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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

November 10, 2019

11:00am

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Greeting

(Please complete Prayer Concerns)

Gathering Prayer:

Dear God, help through the struggle of poverty and homelessness. May your grace lead us through worship and life so that we can help not only those we know, but those who we will meet and need it most. Amen.

Prelude:

Call to Worship:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of melody

With trumpets and the sound of the horn, make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let us worship our God!

***Opening Song of Praise:** "New Songs of Celebration Render"

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(Prayer Concerns Collected)

AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

***Call to Confession**

Seeking the wisdom of our Lord, let us consider how we have lived, confessing our sins and trusting in the mercy of God.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

As we live our lives, God, we make wrong choices, choosing not to love as we are called to love, making judgments when we ought not, not helping when help was needed. Forgive us these times in our lives and set us on our new paths of righteousness.

**Time of Silent Confession*

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

God's mercy is ever before us. God is a forgiving God and sets us free from our sins.
Through Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Passing of the Peace:

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
And also with you.

*** Gloria:** "Halle, Halle, Halle"

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Time with Young Disciples

LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

¹⁵on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month.

2 In the second year of King Darius, ¹in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ²Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, ³Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, ⁵according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; ⁷and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Luke 20:27-38

27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him **28** and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his

brother. **29** Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; **30** then the second **31** and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. **32** Finally the woman also died. **33** In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

34 Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; **35** but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. **36** Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. **37** And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. **38** Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Sermon: "What If?"

The Rev. Nancy Bassett

RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

***Affirmation of Faith:**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn of Response:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#611

Prayers of the People and 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 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.

Invitation to the Offering:

In response to God's love, mercy, and promises, let us share from that which God has provided.

Offertory:

***Praising God's Goodness – Doxology**

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***Prayer of Dedication:**

Unison

Almighty God, whether we have given from abundance or from little, we humbly offer these gifts to you, and for the glory of your name, through your son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

***Hymn of Sending:** "When We Are Living"

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***Benediction:**

***Postlude:**

* Those who are able, please stand

WORSHIP AIDS:

Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers. Children's Sanctuary - at the rear of the church

Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.

Deacon's Prayer Chain - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.

New Prayer Concerns or Joys

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Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week: Best wishes to Sue Schurr in her retirement.

Continuing Prayers: Scott Greenawalt; Pat & Bob Erisman; Kris Yettra; Judy Geerkin; Paul Card; Nadia; Doris Carlson; Bonnie Bringham; Marlene Tyrrell; Deal Kowsky; Bonnie Zimmer; Mary Jo; Shirley Hagle; Jackie; Denis Luzuriaga, Michael, Maras Family, Katie, DeSain & Fluellen Families and Brett.

Prayers and caring for our homebound: Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; Peggy Hess, and Sue Strasser.

Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.

We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319

LITURGIST: Pat Loeswick

GREETER: Linda Barry

USHERS: Team 4

STEPHEN MINISTERS: are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

REMINDER: Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

We would like to thank Rev. Nancy Bassett for leading us in worship today.

The flowers on the Communion Table are to the Glory of God and in memory of Joan V. Loeswick for her birthday on November 11th, given by her loving family.

Adult Bible Study Class: Sunday, November 17 at 12:15pm

The Bible Study Class will now be held right after worship on the third Sunday of the month at 12:15pm. The next class will be on November 17 at 12:15pm. Feel free to bring a lunch or something to snack on. Any questions, contact Nancy Bassett.

Hunger Sunday: November 17

Don't forget that the third Sunday of the month is Hunger Sunday. Food and cash donations are welcome and proceeds are donated to the Twin Cities Community Outreach. Drop off box is in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

Memory Lane Respite Program: Tuesday, November 19

The Memory Lane Respite Program will be held from 10:30am-2:30pm. There are many opportunities for you to help in volunteering and no monthly commitment. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, stop by and see what the program is all about or contact Mike Donovan. Fun for all!

Service of Healing and Blessing: Wednesday, November 20 at 6:30pm

A service devoted to healing and wholeness is held the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. This is a "come as you are" service, includes communion, is open and welcoming to all who seek wholeness in their lives, Presbyterian or otherwise. Please join us in the sanctuary.

