



October 30, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“My Jesus I Love Thee”

(Don Hustad)

Tower Bell

Introit

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can feel the brush of angel wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*Responsive Call to Worship

Climb the heights to view the promises of God; stand in the house of God to give praise.

Praise God; praise the name of God. Sing to God, who is great and good and gracious.

God has chosen us, and claims our loyalty; God opens our eyes to see life's possibilities.

Praise God for all the wonders of creation; praise God for saving acts of mercy.

Rejoice in the God of peace who welcomes us here; God is listening to our words and to our hearts.

We will not turn away from God's invitation; we are here to celebrate with our host.

*Hymn #111

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

(Laudes Domini)

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

O God, Your repeated invitations to us have fallen on deaf ears. Your promises are revealed before unseeing eyes. We have resisted Your companionship and failed to grasp the peace You offer. We are anxious about many things, and we allow our differences to divide us. Have compassion on us, Amazing God, and vindicate us. Center us once again on Jesus Christ and on the peace You are eager to give us. Amen.

(silence is kept)

*Assurance of Pardon

God has laid hands on us and blesses us. The wonders of God are all around us, assuring us of forgiveness and welcome. God hears our requests and answers when we call. God invites us to the feast of life in all its fullness, opening to us here and now the very realm of heaven. The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, is ours to receive and enjoy.

*Gloria Patri

(Creatorex)

**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. Amen.**

Children’s Chat

Scripture Lesson – 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ² Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of His call and will fulfill by His power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Anthem

“Ancient Words”

(Craig Courtney)

Ancient words, ever true, ancient words, ever true.
Ancient words, long preserved, for our walk in this world,
they resound with God’s own heart. O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope,
in this world where-e’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you,
we have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice.
O heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God’s own heart. O let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you,
we have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart.



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

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PROGRAM

Coffee Fellowship Time Fellowship Hall (L.L.) 9:00 a.m.
Worship Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care South Hallway 9:30 a.m.

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Church Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday Closed
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Vickie Grey Kennedy

Liturgist: Kyle Taylor

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield, Shirley Rice & Mike Hanson

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, October 30: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, October 31: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, November 1: 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
7:00 p.m. East Row Historic Foundation Meeting

Thursday, November 3: 9:00 a.m. Food Pantry
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 5: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, November 6: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Sunday/
All Saints Day

Gathering Together in Prayer

Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

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.**

Stewardship Moment

Kyle Taylor

Offertory Invitation

We are called to companionship with all who labor side by side with us in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have been blessed with resources we are privileged to share. From our rich heritage, we reach out to invite the world to God's banquet. What a joy it is to give!

Offertory

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

(Molly Ijames)

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I own, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.
O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall ever tearless be.
O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to hide from Thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be.

*Doxology

(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Thank You, God, for choosing us to receive Your generous mercies and to pass them on. May our gifts and our way of life provide an open invitation and attractive summons to Your table for all whom we meet. Bless and expand our sharing. Amen.

Scripture Lesson - Luke 19:1-10 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Him, because He was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome Him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham." ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Today's Message

"Humility, Part 2. The Invite."
A monologue with Z.

Vickie Grey Kennedy

*Hymn #426

"Blessed Assurance"

(Assurance)

*Responsive Benediction

We have been honored by God's presence with us; we have been strengthened by being together.

We have experienced God's truth; we have been united in praise.

Now we are sent out to gather others for God; we are commissioned to do what we have learned.

Equipped by God's promises, we go out to serve. Answering God's call, we reach out to others.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

The peace of God goes with us; we will praise God in all we do.

Amen.

Amen.

*Choral Response

Postlude

"Trumpet Tune"

(William Boyce)

Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Barry or John Robson to contact you. You can also call, text or email Barry at:
Revbarryb@stjohnsuccnewport.org
Cell Phone: (513) 317-8146

In Our Prayers

Joan Berkemeyer, Cheryl & Barry Bordenkircher, Judy Eads, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Robert Hasse, Mark Hater, Chuck Hawkins, Vickie Kennedy, Carol & Henry Marksberry, Bill Seibert, Bruce Shay, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, John & Peggy Westlund

Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.
Rev. Barry Bordenkircher
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.

Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Norma Biery. Norma's birthday is Tuesday, November 8th. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Norma as our member of the week!

Her address is:

Norma Biery
Munro House

3034 Riggs Avenue Apt. 204
Erlanger, KY 41018

Infant, Toddler, Preschool and School Age Child Care is Available on Sunday Mornings

We have childcare workers available for our infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children. Children can be dropped off starting at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Youth Room. You can ask any usher for assistance or information about this program.

Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

COVID Update

Just a reminder that if you become infected with the COVID virus, please let the church office know so that we can notify anyone that you may have been in contact with at that time. Thank you and everyone please stay safe.

Gifts to the Manger Community Christmas Ministry
Washington United Church of Christ—Your Help Is Needed

Sunday, December 11, Washington UCC will provide up to 100 families with gift items and basic necessities. We hope to give about 350 children an outfit, socks, underwear, gloves, hat and a few toys. Each family will receive a box of food.

The Christ Child was born in poverty and given gifts by the magi. What better way to celebrate His birth than to do the same for these children of God! **This is where we need your help!**

Special Request: We request no violent games or toys. Do not wrap the gifts (but DO include wrapping paper, etc.). We will do all of the wrapping.

Monetary Donations are needed and appreciated: We will do the shopping! Please send donations to: Christmas Ministry, Washington UCC, 2950 Sidney Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45225

Toys: Needed are gifts for all ages-especially for teens (toiletries, jewelry, art/craft/ jewelry making kits) (handheld video games, CD players, anything electronic is very popular). We need basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, Legos, Hot Wheels, Play Doh, games like Connect-4, action figures, cars and trucks. As well as baby toys, ethnic baby dolls, Barbie dolls and Barbie clothes. For teens: Bath & Body Works, Xbox/PlayStation Network gift cards are good ideas.

Underwear: Girl's sizes 7 to large, women's sizes 14 to XL, toddlers, boy's sizes 6-9, and men's large.

Socks: Girl's ankle socks sizes 4-10 (colors) and 9-11 (white and colors), toddlers, boy's sizes 6-9, and men's large.

Clothing: Girls: Girl's sizes 5, 6, 10, 12, 14, 16; Junior's 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13; and women's small, medium and large. Sweatpants and tops are preferred.

Clothing: Boys: Boy's outfits in sizes 5-6, 12-14, 14-16, medium, large; men's sweatpants and shirts in sizes S, M, L, XL

Gloves, Mittens and Hats: All sizes (please no stretch gloves)

Last day to bring gifts to church is
Sunday, December 4, 2022



Welcome!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!
We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God's Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.

May you know His grace and peace today!

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers in church today are provided by the Sanctuary Flower Fund. If you or anyone you know would benefit from the beauty and joy of the arrangement, please feel free to take them.

Open flower dates are November 13th, 20th & 27th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

All Saints Day Service

If you have a loved one who passed away within the past year and would like for them to be remembered during our All Saints Day Service on Sunday, November 6th, please call the church office or email Kelli at kelli.taylor@stjohnsuccnewport.org and we will have their name added to the list for the worship service. Please have all names to the church office by Thursday, November 3, 2022

Senior Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, November 9th:

11:30am-1:30pm

Bring your own lunch

Drinks and desserts provided by the church



In Remembrance of Me

based on Mark 6:30-44

Rev. Phiwa Langeni (they/them/theirs)

Ambassador for Innovation & Engagement

Center for Analytics, Research & Development, and Data (CARD), UCC

Whenever we celebrate communion, we share tidbits about the last meal Jesus had with his friends. After breaking the bread and pouring the cup, Jesus tells his friends to eat and drink “in remembrance of me.” And that’s what we do whenever we share in that sacred meal these 2,000+ years later.

My remembrances have typically included the post-supper betrayal and drawn-out drama leading to Jesus’ death as well as the resurrection and joyous reunion with his friends. Recently, I’ve come to recognize a tiny-yet-crucial logical error that being on this side of history facilitated. My recollections include happenings that hadn’t yet occurred when Jesus invited his friends to remember.

It’s more likely that Jesus wanted them to remember moments like they had with the crowd of 5,000+ people. As Jesus generously gave of himself to fill their spiritual hunger, their physical hunger kicked in. Understandably, the disciples could only see scarcity with their few resources against this large logistical nightmare.

Jesus, however, saw abundance. He chose generosity fueled by innovative thinking and actions. He invited them to consider what was already available and reconfigure their structure to make the miraculous (re)distribution of food possible so that everyone could eat satisfyingly and have leftovers. That’s what the disciples would’ve remembered.

Anytime we approach the sacred meal, let Jesus’ generosity also flood our remembrances of him so that our very lives might also be transformed and inspired to innovate our thinking and actions. Indeed, there is enough and so much more for all of us!

CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042
150,000	12,500	250	375	500	625	1250
200,000	16,667	333	500	667	833	1667

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity. Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.

