



“Which commandment is first of all?”

- Mark 12:28

October 31, 2021

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## OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

October 31, 2021

Celebration Sunday

8:30 and 10 a.m.

*As we gather please silence cell phones.*

\*Standing - if comfortable

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PRELUDE

*“Suite in F Major”* – Handel

Althea Waites

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from Psalm 146*

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live and sing to God all my life long.**

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

**People: The Lord protects the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

Leader: Happy are those whose helper is the God of Jacob,

**People: Whose hope is in the Lord their God, maker of heaven and earth.**

\*HYMN #57

*“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

Charles Dickerson

Abigail Whitman

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner’s ears, 'tis life and health and peace!**

**He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: Gracious God, we give thanks for the vision of hope and peace you hold out to guide your people. We ask your grace and help when we fail to live up to your invitation. You seek to gather us into your embrace. You encourage us to live in the future you have promised. Bless us as we live and work to see that new day dawning. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Tony Moretti

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*The children are invited to gather in front of the steps for a brief sermon and prayer.  
Afterward, they may leave for Sunday School or stay for the rest of the service.*

ANTHEM "A New Commandment" – D. Schwoebel Charles Dickerson  
Abigail Whitman

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Lee Carlile

THE 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
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 OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY Althea Waites

\*DOXOLOGY Charles Dickerson, Abigail Whitman

**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.**

SCRIPTURE

- Mark 12:28-34 The first commandment Tony Moretti

SERMON "Heart and Hand" Jonathan Chute

\*HYMN #102 "Now Thank We All Our God" Charles Dickerson  
Abigail Whitman

**Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With every joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS FOR 2022

*After you have filled out your Giving Card please take it to the front of the church  
and place it in the basket. In this act of worship we ask God to accept our gifts,  
as we offer ourselves to God's mission through the coming year.*

POSTLUDE "Festive March" – F. Peeters Althea Waites

**New to the Church?**

We are grateful that we can worship together.  
Please use our digital welcome pad by  
opening the QR code. Thank you!



Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus  
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director  
Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse  
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director  
Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director  
Rev. Kristin Reksc, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor  
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director  
Althea Waites, Organist  
Paula Kuno, 3<sup>rd</sup> Service Music  
John Fitzgerald, Treasurer  
Nicole Lowery Zakman, Church Business Mgr.  
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