



WELCOME TO
MORNING WORSHIP



Sunday, November 1, 2020

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RETURNING TO CHURCH PLAN
WHAT TO EXPECT FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

- **Please Stay Home if you have any cold/flu/COVID symptoms**
- Please wear a mask
- Please allow ushers to create socially-distanced seating
- Please use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit of building
- Please do not share bulletins, they may be discarded before exiting
- Ventilation enhancements have been made to our facility
- We will keep doors open so you may avoid touching surfaces
- Facility is thoroughly cleaned in between worship services

If you would like to respond to the call to worship and prayers, please plan to use a (provided) N95 mask. *An usher can assist you.*

We look forward to continuing to worship Christ together as a First Church Family and continue on our Journey of Loving God, Helping Others and Finding Joy!

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Variants on "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Russell Schulz-Widmar, © 1982 Belgian-Mills Publishing Corp

Performed by Abbey Clark

HYMN

"For All the Saints"

Performed by Nancy Chmielewski

The congregation should refrain from singing.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the
2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might: you, Christ, the
3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold, live as the
4 Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine, we feebly
5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the

world their steadfast faith confessed, your name, O Je - sus,
hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a
struggle, they in glory shine; yet in your love our
earth the distant triumph song, then hearts are brave a -

be for - ev - er blessed.
were their one true light.
glorious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
faithful lives entwined.
gain, and faith grows strong.

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 22:39-46

*Please respond silently, in a whisper, or quietly aloud
as you are comfortable.*

Pastor: ³⁹ He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.” ⁴¹ Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴² “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” ⁴³ Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴ In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. ⁴⁵ When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

People: Our wisdom comes from the One who meets us here.

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Pastor*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Please pray silently, in a whisper, or quietly aloud
as you are comfortable.*

We confess, O God, that we are not eager to struggle with You or even to take responsibility for the sin in our lives. We see ourselves as basically decent, respectable people. Yet we have bent Your commandments to our own desires. We listen only to the words we want to hear. We participate in the selfishness that is damaging Your good

earth and Your people, and we allow evil to triumph through our neglect. Shake us into an awareness that brings change, and support us, we pray, on the difficult path toward greater faithfulness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Pastor*)

ROLL CALL OF THE SAINTS

**non-member, but one whose passing has touched our congregation.*

Also, please note that aside from those listed below, we include many others

in our prayers. Explanation is given if a non-member.

**Jean G. Swartz, sister-in-law of Ed, 11/23/2019*

**Ruth E. Swartz, sister-in-law of Ed, 11/28/2019*

Edith L. Leister, 1/6/2020

Donald E. Moyer, 1/20/2020

James T. Rubright, 2/15/2020

Nancy F. Roberts, 2/19/2020

Dorothy M. Martin, 3/20/2020

Margaret G. Treffinger, 3/26/2020

**Kathleen J. Patrick, cousin of Joe (& Karen) Ryglicki, 3/24/2020*

Donald L. Roberts, 4/13/2020

**Oscar Marin, friend of Donna & Kevin Scorzafava, 5/1/2020*

**Edith Sigmans, friend of Carol & John Edge, 4/30/2020*

Raymond W. Ely, 5/20/2020

**Jeannie L. Vandegrift, sister-in-law of Lynn, 6/1/2020*

Janice H. Peischel, 7/4/2020

**Ray C. Bloch, 7/21/2020, neighbor of Di Drennan*

**David J. Moyer, brother-in-law of Susan, 9/2/2020*

**Roger Bauman, Sr., uncle of Jon, 8/23/2020*

**Beverly M. Brown, mother of Joyce (& Ralph) Costanzo, 7/18/2020*

**Joe Mulhern, father of Joe (and Cris) Mulhern, 9/4/2020*

**Walter Pesetsky, step grandfather of Julia Martin, 9/10/2020*

**Kenneth Jacob Latshaw, brother of Paul, 10/4/2020*

**Ella Rupe, sister of Art (& Cheryl), 9/25/2020*

**Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Meredith, wife of Charles, 9/27/2020*

**Lisa Marie Davis, family friend of Julia Martin, 9/29/2020*

Shirley A. Riegel, 10/7/2020

James A. Clemmer, 10/18/2020

WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 22:1-6, 14-15 (NRSV)

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. ³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ⁴ In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. ⁵ To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. ⁶ But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; ¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 42

¹ As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? ³ My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" ⁴ These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. ⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help ⁶ and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. ⁷ Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. ⁸ By

day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. ⁹ I say to God, my rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?” ¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?” ¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Pastor 1: The word of the Lord.

Pastor 2: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Psalms of Lament” Jon Bauman

HYMN “I Need Thee Every Hour”

Performed by Jon Bauman

The congregation should refrain from singing.

ANNIE S. HAWKS, 1872

Refrain added by ROBERT LOWRY

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ROBERT LOWRY, 1872

1. I need Thee ev - ery hour, Most gra - cious Lord;
 2. I need Thee ev - ery hour, Stay Thou near by;
 3. I need Thee ev - ery hour, In joy or pain;
 4. I need Thee ev - ery hour, Teach me Thy will;
 5. I need Thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One;

No ten - der voice like Thine Can peace af - ford.
 Temp - ta - tions lose their power When Thou art nigh.
 Come quick - ly and a - bide, Or life is vain.
 And Thy rich prom - is - es In me ful - fil.
 O, make me Thine in - deed, Thou bless - èd Son.

REFRAIN



I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev - ery hour I need Thee;

O bless me now, my Sav - iour! I come to Thee.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Pastor*)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENDING

INVITATION (*Pastors*) *Those who are able are invited to stand*

Pastor 1: Jesus invites us to believe in Him and act on our belief.

