



October 25, 2020

9:30 am

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Beloved, Love: Each fall stewardship moments offer us time to prayerfully reflect on how we Be Church, caring for God’s gifts—our people, building, legacy funds, and community—in this time and place. This year’s stewardship campaign gives witness to the joy and heart-filled sharing of time, talent, and treasure in our congregation.

Week 1, Oct. 11: The 2020 Faith and Service awards were presented to Lynn Hilgers and Sarah Fritz

Week 2, Oct. 18: Nicole Metko, who joined Memorial UCC 2 years ago, shared her thoughts on the importance of this faith community in her life

TODAY Week 3, Oct. 25: A family will share why joyful giving is a part of their stewardship commitment

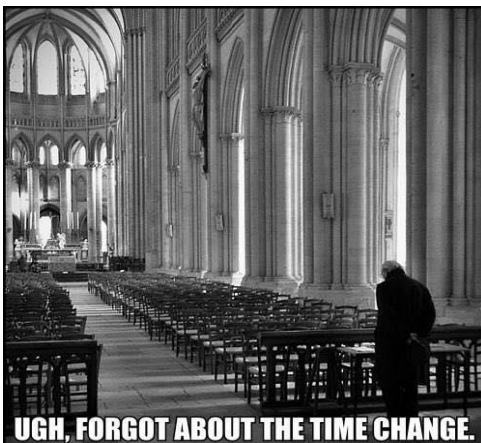
Week 4, Nov. 1: A person with a life-long affiliation in the United Church of Christ shares insight into the gifts she has given to Memorial, and the blessings she receives in return.

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

*Text printed in **BOLD** in the bulletin indicates that everyone is to read and/or sing. However, in our virtual space we ask that all but the readers and musicians remain muted – you can still read aloud and sing at home!*

“The whole earth is at rest and quiet; they break forth into singing.”

Isaiah 14:7-32



END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: NEXT SUNDAY, November 1! Don’t forget to set your clocks *back* one-hour Saturday night before you go to bed.

And though we would rather be worshipping in person, one of the benefits of Zoom church is that if you do forget and arrive early; you can just log off, have another cup of coffee/read more of the paper/get back to the kids who don’t yet realize the glory of an extra hour of sleep, and log back on later.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome and Life of the Community (Announcements)

Opening Song

Call to Worship¹

One: All that was, all that is, all that ever will be dwells in the life of God.

All: We are inseparable from generations past and generations future.

One: The lives of the ones who came before us are present all around us.

All: The needs of those to come call upon us today.

One: What are we doing with all we have inherited - the wonderful and the terrible?

All: What will we leave behind?

One: May God's blessing be upon us as we strive to live faithfully in the days we have been given.

Opening Prayer

Eternal Wisdom, in the midst of all of life's noise, we long to recognize your voice.

Where we have been led astray by the loudest and most visible, the power-hungry, and the greedy, you call us back. Back to your way that nourishes. Back to the dreams of your prophets. Back to what grounds and sustains. Today and always, may we be open to your Spirit whose truth leads us home. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-17

Time with Children: A Sunday School Lesson

Rebecca Malke

Special Music

Reflection

David: An Immersive Theatre Extravaganza

Rev. Karin Wells

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Rev. Karin Wells will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to:

memorialucc@gmail.com

¹ Today's order of worship is adapted from "Liturgy That Matters, October 25, 2020." Enfleshed, 2020.

Prayer of Jesus

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.

Beloved, Love: Stewardship Moment

Virtual Offering

Thank you to those who regularly give electronically. We understand that the pandemic impacts each of us in unique ways. Note that Memorial UCC has a NEW opportunity for you to give via PayPal! You can give securely via charge card, debit card, and direct withdrawal donations. Giving online through PayPal is fast and secure and you do not even need to have a PayPal account to use the service to make single, one-time donations. [CLICK HERE](#) to give.

Checks can be mailed directly to the church. Indicate in the memo line whether the giving is to Memorial operating costs or help to our community wide nonprofit partners. If you are interested in our monthly automatic withdrawal system, please email John Van Overbeke at jvanoverbe@aol.com and he will get you signed up.

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Incarnate One, especially in these times of uncertainty, we hope to be companions of righteousness. We hope to divest from all that destroys. We hope to live into the Spirit of Christ that sets the captives free. With these offerings, we pray that our gratitude will manifest in acts of radical love where and when they are needed most. Amen.

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

Song for Going Out #8

Praise to the Living God²

verses 1, 3 & 4

**Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight;
Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,
Pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.**

Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,

² Elvey, George, 1868. *New Century Hymnal* #8.

**Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.
God toils where'er we toil, in home and mart and mill;
And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.**

**Praise to the living God, around, within, above,
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love.
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.**

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Schroerlucke, Jeff Darwin, Rebecca Malke, Rev. Karin Wells

Readers: Jan Pitas and Marcy Brant

Virtual Usher: Jamie Gaffke



Stay for Virtual Coffee Hour!

Following the service, you are invited to stay for conversation. Bring your own coffee, milk and/or donuts! All you need to do is to stay "in" Zoom as the service ends (don't click "leave meeting").

We will break into small groups that will last about 15 minutes. At the beginning of the breakout, introduce yourself, share how you are doing, and/or share where you have seen the Spirit move in your life this week. At the end of the 15 minutes we will gather again in a larger group and share our experiences.

Conversation Starter: Many churches celebrate All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1. Most years, Memorial UCC offers special events for the youth... and kids and adults wear costumes to worship the Sunday closest to Halloween. This year, Halloween will be different because of the pandemic. Share with the group 1). If you are doing anything for the holiday this year (have you adapted any traditions?), or 2). What you will miss this coming Saturday night... which will be HALLOWEEN!

PASTOR KRIS is on VACATION

Pastor Kris will be on vacation through Tuesday, October 27. Rev. Bryan Sirchio, pastor at the McFarland UCC, will be on call for any pastoral emergencies. He can be reached at 608-577-8716, or via email pastorb@mcfarlanducc.org.

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