

If you haven't RSVP'd for the Commitment Sunday meal following the Worship Service, please do so today. Cards are provided.



Thank You
The Stewardship Team

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We welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never, before attended one, you are welcome here.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday – Friday
9-1 Walk-ins Welcome
1 – 2pm Closed for Lunch
2 – 5pm Please call ahead or make an appointment

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Together We Serve



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

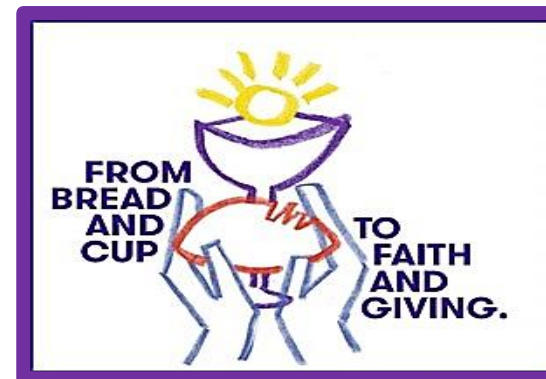
Announcements

Women's Fellowship Soup Pick-up Today: Following Worship, pre-ordered soup will be available for pick-up in the Fellowship Hall.

Meals on Wheels Delivery Person's Needed: We are experiencing a shortage of delivery persons for Meals on Wheels deliveries. Please contact Alisa Johnson to volunteer.

Corn Donations for Pastors Pantry – WE DID IT! We met our donation count for cans of corn the first Pastors Pantry Pick-up Tuesday 15th: Our next goal is 200 cans. We are 14 cans into that!

Clothes Ministry: As cold weather is approaching our Clothes Ministry needs men's and children's coats. They are also in need of volunteers. If you can take an hour or two a week or month out of your schedule to help, it is much appreciated. Thank you, Jerry Lovell



November 13, 2022
The Worship of God
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Worship!

If you are new here or have a prayer request, please fill out a Communication Card found in the back of the pew. Drop it into the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Prelude Prelude on KREMSER (by Bruce Tippette) Bruce Tippette

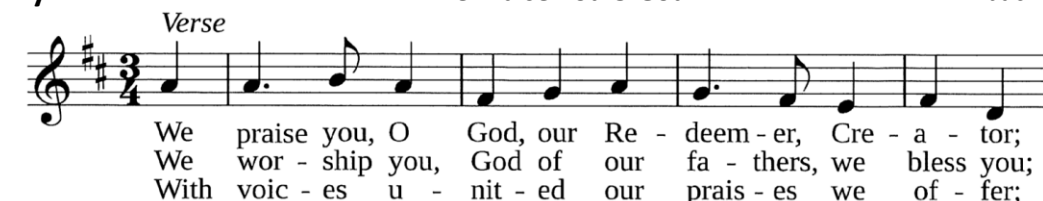
***Chiming of the Hour**

Welcome Rev. Horton

Call to Worship Smithie Parrish

Beloved community, we are called to worship God.
To accept Christ's invitation to the feast of love.
The table is being set for us.
May we bring our whole selves today.
Let us worship God in unity and love.

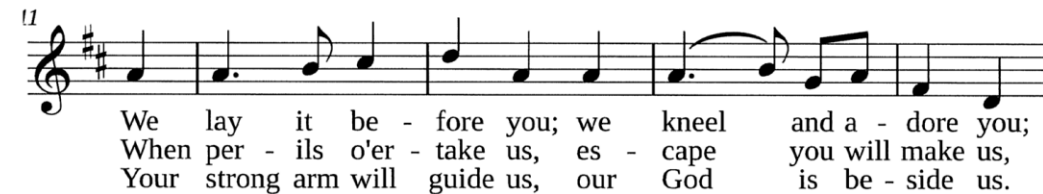
***Hymn** We Praise You O God back pg.



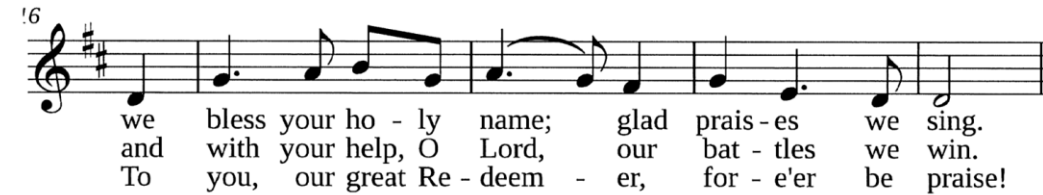
We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer;



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through life's storm and tem - pest our Guide you have been.
our songs of thanks - giv - ing to you we now raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, es - cape you will make us,
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is be - side us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.
To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - e'er be praise!

