

November 15, 2015 – Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Gracious and Giving Holy One, may we have the faith and courage to speak words of hope to those who are afraid, words of welcome to those who are strangers, and words of comfort to those who are hurting and lost. May we also have the faith and courage to follow the gracious words and example of Jesus Christ, wherever our Life's journey might lead us. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Take My Gifts

Gibson

[Recorder/Dulcimer Ensemble; Pastor Dave, guitar; Percussion Group]

"Now because your love has touched me,

I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!"
Shirley Erena Murray, 1991

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

* Call to Worship

Leader: The world unfolds before us from our One Divine Source,

People: Who asks that we care for it with love.

L: Jesus Christ invites us to be part of his One Family,

P: And asks that we welcome all others to join us.

L: The Holy Spirit fills us with power and compassion,

P: Then calls us to transform the world with justice and peace.

L: The Holy One blesses us in so many different ways,

P: So that we, in turn, may be a blessing to others.

L: Let us joyfully raise our voices together,

All: And let our praise and thanks to God resound!

*Hymn of Praise

Sing Praise to God

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*Prayer of Invocation [Unison]

Holy Creator, Giver of all good things: we praise you for the beauty of nature and for the bounty of the earth. We give thanks for Life's seasons and cycles: for day and night, summer and winter, seed time and harvest. We thank you for Life's comforts and joys: for our homes, our friends, our families and our Church Family.

In grateful response for all the love and kindness we receive each day, may we learn to be more loving and kind, gracious and giving. Amen.

*** The Song of Praise** **Glory to God** Pablo Sosa, 1988

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
And on earth be peace to all peo - ple with whom God is pleased.

The Old Testament	Jeremiah 29:4-14	Pew Bible, page 731
The New Testament	Mark 6:31-44	Pew Bible, page 41
The Continuing Testament	from <i>Count on It</i>	by Alan Brehm

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering	Where Your Treasure Is [Betsey Wilson, flute]	Haugen
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Sermon	<i>The Best Laid Plans....</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
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Hymn of Reflection	Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ	#347
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The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

Our Lord's Prayer

*[the additional use of "Mother" is optional, according to One's
Theological understanding]*

...Our Father-Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive
our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Organ Response

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation

Offertory

Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

Thompson/Scruggs

*** Offertory Hymn**

**We clear the harvest from the field
And share the bounty of its yield;
Providing all with daily bread,
In doing so, God's love is spread. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious Holy One, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions - signs of your goodness and love. Receive them for the sake of the One who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

O Holy One

Sandberg

"Come as a child to the table of our God, alleluia."
Ruth S. Sandberg, 1990

The Blessing

Presenting Our Pledges for 2016

[Please come forward and place your pledges in the basket]

Hymn of Dedication

We Praise You, O God

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We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers;
Through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'er take us, you never will forsake us,
And with your help, O God life's struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly our song of thanksgiving we raise.
Our faith now confessing, we pray for your blessing;
To you, our Great Redeemer, forever be praise!

*Prayer of Commitment

Pastor: With joy and thanksgiving, let us dedicate our pledges of commitment and support for the work of Christ's Church in this place and in our world.

All: Gracious Holy One, may these pledges serve as a sign of our gratitude for all your Life-giving gifts to us, and as a symbol of our renewed commitment to serving you in this place and throughout our world. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who shows us how to freely and generously live, love, and give. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*Hymn of Departure

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

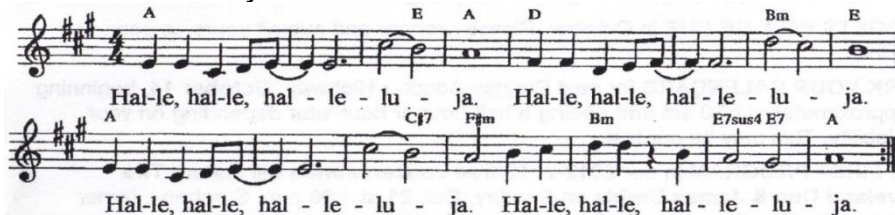
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*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

* Circle of Community

*As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3 times) Hallelujah, Hallelujah.** After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith*



***Benediction**

Postlude

Praise Our God!

Zimmermann

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ann Toneff, Jill Black, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Doug Lightbody, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections or changes to our prayer lists.)

Attendance Sunday, November 8, 2015 – Adults: 102 Kids: 17 Total: 119

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for our Coffee Hour.

