

**Welcome to Church of Christ**  
**November 17, 2024 ~ Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
We are honored to worship God with you today!

**Prelude**                    *Morning Prayer* - N. Palmer

**Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 100)

~Ruth Adotte

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God! It is the Lord that made us, and we belong to God;

**People: We are God's people, sheep of the pasture of the Lord.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, the courts of the Lord with praise!

**People: Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name!**

Leader: For the Lord is good;

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Musical Meditation**

*A Call to Silence* - C. Courtney

**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

**Hymn 71**                    *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

(Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration!

Vs 2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning; sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining! Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Vs 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you: surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriends you.

Vs 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him. Let the Amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

**Scripture:**     Mark 13:1-8

~Ruth Adotte

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

**Sermon**      "Count on Change, Rely on God"

### **Music Interlude**

**Light of Service**      *Disabled American Veterans - CT*      ~Jim Harrington

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

**Offertory**      *Give Thanks - M. Forman*

**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**

### **Silent Prayer and Meditation**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn 23**      *All Creatures of Our God and King*      (Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 All creatures of our God and king, lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam, and silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Vs 2 O rushing wind that art so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, Alleluia! O rising morn in praise rejoice, O lights of evening, find a voice, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Vs 3 O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia! O fire so masterful and bright, providing us with warmth and light, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Vs 4 All you who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, sing praises, Alleluia! All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Vs 5 Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **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**     *Now Thank We All Our God* - arr. G. W. Körner (1809-1865)

Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

**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](mailto:reverendole@gmail.com)).

Members needing our prayers:

Patty Cammilletti, Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse, Linda Creedon, Bonnie Greenwood, Holly Kelsey, Will Kelsey, Arlene Patten, Dan Patten, Cindy Sinclair, Debbie Storrs, John Thew

Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends:

Annattie P., Eric, Jo, Olivia (Ky Byrne's cousin), Nathan, Donna Aakjar (Nancy Perry's sister), Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte), Jay Atkinson, Denis Combes (Jason Combes' father), John Funchion, Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen's aunt and uncle), Judy Green, Chris Hanley, Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son), Pat Harms (Shelley Harms' mother), Nathan Hasman (friend of David Bourne), Jim Korner (Liz Wilbur's brother), Serena Livingston (Kristin Mudge), Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte), Rev. Kenric and Debby Prescott, Gimo Ramadani (church sexton), Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams), Desi Smith (Bonnie Greenwood), 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, The Rev. Paul Heller, Gene Martin, Avery Nelson, Aaron Pelletier, Sue Pratt, Owen Simmons, Mary Sager

In the wider community:

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

## **UPCOMING CHANCES TO LEARN, LIVE & SERVE LOVE:**

### **Thanksgiving Basket Donations**

It is that time of year when we provide Thanksgiving Meal Baskets for friends in need. We welcome your support of this effort through cash donations or contributions of turkeys. Every year we give away dozens of boxes filled with a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, other assorted vegetables, pies, and more, distributed on the Monday of Thanksgiving week. Thank you in advance for your support of this effort!

#### **Turkey Donation:**

If you would like to donate a turkey (suggested weight of 15 pounds or more) for the Thanksgiving baskets, please click [Turkey Sign-up](#) to let us know. All turkeys may be delivered to the Norfolk Food Pantry in Battell Chapel any Tuesday through Friday 10:00am - 1:00pm. We need all turkeys by Friday, November 22nd. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa McClave at 860-309-1443.

#### **Monetary Donation:**

Cash or checks may be delivered to the church office or to one of the Food Pantry volunteers during open hours. Checks should be made to "The Norfolk Food Pantry" with a memo note: "Thanksgiving Baskets."

OR if you wish to make an online gift, please click [HERE](#) . Be sure to designate your gift using the note box – "Thanksgiving Baskets"

OR scan this QR Code with your phone camera to donate.



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### **"Fill the Pantry - Feed the Spirit" Sale Sat. 11/23 to Sun. 11/24**

Please come to 20 John Curtiss Road in the village center to find great deals on unique interior arts items. Prices will start at \$1, and items include: decorative pillow, fabric remnants, lamps, and more. All proceeds will benefit the Norfolk Food Pantry.

**MEDITATION GROUP 11/15 & 11/22** - Adults interested in guided meditation in a group setting are invited to "Tending" in Lakeville and via Zoom. Please click [HERE](#) to learn more.

**ADVENT READERS NEEDED** - Please contact Pastor Erick if you would like to light one of our Advent candles on Sundays during Advent (12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22) and at 5 and 10 PM on Christmas Eve. Scripts are provided.

### **"Clothes Closet" Donations Welcome**

The Clothes Closet can use donations of all types of clothing - but please no dress clothing at this time. We would appreciate short jackets (no long coats) for the upcoming colder seasons. Thank you!

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### **Food Pantry Items of the Week**

This week the Food pantry especially needs: Pickles, Canned Chicken, Chunky Peanut Butter. All donations of food as well as volunteer or financial help are gratefully accepted. A big thank you to all our donors and helpers!