

WELCOME TO
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Organist

November 5, 2023

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

“Greatness”

Prelude: “Remembrance of Thee”

Mansfield

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37)

One: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

**Many: We’ve been gathered from all directions and in all spaces
to declare the greatness of God.**

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Many: We have been redeemed by the abiding love of our Creator.

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**Many: Let the redeemed proclaim God’s wondrous works. Great is
the Holy One and greatly to be praised!**

Invocation (unison)

**God our Teacher, please instruct us in the ways of humility and
love. Help us to be in community with one another rather than
in competition with each other. Give us your heart for serving
our neighbor. Assure us of your abiding presence and release us
from the hierarchies of this world. May your kingdom come with
power and gentleness in your name. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

p.210

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Exalted God, we struggle to trust you in all aspects of our lives,
and we seek validation from temporal and inadequate sources.

**Many: We confess that we base our identity on human structures,
plans, and schemes. We fail to be satisfied with the gifts and
purpose you have given to us. We do not appreciate the ways**

in which we are uniquely and wonderfully made. Deliver us from the tyranny of comparison and renew a right spirit of humility and peace within us, we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

Friends, you are God's magnificent handiwork. You were created in greatness and can therefore rest in humility. Know that God's love for you is assured, God's grace finds you in the midst of your struggles, and God's plan for you is filled with hope. You are redeemed, recognized, and restored to the glory of God. Amen.

*Hymn: "If My People Will Pray" p.803

Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12 p.857

Reflection

Celebration of our Veterans

Invitation to Generosity

Hear the words of 1 Thessalonians 2:12, "Urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory." That life is one full of generosity as a response to the Holy One's provision and abundance. Let us bring our resources into our common life as an offering of praise and thanksgiving.

Offertory: "Communion Prayer" Riggs

* Presentation of the Offering and The Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (unison)

Generous God, thank you for the gifts you give and the privilege and honor of bringing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure into your kindom. Receive our humble offerings and magnify them to meet the needs of the community. Amen.

Choir Anthem: "America, the Beautiful" Ward

The Pastoral Prayer

The Celebration of Holy Communion p.11

* The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our

daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Battle Hymn of the Republic" p.804

*Benediction

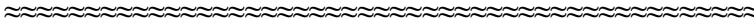
May the Spirit of the Living God go with you into the world with power and compassion to lift the lowly. May Creator be glorified through the lives we live as witnesses to the greatness of God. And may Jesus the Christ be our Companion and Guide on the path to humility and greatness.

*The Sung Benediction

The Lord Whom we love, Whom we worship and Adore, We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us Together And He it is who sends us apart. To be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "Hold Strong the Flag of Freedom" Moore



"Greatness: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost were written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored by Blanche Steiner in honor of her family.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS are in memory of Carl Schell's Birthday from Craig and Linda Schell.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Daniel and Kathy Latshaw in memory of loved ones.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Les and Deb Schoenberger.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Kathy Latshaw.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs. Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.

Our church is equipped with an Assistive Listening System. You provide your own headphones which can be connected to the transmitter which will allow you to more clearly hear the Worship Service or any program being offered in the Sanctuary. See anyone at the sound booth to inquire.



ATF Room help is needed tomorrow, November 6 for sorting and storing. If you would like to help come anytime, we will be at the Church by 10:00 a.m.

Help is also needed for setting up next Sunday, November 12 after Church for the next Giveaway (pizza will be served for lunch to those staying) and during the Christmas Giveaway on Monday, November 13 between 4-6 p.m. and on Saturday, November 18 between 10 a.m.-12 p.m. ATF could use gift tags and tape. They always need **NEW** items for men and boys. They are still looking for a sturdy clothing rack. Thank you! If you know anyone that could use a Wedding Gown, ATF has a very pretty one, brand new with tags still on, size 14. See Millie.

Window Fund - Eight weeks into the \$5,000 Matching Gift Challenge, members have contributed \$2,223. Just five weeks remain to reach our goal and to double your donation, so please prayerfully consider a gift to the campaign before the end of November. Let's make our fourth annual challenge another successful one!

The final quilt will be raffled off at the November 11th Bazaar and Basket Auction. The quilt will be on display in the Upper Social Hall, so stop by to purchase your tickets at \$5 each or three for \$10. Good luck!

Cumberland has had to reschedule installation of the nativity window to Thanksgiving week. Although we will have to wait a few weeks longer than we originally thought, the beautiful window will be returned in time for the holiday season.

GriefShare is meeting on Tuesdays, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in our downstairs Social Room. They will continue to meet each Tuesday until the 13th session on November 21, 2023. You are welcome to join in anytime, but please register with Pastor Lori.

Our annual **Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction** is scheduled for **THIS Saturday, November 11, 2023**. What fun basket are you going to contribute? Would you like to have your own table at the event? Contact Deb Schoenberger you would like to reserve a space. We would love to have some homemade goodies for our bake sale. Also, we could **really** use some help **setting up tables on Friday night** (November 10) and **cleaning up on Saturday** after the basket auction. If you are able to help with either set-up or clean-up, please sign up with Patti Mittl. Thank you.

Don't forget to pick up your preordered soup and sandwiches between 10am and 3pm.

Brunch will be on Sunday, November 19th at the Merc after Worship. **Lunch Bunch** will be Friday, December 1st, 12 noon at East Penn Diner. These events are open to anyone wishing to join us for good food and conversation!

Don't forget Old Zionsville UCC **Family Christmas Party** will be Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Superior Restaurant, 102 Main Street, Emmaus in their downstairs Banquet Hall (Handicap Accessible). Please let Linda or Mark Weaver know if you are planning on attending or sign up while at Church.

The Outlook Committee is selling **Fruit/Nut Rolls** to help with parking lot repairs. Order forms are included with today's bulletin and they need to be returned by Sunday, November 19th. You may place your completed order form in the Offering plate, give to Brenda Shoemaker or Bobby Schmeltzle, or call/email the church office with your order. Thank you!

November's **Youth Group Meeting** will be on Friday, November 17 from 6-8 p.m. We have games, snacks, Bible discussion and more games. All youth welcome! Speak with Alyson Miller or Pastor Lori for more information.

Poinsettia orders are now being accepted for our Christmas season. You may choose red, pink or white and they are \$7.00 for a 6" pot. Order forms can be found on our Sound System and must be received by November 29th.

Announcing: Advent Bible Study - 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. each Sunday morning in Advent, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, and Epiphany lesson on Jan. 7! Bring your Bible. We will meet in the Lower Social Hall. All Welcome. No previous Bible Study experience necessary!

Week of November 5-11, 2023:

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm.
Other times by appointment.

Church Secretary Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm
(please call before coming)

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

ATF Sort & Store - Monday @ 10am

Scouts - Monday @ 6pm

GriefShare - Tuesday @ 1pm

Cub Scouts - Tuesday @ 7pm

Music & Worship - Tuesday @ 7pm

FUN Group - Tuesday @ 7pm

Choir Practice - Thursday @ 7:30pm

Bazaar - Saturday - 9am-3pm, Soup & Sandwich pick up 10am-3pm

Next Sunday - 9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Worship, help set up for ATF Giveaway after Worship

Total Offerings from October 29, 2023:

General Offerings: \$1,585.00

Window Fund: \$587.00

Mission: \$5.00

Communion: \$25.00

Parking Lot: \$0

Cemetery: \$25.00

Attendance: 101