

WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 15, 2020

FELLOWSHIP TIME 9:30

WORSHIP TIME 10:00

Please put your Joys & Concerns in the zoom chat box
Welcome Rev. Wesley Palmer

PRELUDE "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

Call to Worship - Liturgist Howard Gay

Leader: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

All: We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.

Leader: We are here because we want to be God's people.

All: We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.

Leader: We come seeking to be moved, changed and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

All: Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit, and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Take My Life & Let it Be" **UMH # 399**
(Choir)

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

ALL: 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, this gift is not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Prayer of St. Francis

(you tube)

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Liturgist

Acts 20: 17-25, 32-38

From Miletus he sent to Ephesus for the leaders of the congregation. When they arrived, he said, "You know that from day one of my arrival in Asia I was with you totally—laying my life on the line, serving the Master no matter what, putting up with no end of scheming by Jews who wanted to do me in. I didn't skimp or trim in any way. Every truth and encouragement that could have made a difference to you, you got. I taught you out in public and I taught you in your homes, urging Jews and Greeks alike to a radical life-change before God and an equally radical trust in our Master Jesus. "But there is another urgency before me now. I feel compelled to go to Jerusalem. I'm completely in the dark about what will happen when I get there. I do know that it won't be any picnic, for the Holy Spirit has let me know repeatedly and clearly that there are hard times and imprisonment ahead. But that matters little. What matters most to me is to finish what God started: the job the Master Jesus gave me of letting everyone I meet know all about this incredibly extravagant generosity of God. "And so this is good-bye. You're not going to see me again, nor I you, you whom I have gone among for so long proclaiming the news of God's inaugurated kingdom. I "Now I'm turning you over to God, our marvelous God whose gracious Word can make you into what he wants you to be and give you everything you could possibly need in this community of holy friends. "I've never, as you so well know, had any taste for wealth or fashion. With these bare hands I took care of my own basic needs and those who worked with me. In everything I've done, I have demonstrated to you how necessary it is to work on behalf of the weak and not exploit them. You'll not likely go wrong here if you keep remembering that our Master said, 'You're far happier giving than getting.'" Then Paul went down on his knees, all of them kneeling with him, and prayed. And then a river of tears. Much clinging to Paul, not wanting to let him go. They knew they would never see him again—he had told them quite plainly. The pain cut deep. Then, bravely, they walked him down to the ship.

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THANKS BE TO GOD

MESSAGE

Caring For Those Who Have Cared For Us

Rev. Wesley Palmer

CLOSING HYMN

"Together We Serve"

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(Choir)

BENEDICTION