November 18, 2018 – 10:00 am <u>ST. JOHN</u> <u>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</u>



"Watch out that no one deceives you."



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Please respond with words in **bold** print. *Please stand if comfortably able. **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal.

-WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS -THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE. -THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP -LITURGY BY REV. LAVON BAYLER -CCLI LICENSE #11164431.

PRELUDE: "Simple Gifts" Tom Birchwood

*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Come, let us present ourselves before our God. Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer. MANY: Surely God knows our thoughts and hears our prayers. We find strength for living as we praise God.

One: Lay down your arrogance and false pride. Admit your needs as you seek God's favor.

MANY: We pour out our souls before the living God. We do not withhold from God our misery and distress.

One: God grants our petitions and gives us peace. The counsel of our God gladdens our hearts.

MANY: In God's presence there is fullness of joy. As we meet together, we are encouraged and comforted.

*OPENING HYMN: NCH 422 "Come, O Thankful People, Come"

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Our hearts exalt in you, O God. All knowledge has its origin in you. Our deepest hungers are satisfied as you give counsel and instruct our hearts. Be known to us now, that our covenant with you may be strengthened. Give confidence to all who enter this sanctuary, that our faith may grow, our love expand, and our hope find fulfillment. Show us the path of life, and grant us courage to walk in your ways. Amen.

*GLORIA: NCH 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.

SECOND TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 10:11-25 Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

*GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 13: 1-8 Hear what the spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON: "How will we know?"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 421 "We Gather Together"

PASTORAL PRAYER: Beginning with a time for silent personal prayer. Concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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: NCH 812 Three-Fold Amen Amen, Amen, A-men.

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: Chorale on "Gott Sei Dank" (Thank God) Rob Roy Perry

*DOXOLOGY: NCH 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:

Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice in the opportunity to share. Here are the fruits of your generosity and our hard work. In thanks for the perfect offering of Jesus Christ, we bring ourselves with our gifts. Show us how to combine our efforts to build wholesome relationships, extend your church, and minister in your name throughout the world. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN: NCH 397

"Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers"

*BENEDICTION:

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH 236 Halleluja (sung twice)

Halle, halle, hal-le-luja. Halle, halle, hal-le-luja. Halle, halle, hal-le-luja. Halleluja, hal-le-lu-ja!

POSTLUDE: "Give Thanks" Henry Smith