



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People



And let the
peace of Christ
rule in your hearts...
and
be thankful

Colossians 3:15

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2020

ZOOM Worship 10:00 am

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE “The God of Abraham Praise” Improvised by G. Winston Cassler

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Birthday Blessings

MOMENT FOR MISSION The Lime Foundation Leticia Hanke

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls together the scattered flock,
searching for all who have wandered away.

**We have strayed from God’s purposes
and yet resist the idea that we must be rescued.**

God brings us home and feeds our spirits.

God binds up our wounds and strengthens the weak.

**It is good to be a home in God’s house
and to be reminded of how much God cares for us.**

God, in Christ calls us to grow up and bear fruit,
To share with the Chosen One in resurrection victory.

**We long to be raised from the death that engulfs us,
to live in newness of life under God’s rule.**

Worship God with renewed intent to share in ministry
To the least of our sisters and brothers in need.

**We come to this time and place for renewed vision,
deepened intent, and empowerment to act.**

*HYMN #367 “Come, Ye Thankful People Come” George Job Elvey, 1868

*Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.*

*All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.*

*God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.*

*Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field,
fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,*

unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come;
raise the glorious harvest home!

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sovereign God, all we, like sheep have gone astray. We have turned to the ways of death rather than of life. We have preferred security to sacrifice and gluttony to generosity. We have failed to care about or respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers, for we have been preoccupied with our own narrow concerns. Forgive us and turn us around so we may accept our rightful place in your eternal realm. Amen

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

“As in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.” We are a new people, equipped with fresh vision and purpose to reach out as Christ’s hands and feet, ministering to a needy world. Leave behind your self-imposed limitations and give your best to the one who needs what you have to give.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Pastor Cindy

OFFERTORY “Let All Things Now Living” Welsh Melody arr. by Wayne Hooper

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

Pastor Cindy

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"Canticle of the Sun"

by Marty Haugen

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:31-46

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand,

“Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him,

“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed

you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them,
"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer,
"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them,
"Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Little Things Count"

Rev. Lynne Vandercook

*HYMN

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Cyril Taylor, 1907

*Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
And the Gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose
With renewed integrity;
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
For the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
Life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us
Closer in community;
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
For the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
Daily lift life heavenward,*

*Asking that the world around us
Share your children's liberty;
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
For the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
All that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
To a just society;
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
For the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
May we serve as you intend,
And, amid the cares that claim us,
Hold in mind eternity;
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
For the work of ministry.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Holy One, enthroned in glory over all creation,
You are a shepherd to the lost and the least.
Teach us to see your face among the poor-
Feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty,
Welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked,
And visiting those who are sick or in prison-
So that we may share in your eternal realm
Prepared from the foundation of the world;
through Jesus Christ, who is coming indeed,
to reign in justice, compassion and love.

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 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.

*HYMN #643 “Now Thank We Now our God”

Martin Rinkart, 1636

*Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.*

*BENEDICTION

POSTUDE “Now Thank We All Our God “

by Sigfrid - Karg Elert

Preacher: Rev. Lynne Vandercook

Liturgist: Pastor Cindy

Music: Althea Wright, Myles Ellis, Dee Andrea

Technology Director: Norm Smith

PRAYER REQUESTS Please include in your prayers

*The family of Lucy Poindexter, as they mourn her passing on Oct. 24, 2020.

*The family of Althea Wright's ex-husband, Larry, who passed away Aug. 16th.

*The family of Helen Burns, as they mourn her passing on August 14th.

*The family of Elizabeth Ann Palmer, as they mourn her passing on July 24th.

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

Bill Beaumont	Janice Holmes	Shirley Walton
Bob Bunting	Carolyn Kenworthy	Bob Weber
Patrick Butler	Margret Kram	Jill White
Peggy Call	Vivian Mazeski	Roger White
Stephanie Caron	Luu Maxwell	Helen Wikle
Doreen Cowden	Jessica Morse	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Dick Draper	Beverly Mueller	Betsy Yeager
Danny Duchsherer	Debbie Seat	Avery Yudice
Barbara Flannery	Bob Simmons	
Marilyn Hilan	Sharon Sorani	

*** Beverly Mueller is now in Rehab on Summerfield. She can take calls at 707.539.1515, room 8b.*

THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

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