altar flowers, please contact Karen Amato.

Coffee Hour Volunteers are needed for the months of November and December. Please contact a member of Church staff to sign up or use the signup sheet located in the Church Hall.

Please help yourself to the “At Home Flyer” or Bible verse bookmark from the bulletin board in the parish hall.

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***Note: Due to recent developments, we ask that you kindly wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.**