



Sunday, October 18, 2020
7th Week of Fall/Back-To Season
Monthly Youth Service Sunday
 Children's Sabbath & Laity Sunday

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Adult Bible Group @ 9:30 AM
 Updates in the Life & Work of the Church @ 10:30 AM
 Worship Service @ 10:30 AM
 Sunday School: Children Dismissed from Worship
 Post Worship: Fellowship Hour



Our accessible/family friendly restroom (equipped with changing table) is located at the back of the Fellowship Hall to the right of the kitchen.

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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

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Something to Think and Pray About:

"When they have contemplated the world, human beings have always experienced a transcendence and mystery at the heart of existence." **-Karen Armstrong**

"Apprehend God in all things, for God is in all things. Every single creature is full of God and a book about God. Every creature is a word of God. If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature--even a caterpillar--I would never have to prepare a sermon. So full of God is every creature." **-Meister Eckhart**

"I think if the church did what they were supposed to do we wouldn't have anyone sleeping on the streets."
-Michael W. Smith *(Christian singer/song-writer)*

"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing." **-President Theodore Roosevelt**

"A man may have to die for our country: but no man must, in any exclusive sense, live for his country. He who surrenders himself without reservation to the temporal claims of a nation, or a party, or a class is rendering to Caesar that which, of all things, most emphatically belongs to God: himself." **-C.S. Lewis**

"Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don't give up." **-Anne Lamott**

GATHERING OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

10:30 am - Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude **"Prelude in the Phrygian Mode (for Organ/Carillon)"** Michael Calabris, b. 1984

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn #445 [vs. 1,3] **"Rock of Ages"**

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.
While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown, And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.*

Call To Worship (with Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon) (responsive)
[based on Psalm 99]

Leader: The LORD is King, so let all nations stand in awe.

PEOPLE: GOD sits on the throne as King above the angels, so let the whole earth shake.

Leader: The LORD is great in the Holy, Heavenly City -The Great Leader over all people.

PEOPLE: So forgive us, we pray, Holy One, when we do not praise YOUR Name. Remind us of YOUR awesomeness. Teach us afresh of YOUR love for justice.

Leader: Make things right once more, we humbly ask, and bring goodness and fairness to YOUR people.

PEOPLE: We bow before YOU and YOUR Holiness. We thank YOU for the leaders who have served YOU and called upon YOUR Name in the past.

Leader: Answer us, as YOU answered them, we pray. Speak to us once more and refresh our understanding of YOUR Law and Commands.

ALL: Let YOUR forgiveness and discipline remake us, and then we will bow down before YOUR holy mountain to worship YOU, The LORD our GOD; 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.*

GATHERING AROUND THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

The Christian Scriptures (New Testament)

The Gospel According to Matthew 22:15-22

Message for The Whole Family of GOD:

7th Week of Fall 2020 Theme: “The Ways of The World/THE WAY of Jesus”

“Doing Right by Everyone (by Doing Right for GOD)”

(with Exodus 33:12-23)

Hymn of Response #541 [vs. 1,2] **“Jesus Calls Us”**

*Jesus calls us: over the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, Saying, “Christian, follow Me.”*

*Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, Saying, “Christian, love Me more.”*

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

Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

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

Prayer Response #297 **“Spirit of the Living God”**

*Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.*

Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD

Call to Offering

Offertory Response #7 **“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 [based upon the RUCC Mission and Core Value Statements] (responsive)

Leader: In thanks for the privilege of the mission Christ has entrusted to us, we bring these gifts.

PEOPLE: Receive them, we pray, dearest GOD, and anoint us to be faithful stewards of them -that we would wisely use them in promoting our campus as a place of safety for the community.

Leader: Bless our living and giving, we humbly ask, so that our life together would offer care for the whole person (body, mind, and spirit).

PEOPLE: For in contributing our time, talents, and treasures, we long to faithfully share the story of Jesus and invite all people into it.

Leader: May the whole of our tithes and offerings serve the vision and future YOU have in store for us.

ALL: *Let them and us help to create a congregational culture where we reflect Christ in all we do. Then, we will be able to preserve our history and traditions -even as we continually enhance our ministries in order to reach an ever-changing culture with The Gospel; AMEN!*

Experiencing & Proclaiming the Hope of Resurrection

Charge and Benediction (Challenge & Blessing)

Sending Hymn #542 [vs. 1,2] **“When the Church of Jesus”**

*When the Church of Jesus Shuts its outer door,
Lest the roar of traffic Drown the voice of prayer,
May our prayers, Lord, make us Ten times more aware
That the world we banish Is our Christian care.*

*If our hearts are lifted Where devotion soars
High above this hungry, Suffering world of ours,
Lest our hymns should drug us To forget its needs,
Forge our Christian worship Into Christian deeds.*

Carillon Postlude on Hymns of the Day Michael Calabris

COMING NEXT WEEK:

8th Week of “Back-To”/Fall Theme (“The Ways of The World/THE WAY of Jesus”)

Reformation Sunday

UCC Higher Education Sunday

Theme/Message:

“Something Old, Something New, Something Eternal, Something True”

Focus Text:

Matthew 22:34-46 (with Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Psalm 90:1-17)