WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

WHOEVER YOU ARE, AND WHEREVER YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

(*) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK AS IT IS PASSED DURING ANNOUNCEMENTS; THEN PASS IT TOWARD THE CENTER AISLE.)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

A TIME OF REFLECTION

***OPENING HYMN: #425 FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION (VERSES 1-3)** FRED PRATT GREEN, 1970

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE) LYNNE BORKE, LAY READER LEADER: MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH; ALL: BREAK FORTH INTO JOYOUS SONG AND SING PRAISES.

*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS. ACROSS THE CENTURIES, DESPITE PERSONAL TRAGEDY OR NATIONAL DEVASTATION, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL KNEW THEY COULD LOOK TO YOU FOR THEIR REDEMPTION, TRUSTING THAT YOU WOULD NOT DESERT THEM, WE JOIN WITH ALL YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE TODAY IN THE SPIRIT OF CONFIDENCE. AMEN.

*THE GLORIA PATRI (SUNG)

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY GHOST; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN. Words: Anonymous, 4th Century. Music: Henry Greatorex. This selection is in the Public Domain.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON: JEREMIAH 29:11

SERMON: "A SEASONAL REFLECTION"

Rev. DICK HOTCHKIN

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)

*HYMN: #28 FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (VERSES 1-3) St. 1-3, FOLLIOTT S. PIERPOINT, 1864; ALT. St. 4, MIRIAM THERESE WINTER, 1993

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

LEADER: LET US GIVE AS EACH IS ABLE FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW. PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW. PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST. PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (ALL): ALL GOOD GIFTS ARE FROM GOD. WE SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH GRATITUDE. MAY WE GIVE WITH PASSION FOR JUSTICE, AND WITH GOD'S LOVE GUIDING OUR PATHS. AMEN.

*CLOSING HYMN: #12 I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD (VERSES 1-3) ISAAC WATTS, 1715; ALT.

*BENEDICTION

*UNISON RESPONSE:

AND GOD WILL RAISE YOU UP ON EAGLE'S WINGS, BEAR YOU ON THE BREATH OF DAWN, MAKE YOU TO SHINE LIKE THE SUN, AND HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF GOD'S HAND. AMEN.

POSTLUDE

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

LAY READER: LYNN BORKEAltar Guild: Cindy StraleyUshers: Gary & Sandy JarmuzewskiGreeters: Joe & Pat GarantFellowship Hosts: Mary Minnick, Jay & Marilyn KettlerCounter: Tammy Veasy

		THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR	
SUNDAY	November 10	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
		11:00 AM	THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 11	5:30 PM	BOARD MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS			

- PLEASE WELCOME BACK REV. DICK HOTCHKIN AS HE LEADS US IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING.
- FELLOWSHIP HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR DECEMBER 22 AND 29. YOU MAY SIGN-UP IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ✤ SAVE THE DATES: DECEMBER 8, HOLIDAY LUNCHEON; DECEMBER 20, OPEN HOUSE 6:30 TO 8:30 PM.
- POINSETTIAS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE.
- PLEASE SEE NANCY WEDGE FOR GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS: DISH CLOTHS FOR \$2.50 AND/OR CORN BROOMS FOR \$20 EACH. ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH.
- THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER: DRESSINGS (GREAT VALUE BRAND OR STOVE TOP), GRAVY (PREFERRED CANNED), INSTANT MASHED POTATOES (BOXED OR POUCHES), ANY CANNED FRUIT OR VEGETABLES. DEADLINE FOR DONATION IS NOVEMBER 25. YOU MAY USE THE DONATED SHOPPING BAGS.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED, SHOWN ON THE INTERNET, AS THEY ARE HAPPENING AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING ONLINE LATER. PEOPLE IN THE SANCTUARY ATTENDING THE SUNDAY SERVICE MAY BE SEEN AS PART OF THE LIVE-STREAM AND RECORDING.

A UNISEX HANDICAP-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM IS LOCATED THROUGH THE DOORS TO YOUR LEFT AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY. A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE LADIES RESTROOM IS NEAR THE LOCKWOOD STREET ENTRANCE. A MEN'S ROOM IS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST November 10, 2024

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