

October 2, 2016
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: Sonata for Strings and Organ W.A. Mozart

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *We are Singing in the light of God*

Call to Worship

One: God's mercies never end; they are new every morning. We gather in gratitude, that our faith may increase.

All: We will sing our songs of praise. We will proclaim the good news of the gospel.

One: Take delight in God, who is with us wherever we go. Trust God, even when we do not feel like singing.

All: We will commit all our ways to God. We will wait patiently for answers to our prayers.

One: By God's grace, we are gathered for worship. In God's love, we are no longer exiles and strangers.

All: We have been called together by the Holy Spirit. We will treasure this special time in sacred space.

One: Come let us worship together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Make your presence known among us, o God, for the foundations of our lives are shaking. We grieve in loneliness amid the crowds. We huddle in fear because of the violence that surrounds us. Cities are ravaged, and rural areas are not safe. We are exiled from the homeland of our dreams. Draw us to yourself, gracious God, that we may experience your reign among us. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O God, we face our world with cowardice. We would rather avoid danger than take a stand against injustice. We want to enjoy privileges not available to others. We wish to keep away from all the cries for help that bombard us. The problems around us are overwhelming. The distress within us is staggering. Too often we lash out at others rather than turning to you for guidance and strength. Now, in these moments together, we cry out for help. We want you to be your people. We want to live with a clear conscience and right spirit. Remake us, loving God. Hear now our silent confessions as we turn to you seeking mercy, forgiveness and grace. Amen.

Moment of silence

Assurance of God's Love

***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.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 137

(Page 709 HS in the pew bible)

**Reading from the Hebrew Scripture –
Lamentations 1:1-6**

(Page 933 HS in the pew bible)

***Hymn:** #532 *Sheaves of Wheat*

First verse sung by choir; repeat verse with congregation

Second verse sung by choir; repeat verse with congregation

Sacrament of Communion

The cut bread on the communion plate is gluten-free.

The communion wine is non-alcoholic juice.

Communion Prayer

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love by bringing us to this meal. We go from this table, renewed in faith, renewed in courage, and strengthened by your presence. Thank you for loving us so tenderly. Thank you for challenging us to know you better and to

receive you more fully. It is in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** #532 *Sheaves of Wheat*

Third verse sung by choir; repeat verse with congregation

Fourth verse sung by choir; repeat verse with congregation

(Children leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion Group)

Offering of Gifts

Anthem: *Laudate Dominum*

W.A. Mozart

Andrea Bargabos, soprano soloist

Sumin Goh (violin), Alan Wong (viola), Alex Jeon (cello)

***Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

Gospel Reading – Luke 17:5-10

(Page 97 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Morning Glories"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Response: *For everyone Born, a place at the table*

***Hymn:** #546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

Benediction

Response: *We are singing in the light of God*

Postlude: *Toccata in G Major* Benedetto Marcello
(*Please stand if able)

If you are visiting us today, Welcome! Please sign the guestbook at the front door and introduce yourself to our Pastor or to one of our Deacons.

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. All are welcome. Our host today is Kristine Jennings

Hearing assist devices are available; please see an usher if you would like to use one.

Nursery care is available for children ages 0-4. Please ask an usher to direct you to the nursery.

Our Lay Reader today is Carol Magowan. The ushers for today are Ellie Owens & Pat Palmer.

It is always a pleasure to have Andrea Barbagos as soprano soloist. Today we also welcome Sumin Goh (violin), Alan Wong (viola) and Alex Jeon (cello) from The Hotchkiss School as our string trio.

Prayer List

Margie Vail, Gordon Weekly, Paul McAbee, Jose Luis Marti, Kay & Stan Norman, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Betty Scribner, family and friends of: Mark Lundeen, Norman Sills, Charles Cook, and Ron Gramaglia.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today 11:30 am Trustees
2 pm Noble Service
Tuesday 5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 7 pm HousaTonics
Friday 7:30 am Men's Bible Study
Sunday 4 pm Installation Service for Reverend Ryan Gackenheimer at Silver Lake

FALL FESTIVAL~FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

The town – wide annual event is almost here, and SCC will welcome visitors from near and far throughout the weekend. What can you do? Volunteer, donate, display one or more quilts in the Meeting House and come with family and friends. All proceeds of the festival benefit local non-profits. See Kathy Mera or Jeanette Weber during coffee hour to lend your support.

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