

November 13, 2016  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude:** Prelude in G Minor J.S. Bach

**Chiming of the Hour**

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

**Welcome**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Choral Introit:** *O Lord Have Mercy*

**Call to Worship**

One: God is ready to answer us, even before we call.  
God is eager to listen, though we are not ready to speak.

**All: The hills sing together before God's presence.  
All of nature proclaims God's glory.**

One: If the seas join in praise, how much more should we. If hills are alive with song, let us, too, awake to sing.

**All: Make a joyful noise to God, all people of the earth! Break forth into joyous song!**

One: Be glad! Rejoice in all that God is creating.  
Welcome the new heaven and earth God has planned.

**All: We worship God with great joy and delight.  
We welcome God's healing touch in our midst.**

One: Come, let us worship God together!

**Prayer of Invocation (in unison)**

God of hosts, our strength and our salvation, there are no words large enough to praise you. No response by us can match the love you have shown us. Gather us now in your warm embrace, that our faith may be renewed and our work empowered to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

O God, our salvation, we confess that we have tried to live apart from you. Our daily habits deny your reality. We toil without seeking your will. We work without giving our best. We compete with brothers and sisters without valuing them as your children or relating to them as our kin. We follow fads and false leaders while neglecting our faith. Forgive our misplaced trust, our hesitation to take the risks of caring witness, and our failure to empathize with others. Restore our connections with all from whom we are alienated. 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 98**

(Page 678 HS in the pew bible)

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures –  
Isaiah 65:17-25**

(Page 851 HS in the pew bible)

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

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

**\*Hymn:** #708 *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

**Offering of Gifts**

**Anthem:** *Clap Your Hands* L. Stanley Glarum

**\*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 Reading – Luke 21:1-19**

(Page 103 NT in the pew bible)

**Sermon:** ***"Awkward Message"***

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

**Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer**

**Response:** *O Lord Have Mercy*

**\*Hymn:** #697 *Take My Life*

**Benediction**

**Response:** *O Lord Have Mercy*

**Postlude:** *Fugue in G Minor*

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 is Sue Bucceri.*

*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 Theresa Carroll.  
The ushers for today are Sharon Tingley & Sal Accardo.

*The flowers are donated by Bobbie Olsen in memory of David Olsen.*

**Prayer List**

*Wilma Tillerman, Emily, Leonard Kaufman, Chris Capecelatro, Trish Johnson, Laura Flores, Evan Rashkoff, Margie Vail, Gordon Weekly, Paul McAbee, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Joan and Paul and their family*

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The Reverend Diane Monti-Catania, *Pastor*

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

Today	11:30 am	Christian Action Meeting
Tuesday	9 am	Berkshire Taconic Meeting
	5:15 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	5:30 pm	Faith Discussions
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
	11 am	Memorial Service for Jeanette Marlow at Geer Nursing
Saturday	10 am	Memorial Service for Norm Sills
	3:30 pm	Scoville Memorial Library Seminar

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

There will be a memorial service to Celebrate the Life of Norm Sills on Saturday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow the service.

**COMMUNITY INTERFAITH SERVICE**

Come celebrate Thanksgiving with us! We will be hosting an interfaith service on Monday, November 21, at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to join us.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY/WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Men's Bible Study meets on Friday mornings in the Parish Hall at 7:30 am. Women's Bible Study meets on Thursdays, at 4:30 pm in the Parish Hall Library.

**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR AND TO  
DONATE FLOWERS**