Thanksgiving Baskets: The Deacons will be assembling fruit baskets for our homebound folks on Saturday, November 23 at 9:30am. All are welcome to come and help assemble the baskets. Baskets will be available for delivery on Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24. Please consider signing up to deliver a basket. Contact Jane Crossan if you are interested in helping in any way.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner with Friends and Neighbors: November 24

All are welcome to attend the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Dinner at Kenmore United Methodist Church at 32 Landers Road in Kenmore at 12:00 noon on Sunday, November 24. You can dine in, or arrange for home delivery by calling 716-875-5091.

Christmas Memorial Flowers: It's not too early to be thinking about Christmas poinsettias. The Deacons will be selling flowers before and after worship on November 24 and December 1. The cost is \$10.00.

"Hanging of the Greens" - Saturday, November 30 at 9:30am

The "Hanging of the Greens" for Christmas will be held on Saturday, November 30 at 9:30am. Please join in the tradition of clothing our sanctuary in Christmas love! All are invited.

Advent Worship Services - 8:30am in the Parlor

Advent Worship Services will take place on December 1, December 8, December 15, and December 22. This worship will also include communion. All are welcome.

"The Marvelous Advent Adventure" - Intergenerational Event

Sunday, December 1 from 9:00am – 10:30am in Fellowship Hall

The CE Committee has planned an Intergenerational Event for December 1. We'll be making ornaments, a gift or two, playing games, singing songs, sneaking a cookie while we frost them, and learning all about the season of Advent. Breakfast will be available. Everyone in the church is invited! Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Circle II Bag Sale: Saturday, December 7

Circle II Women's Group will hold a "Classic Bag Sale" on Saturday, December 7 from 10am-12pm. Come and fill a bag for \$2.00. You won't want to miss all the bargains.

Tonawanda City Schools Holiday Party Food Drive

Please help the Deacons collect food for those children in need right here in our own city. Bags will be filled with particular food items and will be given to the kids at the holiday party to take home to have during their Christmas break. Tickets will be handed out with specific items that are needed. Cash donations are also welcome. Contact Jane Crossan for details.

Presbyterian Women's Annual Christmas Tea: Sunday, December 8

All women of the church are invited to attend right after worship. Come and enjoy yourself with lots of treats and fellowship. (Men are welcome too). Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Charlie Brown Mitten Tree

Our Charlie Brown Mitten Tree will soon be accepting your beautiful handmade or purchased hats, mittens or scarves. These warm items will be distributed to children in need in Tonawanda. All items need to be on the tree by December 11th. Watch for the Charlie Brown Tree in the Narthex.

Deacons Tonawanda School Mission Project

The Deacons are continuing to partner with the Tonawanda Elementary Schools to provide much needed clothing to the children in need. This is an ongoing mission project and the Deacons would like to thank the people that have donated so generously. With the cold weather approaching, the schools would appreciate the warmer clothes suitable for the winter months. There is a designated tote in the Narthex to place your donation. See Jane Crossan or Leslie Dugan for more details on how you can donate and what items are needed. Cash donations are also appreciated.

Cookie Exchange and Open House: Saturday, December 14 from 1pm-3pm

You're all invited to Pastor Leslie's house for her Annual Cookie Exchange and Open House. Feel free to bring a dozen cookies to exchange. There will be plenty of food and beverages to go around. The address is: 51 Rockne Road, Tonawanda.

Worship Circle: Sunday, December 15 at 9:30am

There will be a Worship Circle for the Sunday School kids in the parlor on December 15 at 9:30am. Nancy Bassett has some fun things planned for the kids.

Ecumenical Blue Christmas: Monday, December 16 at 7pm

There will be an Ecumenical Blue Christmas service on Monday, December 16 at 7pm at The Church of Nativity at 1530 Colvin Blvd, Town of Tonawanda. All are invited to participate in this worship service.

Christmas Eve Communion Worship Service: December 24 at 8pm

Please join us at the Christmas Eve Communion Worship service on December 24 at 8pm.