

# Welcome to Church of Christ Sunday Morning Worship October 20, 2024 ~ Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

*We are honored to worship God with you today.*

**Prelude** *All Creatures of Our God and King* - arr. M. Cabaniss  
Noah Sinclair, trumpet

**Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 104) ~Joel Nelson

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

**People: You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
wrapped in light as with a garment.**

Leader: You stretch out the heavens like a tent;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.

**People: You set the earth on its foundations;  
you cover it with the deep as with a garment.**

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made everyone and all that is.

**People: The earth is full of your creatures.  
Praise the Lord!**

**Hymn 59** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (Worship and Rejoice)

**(Surprise verse)**

Erick, Erick, welcome back - we missed you while you were away!  
Happy that you've had this time for family, fishing, prayer and play.  
Now we vow to work together as we serve our God above.  
Erick, Erick, welcome back - we offer you our hugs and love!

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou the Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part;  
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart.  
Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife,  
joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.

**Repeat Surprise Verse**

## **Guided Prayer and Meditation**

### **The Lord's Prayer** (trespasses/debts)

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 (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (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

### **Anthem** *Canticle of Praise* - V. C. Johnson

### **Scripture:** Mark 10:35-45

~Joel Nelson

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

### **Sermon** "Among Us, Serving Love"

### **Music Interlude**

### **Light of Service:** Rachel's Challenge

~Jen Pfaltz

We now have a chance to offer financial gifts in support of Spirit-led work. Undesignated gifts go to the recipient named above. Feel free to use the white envelopes in the pews to designate your giving. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our Light of Service recipients. Thank you!

### **Offertory** *A Gaelic Blessing* - J. Rutter

**Doxology** (two versions are offered) *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*  
OR: *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**

### **Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates**

### **Sharing Prayer Concerns** (See list of names on attached sheet)

### **Silent Meditation and Prayer**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn 569** God of Grace and God of Glory (Worship and Rejoice)

1 God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient Church's story; Bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; Free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

3 Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore:  
Let the search for Thy salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
Serving Thee whom we adore, Serving Thee whom we adore.

### **Our Common Commission**

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** *Festive Trumpet Tune* - D. German

*The congregation is welcome to leave quietly or stay seated and listen.*

*Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. May God bless your week ahead!*

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### **Prayer Concerns:**

We gladly list these prayer concerns and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information. If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick (860-303-0910, reverendole@gmail.com).

### **Members needing our prayers:**

Patty Cammilletti; Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse  
Linda Creedon; Bonnie Greenwood; Susie Hooker  
Holly Kelsey; Will Kelsey; Arlene Patten; Dan Patten  
Sue Pratt; Cindy Sinclair; Ernie Sinclair; John Thew

### **Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends:**

Annattie P.; Eric; Jo; Olivia (Ky Byrne's cousin)  
Donna Aakjar (Nancy Perry's sister);

Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte); Jay Atkinson  
Denis Combes (Jason Combes' father);  
Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen's aunt and uncle)  
Pat Harms (Shelley Harm's mom); Jim Korner (Liz Wilbur's brother)  
Serena Livingston (Kristin Mudge); Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte)  
Debbie Prescott; Gimo Ramadani (church sexton)  
Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams); Ryan Sterba; Rob Thew  
Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister)  
Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock); Judi Welch

**Those who are grieving- the families of:**

Kerry Garside; Stephen Getz; Jackie Hamad; Gene Martin  
Aaron Pelletier; Owen Simmons; Mary Sager; Daniel Leifert

**Prayers continued in the wider community:**

Leigh Cappabianca (missionary in Turkey)  
Laura Smith (missionary in Venezuela)  
The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine - enduring ongoing violence  
The people impacted by recent hurricanes Helene and Milton

**THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH**

The Norfolk Food Pantry will welcome  
school snacks, flour and/or sugar and coffee.

The Clothes Closet accepts all clothing with the exception  
of dress clothes and long coats (jackets only). Thank you!

Tuesday 10/22

8:45 am Senior Yoga with Wendy  
5:30 pm Dance-Fitness class with Kristin  
7:00 pm Gifts and Finance meeting

Thursday 10/24

8:45 am Senior Yoga with Wendy  
6:00 pm Ministry of Bread – kitchen  
7:15 pm Choir rehearsal

Friday 10/25

9:30 am Tai Class with Chris

Saturday 10/26

11:00 am Memorial Service for Stephen Getz

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Open Mic Night Friday, November 16, 7:00 p.m. Battell Chapel

We are thrilled to announce that all talent time slots for this open mic are filled. Don't despair!

Come and watch all the talented participants and bring your instrument to join in on the closing group number. BYO drinks and snacks. Cash donations, at the door go to the Norfolk Food Pantry and will be greatly appreciated