



*We are an inclusive, inter-generational faith
community that loves God
with our hearts. . . and hands. . . and voices*

October 18, 2020, 10:30am

Welcome

Rev. Tonya Arnesen,
Senior Pastor

Greeting

*If you are with us in person, please take a moment to greet one
another in "safe distancing" ways.*

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Deacon Greg Lawton

Prelude

"Jubilance"
(Arnold Sherman)

Corey Noble, Organ
Carillon Chimes

Call to Worship *(from Colossians 1:15-20)*

Jeralynne Hawthorne

One: We gather this morning to worship Christ, who is founder, sustainer and perfecter of the church

All: He is the image of the invisible God, the one who is firstborn over all creation;

One: Because all things were created by him, both in the heavens and on the earth, whether they are thrones or powers or rulers or authorities— all things have been created through him and for him.

All: He existed before all things, and all things hold together in him.

One: He is the head of the body, the church;

All: He is the beginning, the one who is firstborn among the dead, so that he might occupy the first place in everything.

One: Because the fullness of God was pleased to live in him,

All: And he reconciled all things to himself through him, whether things on earth or in the heavens. He brought peace through the blood of his cross.

***Hymn**

Jesus Shall Reign

*Jesus shall reign where're the sun does its successive
journeys run; his kingdom spread from
shore to shore, til moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless
praises crown his head; his name like sweet perfume
shall rise with every morning sacrifice.*

*People and realms of every tongue dwell on his
love with sweetest song; and infant voices
shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.*

*Blessings abound where're he reigns; all prisoners
leap and loose their chains; the weary find eternal
rest, and all who suffer want are blest.*

*Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar
to our King; angles descend with
songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!*

***Unison Opening Prayer** *(from Flames of the Spirit, Ruth Duck, ed.)* Jeralynne Hawthorne

Righteous God, the human cry comes before you day and night. We long for peace and justice, for love and truth on the earth. Teach us to pray, never losing courage; teach us humility, that our prayers may be worthy. May Christ come into our lives, and your reign of righteousness be established among us, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

First Lesson Jeremiah 29:4-14 Jeralynne Hawthorne

Sermon on the Steps and Blessing of Prayer Blankets Rev. Tonya Arnesen

Anthem **“Lord, I Ring My Praise to Thee”** Carillon Ringers
(Howard Starks)

Offertory Invitation Rev. Tonya Arnesen

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** Deacon Greg Lawton

Pastoral 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 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, Amen.

Second Lesson I Corinthians 3:1-23 John Hawthorne, Lay Leader

The Sermon John Hawthorne

“Paul, Apollos, and the Challenges of Division”

***Hymn**

Forward Through the Ages

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.*

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

*Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.*

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

*Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal.*

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

Benediction

John Hawthorne

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

One: We take the light of Christ into the world.

All: Let it shine brightly in our hearts.

Postlude

"The Solid Rock"
(arr. Corey Noble)

Corey Noble, Organ

Flowers on the Chancel:

In loving memory of Sandy Briggs given by his family.

The Music Box:

We welcome our new ringing ensemble into worship this morning. Our Carillon Ringers (“Carillon” is the French word for “Chime”) will play both handchimes and handbells. The ringers in this group are Kelsee Bearinger, Karen Brandner, Ann Deverman, Nancy Macaluso, Betsy Meyers, Corey Noble, Mary Schafer and Joanne Snell. The Chime Rack, played by Karen Brandner, was designed and created by Tim Meunier. This rack enables one ringer to play seven chimes.

Announcements

It was a beautiful day for the CROP walk, and FUMC had many adults and youth participating. If you still want to help reduce hunger in this world, please send your check made out to CWS/CROP to the church soon. Thank you.

United Methodist Women Reminder-We welcome you to our first meeting since the Pandemic-in-person and on Zoom: November 5, 2020 at 2:00 pm, Lynn Newhouse sharing her ministry in Cambodia. We need a count for both in-person and Zoom so safe preparation at church and Zoom links can be made. Please call the Church office (787-6460) for a reservation.

*You are invited to stand if you are able.