

The Mt. Carmel Congregational Church

A United Church of Christ

Stewardship Sunday

November 22, 2020

Prelude:

A Thanksgiving Prelude for flute and organ

Arr. Charles Callahan

Valerie Duffy, flute

Gathering Prayer

Hymn

We Gather Together

NCH #421

Tune: KRESMER

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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.*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy and most wonderful God, we come to you at this season of harvest and thanksgiving with deep gratitude. Forgive us when our fears overwhelm us, and our patience wears thin. Help us to continue to trust you even in this difficult time. Unite our hearts and minds in you. In Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Hymn of Thanks

The Gloria Patri

#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

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Collect for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost (in unison)

As we gather in new and different ways, help us feel your presence, in the kindness of a friend and as inspiring words of hope. Help us to hear your word in the scriptures this morning. In Jesus name. Amen.

PSALTER:

Psalm 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,

²O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

³*When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.*

⁴Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.

*We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.*

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;

*you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.*

⁶By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.

⁷*You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.*

⁸Those who live at earth's farthest bounds
are awed by your signs;

*you make the gateways of the morning
and the evening shout for joy.*

⁹ You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

¹¹ *You crown the year with your bounty;*
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,
¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

THE EPISTLE: 2 Cor. 9: 6-15

Greta Edelman

THE GOSPEL: Luke 17: 11-19

Hymn: *Come, O Thankful People, Come* NCH #422
Henry Alford (1844) TUNE: St. George's Windsor

Come, O thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in
as the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

All the blessings of the field,
all the stores the gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply
ripened 'neath the summer sky,
All that spring with bounteous hand
scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours
from its rich o'erflowing stores.

These to you, our God, we owe,
source from whom all blessing flow;
and for these our songs we raise,
grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

SERMON:

Attitude of Gratitude

Rev. Olivia Robinson

Affirmation of Faith

The 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

Please remember the following persons in your prayers: Richard Silocka; Martha Buller; Dave Jurkiewicz; Barbara, a friend of Jan Hewitt's with serious illness; Joan Copeland, daughter of Carillon and Peter Copeland; Gilbert Spencer; June, a friend of Bev Churchill; Greta Edelman's cousin, Yvonne; Beverly Dean; and Jim O'Neil who has been deployed to Jordan.

Our Condolences and prayers go to Joan Hammeal and her family on the passing of her husband, Robert. Also our prayers for everyone recovering from Covid 19 and those grieving for loved ones; and all people who have lost their job.

If you would like to send a sympathy note to Joan Hammeal her address is:
Joan Hammeal, 9 Loop Road, Clinton, CT 06413.

If you would like to send a note to Jim O'Neil (deployed in Jordan) his address is: O'Neil, James ASG-J 143D RSG APO, AE 09315

Message From Bev Jurkiewicz, Church Clerk

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Mount Carmel Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, December 13th at 11:15am, following the regular church service. This will be a virtual meeting. More information will follow. We need a Quorum of 25 members.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 forever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

We Gather Together
Arr. Robert Lau

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.*

BENEDICTION

Hymn:

Now Thank We All Our God.
Tune: NUN DANKET

NCH #419

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,

and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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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.*