



Sunday, November 17, 2019
4th Week of Stewardship Season

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Adult Bible Groups @ 9:15 AM
 Updates in the Life & Work of the Church @ 10:30 AM
 Worship Service @ 10:30 AM
 Sunday School: Children Dismissed from Worship



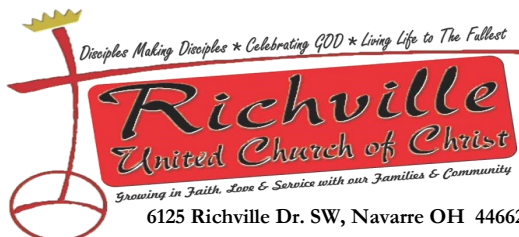
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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

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Something to Think and Pray About:

"The very least you can do in your life is figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof." **–Barbara Kingsolver**

"The truth is that our finest moments are most likely to occur when we are feeling deeply uncomfortable, unhappy, or unfulfilled. For it is only in such moments, propelled by our discomfort, that we are likely to step out of our ruts and start searching for different ways or truer answers." **–M. Scott Peck**

"Hope is the magic carpet that transports us from the present moment into the realm of infinite possibilities." **–H. Jackson Brown, Jr.**

"It's not only moving that creates new starting points. Sometimes all it takes is a subtle shift in perspective, an opening of the mind, an intentional pause and reset, or a new route to start to see new options and new possibilities." **–Kristian Armstrong**

"The possible's slow fuse is lit by the Imagination." **–Emily Dickinson**

"Hope is a passion for the possible." **–Soren Kierkegaard**

"You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope." **–Thomas Merton**

GATHERING OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

+ Designates all who are able please stand.

10:30 am - Updates in the Life and Work of the Church

10:30 am - Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude **"1st Variation on 'Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior'"** Charles Callahan

WELCOME

+ Opening Hymn #46 [vs. 1,3] "It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises"

+ Call To Worship (with Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon) *(responsive)*

[inspired by 2nd Thessalonians 3:6-13]

Leader: In mutual love through The Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we gather as those dedicated to the teachings and traditions of the Church.

PEOPLE: **Forgive us then, Holy One, we pray, when we are idle in our faith. Empower us to imitate what is best and brightest in YOUR saints.**

Leader: Strengthen us all (regardless of role or status) to work hard for what we have. Give us spirits to avoid being a burden to others needlessly.

PEOPLE: **And remind us, we humbly ask, that, while YOUR children do, indeed, deserve care and fair wages, we are called to be an example to others -willing to labor for what we eat; prepared to sacrifice for the sake of others.**

Leader: Then we will be so busy doing things which honor YOU and bless others, that we won't have time to be busybodies who engage in destructive gossip.

ALL: So, Merciful GOD, anoint our lives and our worship that we might represent Christ well -never growing weary of doing what is right; **AMEN!**

+ Sung Response #9 **“Glory Be to the Father”** (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Monthly “Noisy Offering” Renovations & Missions Offering

(This month, our collection will go toward our Capital Improvements/Facilities Renovation Fund)

Kids' Chorus: **“I Wanna Be Thankful/Grateful”**

GATHERING AROUND THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

The Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)

The Book of The Prophet Isaiah 65:17-25

Message:

“Limitless Possibilities”

-Bonnie Willis (Certified Lay-Minister)

+ Hymn of Response #509 [vs. 1,3] **“Sanctifying Power”**

Sharing and Responding to Our Stories-Of and Needs-for Resurrection

Prayers of The People (Joys and Concerns) and The Lord's Prayer

(using “sins” and “those who sin against us”)

Prayer Response #41 **“We Bring the Sacrifice”**

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.

Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD

Mission Moment: Aubrey Noll (Wildcat Christian Athletes)

Call to Offering

Offertory **“2nd Variation on ‘Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior’”** Charles Callahan

+ Offertory Response #7 **“Doxology”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ Prayer of Dedication ^[based on Isaiah 12] *(responsive)*

Leader: We come before YOU, O LORD, in thanks.

PEOPLE: Receive these gifts, we pray, in gratitude for the ways YOU have turned YOUR anger from us, and offered us comfort.

Leader: Use these offerings, then, to tell others that YOU are our Salvation -to chase away fear and build trust in YOU.

PEOPLE: Allow our living and giving to be a means by which people might joyfully receive from the deep reservoirs of the Waters of Salvation.

Leader: And bless us, we humbly ask, to be wise and faithful in our stewardship of these resources -using our time, talents, and treasures to make YOUR Deeds known among the nations.

PEOPLE: Allow the whole of our tithes to be as songs sung in praise of YOU -exalting YOUR Name and all YOUR Glorious works throughout the earth.

Leader: We want our contributions to speak in a loud and bold voice -proclaiming the joy we have as YOUR Royal Children who are being crafted into a reflection of YOUR Holy, Heavenly City.

ALL: *For YOU, Holy One of Israel and all people, are, indeed, great; AMEN!*

Following The Holy Spirit Into the World

+ Charge and Benediction *(Challenge & Blessing)*

+ Sending Hymn #472 [vs. 1,3,4] **“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”**

+ Carillon Postlude on Hymns of the Day *Michael Calabris*

WELCOME GUESTS:

If you are visiting us today, our prayer is that you would see and experience the whole-life transformation offered us in Jesus.

Large print bulletins are at the entry doors of the sanctuary.

Please visit our Welcome Center. Most any information you would want to know about our ministry and/or all sign up sheets are centrally located there. Also make sure to pick up your welcome gift!

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN:

Please remember to visit our Children's Area located to the right of the sanctuary doors. There you may sign your kids in, as well as grab a children's bulletin and a busy box.

Our education wing is located downstairs in the lower level. We have education classes for children (during worship) and also have a nursery.

COMING NEXT WEEK:

Reign of Christ & Thanksgiving Sunday

Final Week of Stewardship
Season/Consecration Sunday

Mission Guest:

Debbie Ciesielczyk
(Finance & Stewardship Chairperson)

Theme/Message:

“Who is my ‘King of Kings’ (and what does that mean)?” or “Prophets vs. Profits (False Shepherds & Heavenly Bread)” [with Luke 1:68-79]

Focus Text:

John 6:25-35 (with Jeremiah 23:1-6
and Colossians 1:11-20)

Please join us for our hospitality social after worship in our Fellowship Hall directly behind our sanctuary.