Pastor 2: He says, “Here I am. I stand at the door and knock; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in.”

Pastor 1: When you open your door, we rejoice, as you experience Him in your heart and look forward to eternal life.

Pastor 2: He says, “If anyone loves me, he will keep My word and My Father and I will make our abode with him.

Pastor 1: Merciful God, we rejoice with You for all who are saved by belief and grace and all who keep Your word to love others as themselves. Amen.

If you have professed faith in Jesus for the first time or have committed yourself anew to grow as a disciple, please inform the pastors.

CHARGE (*Pastor*)

BENEDICTION (*Pastor*)

POSTLUDE

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

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Performed by Abbey Clark

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY THANKOFFERING 2020

From Barbara S., Women's Guild President

I apologize that this announcement did not come out sooner. I am out of kilter and I imagine many of you are too. The guild has not been able to meet since February but we hope to remedy that very soon. The weeks seem to go slowly and yet, we wonder where the months have gone. Even though our wood is stacked in preparation for winter, mentally I am not ready!

Our traditional guild Family Thankoffering was not able to be held on October 11th (the second Sunday in October) due to COVID. However, as always, we **are** taking the Thankoffering and there is a special envelope in your packet. **COVID has disrupted our lives but not our hearts!**

Seeing the recent devastation of the hurricanes in the south and the flooding that followed, the guild is designating that the offering be sent to the UCC Disaster fund for 2020 hurricane and flood damage in Louisiana, Florida, and Alabama. I think that many of you, like me, are acutely aware of the damage flooding can do.

We understand that not everyone is in a position to give large amounts, but anything you can give to help these individuals and families that have suffered such a terrible loss would be very much appreciated.

Donations to Thankoffering can be made for the next five weeks. If you have misplaced your Thankoffering envelope or wish to make an additional offering, please write Family Thankoffering on the check or other envelope. And if you want credit please be sure your name or envelope number is enclosed with your donation.

Questions can be directed to Barbara by calling her or by email womensguild@firstucc.net. Thank you in advance for your gift to help these folks in need.

ATTENTION ALL SOUP LOVERS!! This is your lucky month! Each Sunday in November (ending the 22nd), we will be holding soup sales. Each week there will be 3 to 4 different types of soup available for purchase. \$7.00 a quart and a sign will be up at the areas selling the soup with the different kinds of soup available. That way when you get to the soup table you can order, pay, and be on your way. There will be one cart at the side door of the kitchen, or, weather permitting, on the sidewalk right outside the door coming from the parking lot. The other cart will be on the Left hand side of the exit doors in the Narthex. It is a bigger space on that side and anyone who wants soup can stand to the left of the doors and not be in the way of those who are leaving the building, or, weather permitting, we'll set the cart up on the sidewalk outside of the Narthex.

All proceeds will go toward our Thanksgiving dinner for any of our members and for our community. We are hoping to have a grab and go style meal. More info to come as the details are finalized.

Anyone who is interested in helping by making a soup, please contact Karen Wallace or Sheila Cox so we know who and what kind of soup you will be providing. We will provide you with the containers.

NOVEMBER 2 – HOLIDAY PLANNING MEETING – The next holiday planning meeting will be on Monday, November 2, at 7:00 pm by Zoom. For questions, contact Alyse Federsel. Join Zoom Meeting by video/audio: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85417972254>, to call in to join meeting (audio only) 1 301 715 8592, Meeting ID: 854 1797 2254, one tap mobile: 13017158592,,85417972254#

NOVEMBER 11 - HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY to Eleanor Thomas. Please join us in celebrating with Blondie by sending cards to her at Life Quest or through the Church Office.

NOVEMBER 8 – VETERANS SUNDAY - On Sunday, November 8, we will honor those who have served (or are serving) in our

military. The church office acknowledges the following veterans: *P. Afflerbach, A. Bryan, A. Dougherty, P. Eckert, B. Elsner, S. Filko, G. Ford, K. Frey, D. Hilbert, K. Hoffman, L. Levy, J. McFadden, T. Michael, P. Miller, M. Molnar, T. Myers, F. Servas, G. Sloyer, J. Smith, P. Steeley, J. Strayer, I. Stoneback, B. Tice, D. Tyson, R. Wanamaker, B. Wolf, J. Yeakel*. If we are missing the name of any veterans within our church family, please feel free to let the church office know.

WITTING TREE CEREMONY - Join us next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for a time of remembrance with a “Witting Tree” ceremony. More than 20 known Witting Tree ceremonies are being offered in November, among faith communities and organizations from Bucks and Montgomery Counties. These ceremonies will include the hanging of twenty-two sets of dog tags on “Witting Trees” in a public remembrance of the estimated twenty-two veterans who take their lives by suicide every day. The Witting Tree originally started five years ago, as far as we know, at Eastern Mennonite University by a young graduate student US Navy veteran, Michael McAndrew. *Witting -- done in full awareness or consciousness; deliberate--(of a person) conscious or aware of the full facts of a situation*. We invite you to share this information to anyone who would like to attend this ceremony.

THANKSGIVING DINNER - We are organizing a Thanksgiving dinner for the community and congregation - in-person outside and grab-and-go style. Please reach out to Alyse F. or Daniel S. if you are interested in helping pull this together.

NOVEMBER 30 - HAPPY 99TH BIRTHDAY to Agnes Landis. Please celebrate with Agnes by sending cards to her at home or through the Church Office.