

WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 22, 2020

FELLOWSHIP TIME 9:30

WORSHIP TIME 10:00

Please put your Joys & Concerns in the zoom chat box

PRELUDE

“As a Deer”

OPENING PRAYER - Liturgist Meg Davis

Eternal God, whose signature we see, if we dare to look, in the creation of the universe, help us this hour to look and to listen for your handwriting and your voice in this place, among these people. Connect our temporary praise to your timeless rhythms, your ageless melodies, your everlasting joyful noise. Guide us now to focus upon you, knowing that in you our distractions become new possibilities for action. Breathe life into our singing, our praying, our speaking, our listening, our touching, that all these activities might become more than they are. In our worship we reach out to you, O God, knowing that you have already enfolded us in your arms. Thank you. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.

By: Peter Haynes

OPENING HYMN

“A Place in the Choir”

(you tube)

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Liturgist

Psalm 100

On your feet now—applaud God!

Bring a gift of laughter,
sing yourselves into his presence.

Know this: God is God, and God, God.

He made us; we didn't make him.
We're his people, his well-tended sheep.

Enter with the password: “Thank you!”

Make yourselves at home, talking praise.
Thank him. Worship him.

For God is sheer beauty,

all-generous in love,
loyal always and ever.

Ephesians 1:15—23

That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn't stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength! All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but *forever*. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

**THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD
THANKS BE TO GOD**

MESSAGE

“Coming Home”

Lisa Marciniak

Family Ministry & Sunday School Coordinator

CLOSING HYMN

“Pass It On”

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