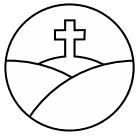


HOPE

THOU ART MY HOPE, O LORD GOD.

PSALM 71:5





Faith
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Rev. Ted Brelsford | Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Ruth Foley | Music Director

Sunday, December 1, 2024
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

28th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise:

People: I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up from David: and he will bring justice and righteousness.

Leader: Come, let us praise the God of justice, the Lord of righteousness!

People: Come, let us worship God together!

INVOCATION

*HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Gray, #133 vs. 1,2,5

*CONFESSION

Holy and loving God, we give thanks for the promise of this sacred season, and for the joy we find in the Christ Child. Yet we often fail to live with the hope of Christ's love. In this season of anticipation, we are easily distracted by our own projects and preparations. We lose focus on the one who is the source of our joy. Forgive us, O God, and restore our hope in you. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Lighting Hymn *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* Gray #140

Unison prayer: Loving God, as we remember and anticipate the arrival of Jesus in the world, we rejoice in the gift of hope. Help us to be grateful, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Lighting Hymn *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* Gray #140

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

PSALM READING Psalm 25:1-10

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

SERMON "Hope"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** *Let Us Break Bread Together* Gray, #776

HOLY COMMUNION

Affirmation and Invitation

Prayer and Blessing

Consecration and Distribution

When the usher comes to your row, those who wish to partake should come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. The pastor will place a piece of bread in the palm of your hand and then you may take a cup from the tray. Sealed gluten free wafers are available. Grapes and crackers are available for children at the table to your left of the pulpit.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** *Come Thou Almighty King* Gray, #5 vs. 1,2,3

***GIFTS and OFFERINGS** *There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.*



***DOXOLOGY**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all who are at war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know. Bill Bates, Vickie Bieger, Sue Cook, Gary Cook, Stephen Dearth, Sonne Durphy, Barb Fink, Ruth Foley & Family, Louise Forney, Friends & family of Jim Henry, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Fred Shear, Sydney Stisser, Janet Taber, Bob Tills, and Joyce Whittemore.

For Those in the Military: Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teegan Partridge, Cadan Skinner, Justin Slighter, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Joe Solak, Mark Solak, Aaron Wellman, and Mark Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Please join us December 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the Christmas movie “The Grinch”.**
- **December 7th Women’s Group will be decorating the Church for Christmas and practicing for our Advent program.**
- **The Women’s Advent program will take place during worship on December 8th.**
- **The Women’s Christmas party will be Wednesday, December 11th, 5:15 p.m. at the Parsonage. All women are invited.**
- **The Sunday school Christmas Program will be presented during worship on Sunday, December 15th, with a Coffee Hour following.**

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2465

Offering collection from November 24, 2024: \$5455

Current: \$5400 Benevolent: \$55

Attendance on Sunday, November 24, 2024: 73