LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EXODUS 14:10-31, 15:20-21 and MATTHEW 25:14-30

"Victory at the Red Sea and On the Parable of the Talents"

We are given our being, our gifts, our strength to be the difference in this broken world.

When the day comes, what will we give to the Giver of all?

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 15, 2020

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BOLD indicates congregational responses.

GATHER

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Renee Dockery

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. You shall have no other gods.
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not murder.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

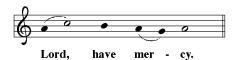
THE KYRIE Mark 10:47







For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



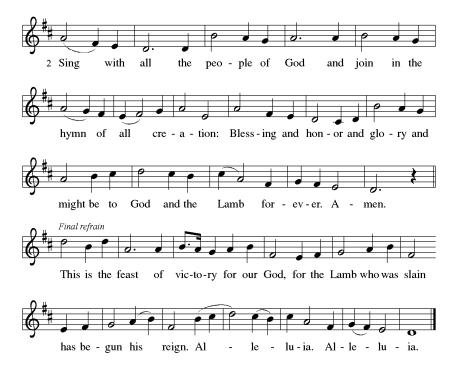




THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9





PRAYER OF THE DAY

(prayed together)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

EXODUS 14:10-31, 15:20-21

The LORD saves His people by bringing them through the waters. The LORD destroys the false powers and drowns them in the waters.

¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to

die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. ²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

²⁰Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. ²¹And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

L: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90 "In Ev'ry Age" Michel Guimont



1You turn us back into dust and say: "Go back, children of the earth." To Your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday come and gone, No more than a watch in 'he night.

Refrain:

2You sweep us away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers; by evening it withers and fades.

Refrain:

3Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is Your anger forever? Show pity to Your servants.

Refrain:

4In the morning fill us with Your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favor of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

Refrain:

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Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68

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You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:14-30

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing. even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

On the Victory of the LORD at the Red Sea

What is a Talent?

The Riches of Friendship with Jesus

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: The Last Judgement is coming. Am I squandering the talents and gifts of God?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The LORD gives generously and trusts us to be wise and multiply for His Kingdom now and forever.

On Discipleship: Reflect on yourself and acknowledge specific talents of which you are aware that God has given to you. How do you use these gifts now? What is your take away for your walk with Christ?

Memory Verse:

¹Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea." -Exodus 15:1





THE APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and

sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life + everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayers conclude:

P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

2 Corinthians 13:11

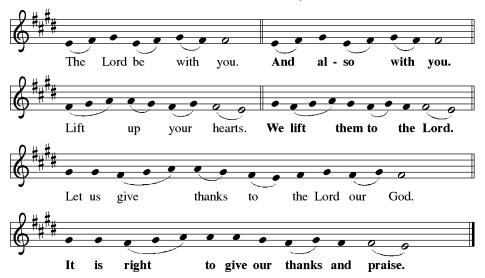
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL AND SENDING

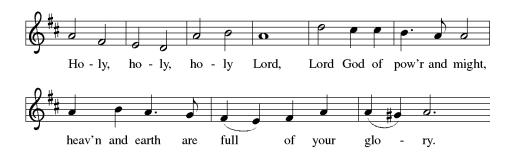
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

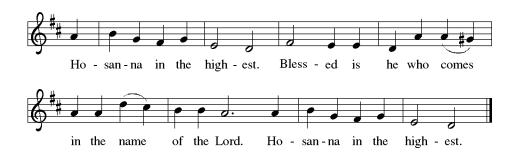
2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9





THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

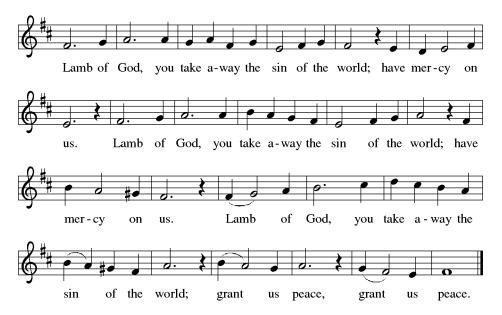
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

LAMB OF GOD John 1:29



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND INDIVIDUAL DISMISSAL

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

POSTLUDE

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Rhonda Putnam in honor of Doug and Marion Rhyne's 64th Anniversary.

PARISH NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need a few good men <u>AND</u> women! With changes to our 10:30 worship service due to COVID-19 our weekly usher opportunities have also changed. We are currently in need of volunteers to serve as our single "inside sanctuary" usher to primarily meet, greet and seat, distribute masks, open/close doors during service and oversee dismissal. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please contact Steve Clark or Ervin Hoffman. Thank you!

SPECIAL LOVE OFFERING: During 2020 our Lutheran Chapel staff members have stepped up to provide as much normalcy as possible for our congregation to worship together, stay connected, give back and return to the church campus. With this in mind, the congregational council would like to provide a love offering to all of our staff as a thank you. If you would like to participate in this love offering, please mark "staff gift" on your contribution in the Sunday offering plate, via mail to 702 N. New Hope Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054 or church website (lutheranchapelchurch.org) Give option. Deadline to contribute is 12/6 as love offering will be distributed 12/13. Many thanks for your prayerful consideration in this love offering.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the December newsletter are due Wednesday, 11/18.

