

October 24, 2016

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #667 *When Morning Guilds The Skies*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Call to Worship

One: We cry out to God for the help we need. How will we know we have been heard?

All: God stands with us through life's trials and temptations. God sends visions of new possibilities.

One: Here we stand watch for God's appearing. Together we seek a presence and aspire after truth.

All: Surely God is in this place and will give us understanding. God is recalling us to the values we have neglected.

One: God's righteousness is everlasting, and God's law is truth. Listen to all God would teach us; hear the Word of God.

All: We seek to grow in faith and in love for one another. We would learn to do good and to work for justice.

One: Come let us worship together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

O Still Speaking God, throughout history and the wide world you have gathered people around your Word to instruct and inspire. We give thanks for all who have received your vision and shaped diverse and faithful communities to follow in your Way. Continue to open that vision to us, that we may become transformed by the renewing of your Word in our hearts and grow in

love for each other. Create in us clean hearts and minds. Enable us to claim these blessing in your name. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All knowing God, we confess our participation in the hatred and evil that is consuming this planet. We gladly accept for ourselves the power and advantages that come our way. We seldom consider the cost to others of our prosperity. We tolerate poverty, hunger and homelessness for people we do not know. We think our small efforts too insignificant to make a difference. Wash away, O God, the evil that paralyzes us, that we may become rescuers of the oppressed and seekers after justice. Create in us a right spirit that prompts us to live by faith and to dare great things for you. 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, 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 32:1-7

(Page 623 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from Hebrew Scriptures – Isaiah 1:10-18

(Page 771 HS in the pew bible)

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer (Debts)

(Children will leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion Group)

***Hymn:** #726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Choir sings verse one; congregation joins on verse two.

Offering of Gifts

Anthem: *Make A Joyful Noise* Thomas Miller

***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

New Testament – Luke 19:1-10

(Page 100 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: **"Institutional Integrity"**

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer and Silent prayer

Response: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

***Hymn:** #321 *The Church Is One Foundation*

Benediction

Response: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Postlude: Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach

(*Please stand if able)

If you are visiting us today, Welcome! Please sign the guestbook at the front door and introduce yourself to Pastor Diane 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 Sue Morrill.

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 Karin Noyes.

The ushers for today are Ellie Owens & Pat Palmer.

Prayer List

Emily, Chris Capecelatro, Trish Johnson, Laura Flores, Evan Rashkoff, Margie Vail, Gordon Weekly, Paul McAbee, Jose Luis Marti, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacquette, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Betty Scribner

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today 11:15 am 272nd Annual Meeting, Part I
 Tuesday 5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 Wednesday 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
 Thursday 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
 7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal
 Friday 7:30 am Men's Bible Study
 Saturday All Day PTU Rehearsal
 Sunday 11:30 am Trustees Meeting
 2 pm Noble Service
 2 pm PTU Lecture ~ Scoville
 Memorial Library
 3 pm PTU Concert ~ Meeting House

OPPORTUNITIES

PHOTOS AFTER WORSHIP

Kristine Jennings has been taking photos for our new directory after worship. Kristine will be outside by the Parish Hall (garden side) in nice weather, or on the stage in case of inclement weather. We will continue to take photos over the next few months as Kristine's schedule allows. If you have not already done so, please make the time to see her, so you can be included in the new directory!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study meets on Friday mornings in the Parish Hall at 7:30 am. The group is studying the Book of Acts. All men are welcome.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study meets on Thursday afternoons in the Parish Hall Library at 4:30 pm. The group is studying the Book of John. All women are welcome to attend.

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