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PROGRAM

	LOCATION	TIME
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.

CHURCH STAFF

POSITION

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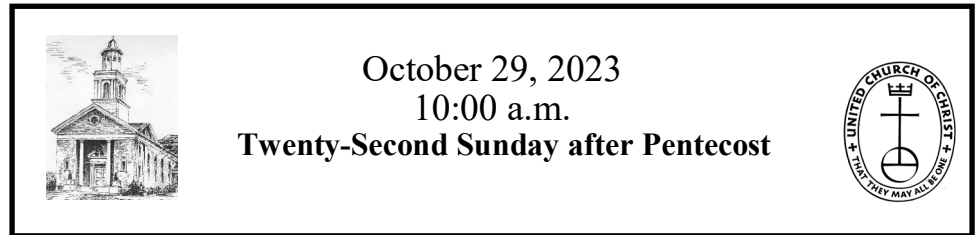
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Church Office Hours

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.



Thought for the Day before Worship

In the first reformation the angel and Jesus sent two women as valid witnesses (as recorded in Matthew), (or) the Holy Spirit sent 120 women and men to Jerusalem, Judea, and Rome, and ends of the earth to witness (as recorded in Luke).

Day by day, year by year, country by country, Christ and the Holy Spirit have been continually reforming the same church.

We are called to see and witness to that continuing action in our time.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Voluntary in G”

(William Boyce)

Tower Bell

Introit

If you will trust in God to guide you,
 and hope in God through all your ways.
 God will give strength, what-e'er betide you,
 And bear you through the evil days.
 Who trusts in God's unchanging love
 Builds on the rock that will not move.

***Call to Worship**

God is our refuge and strength...

...a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change...

...though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea...

...though its waters roar and foam...

...though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river...

Shall we gather at the river?

...a river whose streams make glad the city of God.

The beautiful, the beautiful river?

...a river whose streams make glad the holy habitation of the most high.

Shall we gather at the river that flows by the throne of God?

Let us together Worship our God!!

***Hymn #507**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

(Ein’ Feste Burg)

***Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

God of grace, we confess to you the sin of our pride. Too often our confidence is placed in ourselves and our accomplishments. Too often we take off in our own direction, leaving you, your word, and care of our neighbor behind. Give us confidence, God, but let it be grounded in your grace in our Lord Jesus Christ. O God, when pride does not overwhelm us, our own despair does. We confess to you those times of hopelessness and uncertainty.

Steady us when we are afraid to trust in you and act according to your good purposes. Give us courage and faith grounded in your grace given to us in Jesus Christ. Above all assure us that, as the apostle Paul preached, you are faithful, passing over our sins and rescuing us with forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News! God has gifted us with this time to repent and receive assurance of forgiveness through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have the opportunity to look differently upon the time that is now, to become wise in the use of our days, and to live the love we have been shown. Thanks be to God! Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Gloria)

**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.**

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Kyle Taylor

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield, Mike Hanson & Shirley Rice

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, October 29: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting

Monday, October 30: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, October 31: 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Thursday, November 2: 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 4: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Book Club

Sunday, November 5: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Sunday
& All Saints Day



GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD!

***Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

We return to you, O God, what you have first given to us: time, talents, resources, and life itself. You have lifted us out of ourselves and onto the solid ground of Christ. Help each of us to share this good news with others. Empower our congregation and the wider church to be communities of grace toward one another and toward the world. Open our eyes and hearts to all who struggle with pride or despair so we may share, in both words and deeds, your help, strength, forgiveness, hope, and love that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

***Hymn #106** *“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”* *(Coronation)*

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

Postlude *“A Mighty Fortress”* *(Diane Bish)*

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 12th, 19th, & 26th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

From the Law of the Old Testament: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

“Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

“You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD. “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

From the Law of the Old Testament: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 1 (done responsively)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Anthem *“We Are More Than Conquerors”* *(Mark Hayes)*

We are more than conquerors, we are more than conquerors
We are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us.

For I’m convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ!

Children be strong in the Lord, be strong in the strength of God’s power.
For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,
but the rulers, and the powers, and the darkness, and the evil of this world.

Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand. And having done everything, lift up
you head and then stand. Now stand, stand, stand now stand!

We are more than conquerors, we are more than conquerors though Jesus Christ!.

From the Gospels: Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?

“If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Sermon “ALL” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

*Affirmation of Faith: Trust In God

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally

in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn #446 “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” (St. Margaret)

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

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Stewardship Moment

David & Diana Stamm

Offertory Invitation

In the best of circumstances, we can delight in the blessing of unrestrained giving. In the worst of conditions, there is yet much to share. So we come today, rich and poor, fulfilled and bereft, forever on a journey that calls for our generosity. God will bless all our efforts.

Offertory

“O God Beyond All Praising”

(arr. Dan Forrest)

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev’ry gift you send
at blessings without number and mercies without end.
we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

For we can only wonder at ev’ry gift you send
at blessings without number and mercies without end.
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through Him are given the final victory.
then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring
that we, we who know Your favor may serve you as our King
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
and make a joyful duty our song of praise.
Our sacrifice of praise.

*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!