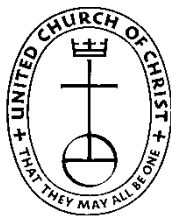


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WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: "It Is Well with My Soul/The Comforter Has Come"
Philip Bliss

*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Know that the Holy One is God.

Many: We are God's people.

One: Worship the Holy One with gladness;

Many: Come into God's presence with singing.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts
with praise.

Many: Make a joyful noise!

One: For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Many: Let us worship with thanks and joy!

Let us praise God in song and word and prayer!

*OPENING HYMN: #26 "We Worship You, God"

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Gracious God, we long to know you better.

**Open us to recognize your presence, to receive you fully,
and to be ready to follow your leading. Amen.**

*GLORIA: #759

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

A READING FROM PSALMS:

Psalm 100

Lay Liturgist

(Page 742 in the Pew Bible)

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES: **Ephesians 1:15-23**
Lay Liturgist (Pages 1423- 1424 in the Pew Bible)

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

*GOSPEL LESSON: **Matthew 25:31 - 46**
Pastor Rosemary (Page 1207 - 1208 in the Pew Bible)

This is the Word of God. It is true and can be trusted.
Thanks be to good. Amen.

SERMON: **“When Did We See You, Lord?”**

HYMN OF RESPONSE: **#597 “Shall We Gather at the River”**

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: **Totenfest**

PASTORAL PRAYER:
Beginning with a time for silent personal 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 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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: **#812 Three-Fold Amen**
Amen, Amen, A-men.

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: **“Blessed Assurance”** Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY: **# 780**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

God of abundance, we give these offerings of material goods as our commitment to give back to you and to care for your people. Let our giving remind us to see Jesus all around us. Use our offerings of money and of our lives for ministry to your purposes. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN: **#299 “For All the Saints”**

DURING THE HYMN THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.

*BENEDICTION:

May God give you wisdom and revelation.
May the eyes of your heart be enlightened.
May you know the hope to which God has called you,
And may the blessings of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer go with you this day and always. **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:

*POSTLUDE: “Gloria from the Twelfth Mass” Mozart

Serving in Christ’s Name:

Ministers – All members of St. John UCC

Participants in Today’s Worship:

Pastor – Rev. Rosemary Captain

Minister of Music – Sharon Banjavcic

Liturgist - Jan Miller

Ushers – Sue Ganschinetz and Tyler Underwood