

WELCOME!

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE “Royal Oak” -Helman

Bringing in the Light of Christ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we turn from harvest to the season of winter,

People: we give thanks and praise to the God of creation.

Leader: As we gather with friends and family for Thanksgiving holidays,

People: we give thanks and praise to the God of community.

Leader: As we worship and pause for prayer in the midst of busy lives and changing seasons,

People: we give thanks and praise for the grace of God in Christ Jesus.

*HYMN 551 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come -St. George’s Windsor

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy One, as all is safely gathered in, before the winter storms begin, balance our spiritual awareness between what is within, and what is without. In this Thanksgiving worship, receive our gratitude for the blessings we’ve received, and reveal to us your sacred Word of comfort and calling. We offer you our hands in faithful service O God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer; amen

*GLORIA PATRI ~ *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.*

ANTHEM Sing to the Lord of Harvest -Chatfield
Rebecca Laird, violinist

HEARING OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 -Reader, Walter Vail

SERMON “Paul the Encourager” -Rev. Mark Winters

*HYMN 510 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts -Quebec

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE Lead Me Lord -Wesley

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Voluntary in D Major -Stanley

*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.

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Fountain of Mercy, your generosity to the world calls us to practice generosity ourselves. So, in love and in faith, we return to you these gifts, for your sacred purposes. Bless the offerings of our hands, and intentions of our hearts, that Christ’s compassion might manifest through this, your church. In his spirit we humbly pray; amen.

*HYMN 555 Now Thank We All Our God -Nun Danket Alle Gott

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Entrée on “We Gather Together” -Rowland-Raybold

* **Congregation Standing (if able)**

Welcome to the Federated Church! We strive to be a welcoming community, serving God and neighbor. If you need help finding a hymnal, restroom, or anything else you need, please ask an usher. We hope you are able to join us for coffee hour in the Parish House, across the courtyard, after worship. Our services are live-streamed. If you prefer to be off camera, we recommend sitting toward the back on the left-hand side.

Head Deacon: Karen Meeks
Ushers: Elizabeth Villard and Donna Rhodes
Flowers: Given in recognition all that we are thankful for
Coffee Hour Host: Dianne and Tom Durawa
A/V Team Member: Brett Regan
Choir Practice: Tuesday at 4:30PM
AA Meeting: Saturday at 8:00 PM

In Office Hours: Monday, 1-3:30PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9-3PM

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