Invocation Smithie Parrish

Old Testament Reading

Smithie Parrish

But now hear this, Jacob my servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen. ²The Lord your maker, who formed you in the womb and will help you, says: Don't fear, my servant Jacob, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. ³I will pour out water upon thirsty ground and streams upon dry land. I will pour out my spirit upon your descendants and my blessing upon your offspring. ⁴They will spring up from among the reeds like willows by flowing streams. ⁵This one will say, "I am the Lord's," and that one will be named after Jacob. Another will write on his hand, "The Lord's" and will take the name Israel. ⁶The Lord, Israel's king and redeemer, the Lord of heavenly forces, says: I am the first, and I am the last, and besides me there are no gods. ⁷Who is like me? Let them speak up, explain it, and lay it out for me. Who announced long ago what is to be? Let them tell us ⁸what is to come. Don't tremble; have no fear! Didn't I proclaim it? Didn't I inform you long ago? You are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no other rock; I know of none.

Young Disciples

Rev. Horton

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Horton

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Horton

Song

Together We Serve

Back Pg.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Horton

Anthem

Look at the World (John Rutter)

Choir

Scripture

I Corinthians 10: 14-22

Rev. Horton

So then, my dear friends, run away from the worship of false gods! I'm talking to you like you are sensible people. Think about what I'm saying. Isn't the cup of blessing that we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Isn't the loaf of bread that we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Since there is one loaf of bread, we who are many are one body, because we all share the one loaf of bread. Look at the people of Israel. Don't those who eat the sacrifices share from the altar? What am I saying then? That food sacrificed to a false god is anything, or that a false god is anything? No, but this kind of sacrifice is sacrificed to demons and not to God. I don't want you to be sharing in demons. You can't drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you can't participate in the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Or should we make the Lord jealous? We aren't stronger than he is, are we?

Sermon

Table Manners

Rev. Horton

***Hymn**

We Are One in Spirit

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The Call to Give and to Serve

Rev. Horton

Offering is our chance to practice our faith in action, to share with others. You'll find offering plates in the narthex or you can give online at www.frucc.org/give.

Prayer of Dedication

Smithie Parrish

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDRETH

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

***Benediction**

Announcement of Elder, Deacon & Trustee Nominations for 2023

Eddie Yates

Postlude Improvisation on a Hymn Tune in F minor (by Bruce Tippette)

Bruce Tippette

We Are One in Spirit



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, 11/13

9:30amAdult Sunday School

10:30am..... Worship Service

Pick up Soup orders in Fellowship Hall after service.

12:00pm.....Consistory Meeting – **Room 103 Edu. Bldg. Annex**

12:00pm.....**Table Talk in Parlor** hosted by Rev. Horton

12-1:30pm.....Grace Episcopal Church – Servers from FRUCC
(Marge Doty, Mark Smith and family (3))

Monday, 11/14

5-6:00pm.....Clothing Ministry open

5:00pm.....Open Hands Meal & Service in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, 11/15

12:00pm.....Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race (2CFAR)

7:00pm.....NAMI via Zoom

Wednesday 11/16

6:30pmHandbell Practice

7:15pm.....Choir Practice

Thursday, 11/17

4-6:00pm.....Clothing Ministry Workday-Basement

6:30pm.....PFLAG

Friday, 11/18

6:30-8:30pm..SWIRL – Joy to the Heart Program in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, 11/19

12:00pm.....Saturday Lunch Ministry

Sunday, 11/20 – Commitment Sunday & Celebration Meal

9:30amAdult Sunday School

10:30am.....Worship Service – Taco Bar in Fellowship Hall

12-1:30pm.....Grace Episcopal Church – Servers from FRUCC
(Glenyce and Dave Fulton, Cathy and Joe Browder)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Brian McKerlie, J.W. Bates, Jimbo Hinkle, Thomas Phillips, Alisa Johnson

AT HOME: Peggy Bates, Ruth Essick, Gerri Hill, Lib Hinkle, Myrtle Latimer, Deanna Michael

IN CARE FACILITIES: Vogen Everhart, Sherry Bonner, Marguerite Leonard, Patti Everhart

OUR FRIENDS: Sarah Lovell Biggers (Jerry & Patti Lovell's daughter), Jack Poetzinger (Susie Smith's Father), Earl Parker (Rev. Horton's Father), Rena Y. Curia (sister to Cheryl Walser), Charles Hines (Friend of Alane Holste), Ray White (Step-father to Travis White), Carter Dorley (request from Community)



**Join Us
Commitment Sunday!
November 20th**

Celebration Meal following in Fellowship Hall!

Menu: Taco Bar, Desserts, & Beverages

Fun Planned for Everyone!!!!