THANKSGIVING MEAL MINISTRY: Contributions to our Thanksgiving Meal Bags are currently being collected. Due to the pandemic, we have decided that the safest way to help families this Thanksgiving is to give a \$25.00 Food Lion gift card. This would take the place of shopping and filling a meal bag. If you would like to donate towards this ministry we would appreciate your contributions. Please indicate that your donation is for Thanksgiving Meal Bags. Donations should be in by November 22. Thank you again for your love and generosity to always help our community. ~Social Ministry Committee

2021 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you'd like to sign up for a special Sunday in 2021 to donate altar flowers, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242.

OWLS BACKYARD BIRD WATCHING: With the fall season upon us, Amy has started a bird watching club. If you are interested in participating, simply take a picture of birds you find in your backyard, identify them, and send the info to Amy. She will share your discoveries in her daily OWLS message board via email.

SPROUTS: We will continue with virtual youth group meetings through November on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Our next meeting will be this **Wednesday**, **November 18**. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: The next novel in our women's book club will be *Mere Christianity*. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 21st at 6 pm**, location TBD. If you are interested in attending this book club session, please contact Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org.

TITHES & OFFERINGS: There are several options to send in your tithes & offerings each week. You can utilize your offering envelopes (or a regular envelope) to mail or drop off in the <u>locked mailbox</u> at educational building. Or you can give on-line through our church website: lutheranchapelchurch.org, top right-hand corner "give" which is a link to Easy Tithe. Any questions or concerns call our Treasurer, Ed Robinson.



Dear Members of Lutheran Chapel:

My Girl Scout Troop 20015 is learning about cancer; how it impacts those in our community and ways we can help. Our group would like to have patients feel comfortable, loved and happy while they are healing. Girl Scout Troop 20015 is asking for donations of items to provide to cancer patients. Our project will begin October 20, 2020 and end November 20, 2020.

List of items we are collecting for the drop box:

Warm Socks/Hats

Lap Blankets

Lotion(Unscented)

Essential Oils

Chapstick

Stress Balls

Hand Sanitizer

Small Toys/Stuffed Animals

Puzzle Books/Word Search (Adults & Children)

Coloring Books/Word Search (Adults & Children)

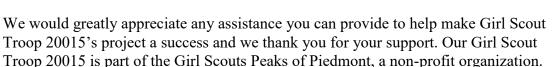
Colored Pencils/ Crayons

Gum

Hard Candy /Peppermints

Snacks (snack bar, chips, etc.)

Small Drinks (mini water bottles)



If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact my mom, Katie Potter at 704-718-8012 or our Girl Scout troop leader(s) Mr. Michael McDaniel (gstroop20015@gmail.com) and Mrs. Jessica Skolnik (JSkolnik1330@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Madison Potter

Girl Scout Junior - Troop 20015



DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (Psalm 1:2) A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The "Our Daily Bread" devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Lynda Ellington, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Helen Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Dru Huffstickler, Robert Park, Betty Petty, the family of Norma Morrison, Fran Rice, Joan Riddle, Barbara Robinson, Bill Robinson, Karen Shambaugh, and the family of Mary Beth Stone.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Vera Beutler, Eula Brazell, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Baby Ellis Brown, Amelia Edwards, Jeannie Ehlers, Garry and Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, James Goudelock, Harriet Grantham, Alice Hester, Sherry Hester, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Paula Kadel, Dave and Crystal Lanning, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, Monica Morrissey, Frieda Moses, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Craig Rooney, Martin Salois, Meredith Scruggs, Pastor Peter Setzer, Jimmie Sloop Jr., Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 47: NOVEMBER 15 to NOVEMBER 22, 2020

- 11/15 Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:1-19—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 1, 2
- 11/16 Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:20-40—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 3, 4
- 11/17 Morning Reading: Hebrews 12—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 5, 6, 7
- 11/18 Morning Reading: Hebrews 13—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 8, 9, 10
- 11/19 Morning Reading: James 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 11, 12, 13
- 11/20 Morning Reading: James 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 14, 15
- 11/21 Morning Reading: James 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 16, 17
- 11/22 Morning Reading: James 4—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 18, 19

Song Of Praise

"Give Thanks"

W&P #41

Next Sunday, NOVEMBER 22, 2020 ~ Christ the King

- 8:30 Holy Communion: Exodus 20:1-21 and Matthew 25:31-46
- 9:00 Zoom Sunday School: From Shepherd to King
- 10:30 Service of the Word: Exodus 20:1-21 and Matthew 25:31-46 \sim

"The Ten Commandments and the Last Judgement"

Note: daily Lectio.net provides the complete Revised Common Lectionary for both Sunday and daily lessons.

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020

Sun-15	8:30 am	Early Service (Family Life Center)			
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom			
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)			
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir			
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Prayer Hut)			
Mon-16	8:30 am	Preschool			
Tues-17	8:30 am	Preschool			
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday			
Wed-18	8:30 am	Preschool			
	6:00 pm	Sprouts via Zoom			
	6:15 pm	Handbells (Sanctuary Basement)			
Thur-19	8:30 am	Preschool			

We are so happy you joined us for worship this morning. Please fill out the information below and leave this page in the pew following the service. Thank you!

Date:				
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_	Member	Visitor	Desire a call from the Pastor	
Prayer Requ	est:			