FOR OUR COMMUNION SERVICE, grape juice is used instead of wine for the purpose of showing solidarity with those among us who may be in recovery from addiction.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED AT BUCC on Sunday December 6th at our morning worship service. If you are interested in joining, learning more about membership - or about our congregation or denomination - please talk with Pastor Dave.

QUILT RAFFLE The winning ticket for the raffle quilt will be drawn today! Sale of the raffle tickets will continue until the drawing. Also there is a raffle for a collectible doll. The funds collected will be used to defray the costs of the Bicentennial Quilt. Any money left over will go to the Bicentennial Celebration.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT Reminder: If you have a new address, please let the office know of the change, also if you have recently given up your land line and are using only a cell phone, please make us aware of your cell phone number

WOMEN UNITED Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 18th at 11:30 AM. Jan Renovetz will be leading us in making paper angels from the used Christmas cards she has been collecting. The angels will be given to the residents and patients of Heartland Hospice at Christmas. Please remember to bring SCISSORS, a sandwich or a bag lunch.

ON SUNDAY, NOV. 29 AT 4:00 P.M., BUCC will host the **Autana Trio**, which features violinist Ruben Rengel, cellist Anna Hurt, and pianist Yuri Noh. The award-winning ensemble, which formed during the musicians' studies at Cleveland Institute of Music, will perform works by Bach and Mendelssohn. A free-will offering will be received, and a light reception will follow the program. We hope you'll join us on Nov. 29 to experience this outstanding chamber music ensemble.

ADVENT TREE & DECORATIONS. The decorations for Advent need to be put up. The first Sunday in Advent is November 29th. The decorations and tree can be quickly put up after church on November 22nd. Many hands make quick work. If you would like to help contact Caroline Chandler

CALLING FOR ALL RECIPES!! Please get your recipes in as soon as you can so that they can be typed. Also, it would be wonderful if you could include personal information about the recipe. For example, "this was my grandmother's favorite recipe for chocolate cake and she passed it on to me!" If it is more convenient you can email your recipe to me at: culinarybee@gmail.com. Thank you for your help in making this the best cookbook ever!

WE HAVE RECEIVED TWO COMPUTERS for use in the music office – one from Don and Evelyn Seager, and a laptop from Diane Gressley. Many thanks from Dave D. and our communications ministry for these generous donations. No other computers are needed at this time.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Jeremiah 29:4-14

Thus says the Holy One, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Holy One on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Holy One, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them.

For thus says the Holy One: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Holy One, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Holy One, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

The New Testament - Mark 6:31-44

Jesus said to his disciples, "Come away to a deserted place by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But Jesus answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. All ate and were satisfied; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand.

The Continuing Testament - from *Count on It* - by Alan Brehm [edited]

It may sound harsh to say it, but we cannot count on God to make all our dreams come true, or to live up to all our presumptions about what our Life is supposed to look like. I think one of the lessons that so often eludes Christians in our day and age, is that there is a vast difference between *faith* and *presumption*. Presumption makes our Loving Creator and Redeemer into a "God-in-the-box" who gives us everything we want. Faith entrusts oneself to God's loving care because of a conviction that God is trustworthy.

Even when we find ourselves in a place we didn't want to be, if we can let go our expectations and accept the grace to thrive in surprising places, we may discover that we can count on God to never forsake us, to see us through whatever comes our way, to bring us to the "spacious place" where we can thrive.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 15	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Stewardship Banquet
Wed, Nov. 18	6:00 am	Early Birds
	11:30 am	Women United
	7:00 pm	Bicentennial Ministry
Thurs, Nov. 19	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, Nov. 22	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour/*Hang Christmas Decorations*
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE **NOVEMBER 15, 2015**

Lay Reader:	David Pastor
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Jane & Cliff Cribbs Joanne Cook, Sam Koch
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	Mike Westerberg
Comms Grtr:	Kathy Pastor
Narthex Grtr:	George Snider
Flowers:	Thanksgiving
Nursery:	Caroline Chandler
Counters:	Carole Snider, Donn Whyte
Servers:	Dottie & Jim Farwell
Clean-Up:	All
Snacks:	Stewardship Banquet

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE **NOVEMBER 22, 2015**

Lay Reader:	David Ritchey
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Carole & George Snider Bridget & Chad Sproul
Acolyte:	Ben Rehling
Peace Candle:	Indira Bigelow
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr:	Sue Stenzel
Narthex Grtr:	Dorie Gabor
Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Nursery:	Gina or Jon Cook
Counters:	David Pastor, Sue Stenzel
Servers:	Marge Culver, Anne Melfo
Clean Up:	Jill Zedan, Jon Thompson
Snacks:	Gina Cook, Marilyn Wrights