

October 20th, 2024

Congregational responses are in **bold**

(*) Indicates Standing

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit**

"Grateful" (*refrain only*)

MV#182

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: We gather as people of the Light,

All: the Light guides our way.

One: We gather as people of the Word,

All: the Living Word that has come among us.

One: We gather as people of a story,

All: the story of God's Love woven within us.

One: We gather as people of the way,

All: the way of Christ, the way of life.

One: We gather as a people of community,

All: in serving one another and sharing our lives.

One: God is here, we are here, let us worship!

***Hymn:** "We Praise You, O God"

VU#218

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, as we gather in worship this day, each of us comes with hopes that need to be held, hurts that need to be healed, and joys that cry out to be shared. As Your Spirit comes among us, may we each hear that one word of Grace our spirits long to hear. United by our shared story of faith, may we open our hearts to one another, as You have opened Your heart to us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayer: "Where Two or Three..." X 3

MV#14

(*Concluding with The Lord's Prayer*)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Your Love, Dear God, is present, reaching far and wide, and Your Spirit is ever-moving, here to be our guide. In our living and our growing, in our learning and our play, may your light and love shine though us, that all may find their way. As You work within our hearts, we pray that we might be, a story of Your Love and Grace, for all the world to see. Amen.

*Hymn: "Called by Earth and Sky"

MV#135

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination:

Reader: Nancy B.

Scripture Lesson:

Old Testament: Job 38: 4-7; 34-41

Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45

Response:

One: This is God's Word of Love,

All: **spoken for us and through us. Amen.**

Sermon "Your Story, My Story"

Anthem

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: "Three Things I Promise"

MV#176

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

*Sung Dedication:

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

VU#543 vs. 1

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Gracious God, we thank You for every opportunity You offer to join our hearts with Yours. As we make our offerings this day, renew within us a sense of purpose and belonging as members of Your great family. Bless and guide these gifts, so that all Your children, far and wide, may experience the fullness of life that comes from our shared story with You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

VU#325

Benediction (*unison*):

One: Go with God's blessing,

All: God's Love surrounds us.

One: Go with God's blessing,

All: Christ's Joy lifts us.

One: Go with God's blessing,

All: The Spirit's Hope nurtures us.

One: Go with God's blessing:

All: to be a blessing in the world. Amen.

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Benediction** "May the Blessing of God..."

VU#429

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: Oct 20 Annie & John	Oct 27 Marlene & John
Screens: Oct 20 Kevin	Oct 27 Erik Nov 3 Tracy

This week's calendar

Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
Wednesday	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	12:30pm	Bridge	Church Hall

***Tai Chi** with Val is offered Mon, Wed & Fri at 9:30am*

Scouts, Guides and outside rentals also use the building throughout the week.

Announcements:

2025 United Church Calendar: Please contact the office by October 28th if you would like to purchase a calendar for \$10.

Hallowe'en Coffee and Muffin Party: Tuesday, October 29th at 9:30am to 11:30am. Free will offering. Craft and Bake table as well.

Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, November 2nd @ 8am-11:30am! \$10 per person. Please join us for this delicious breakfast that includes: