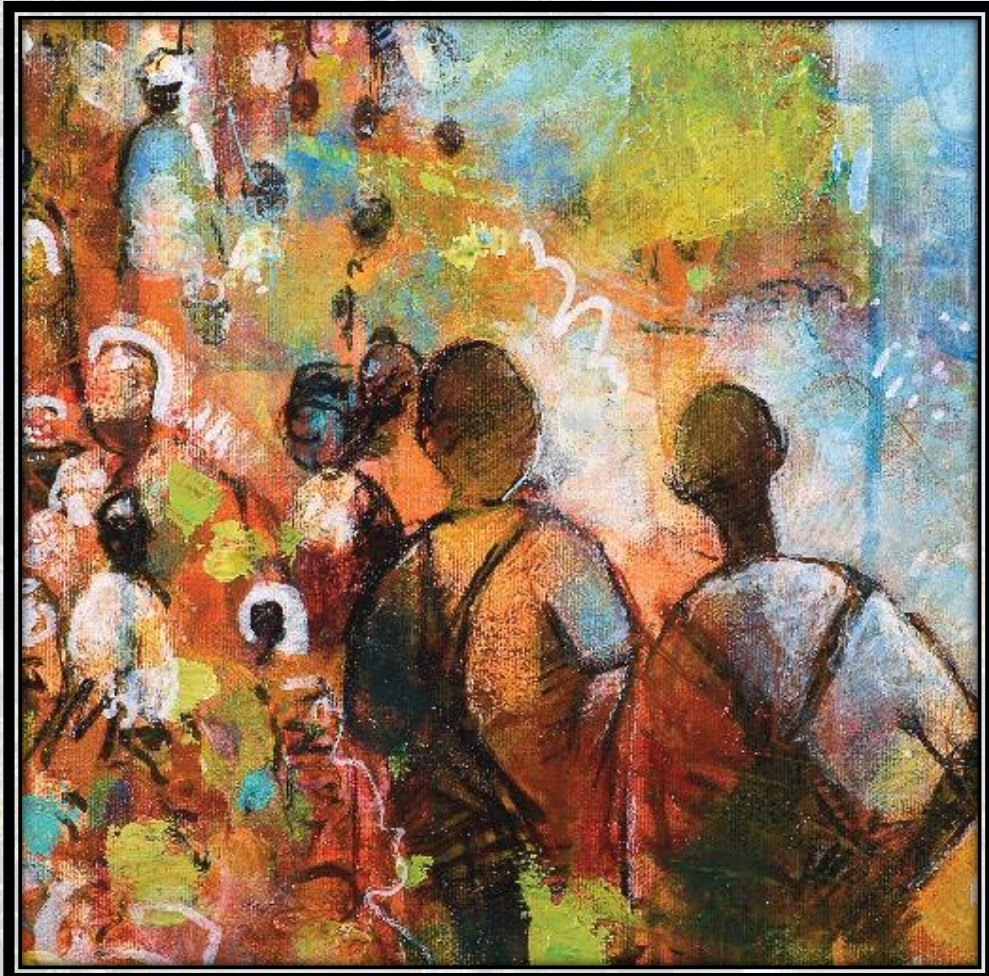


The Mount Carmel Congregational Church

A United Church of Christ



Family Reunion, Jerry Lynn c. 2021

Thanksgiving Sunday
November 19th, 2023

Prelude

“Thanksgiving Prelude”

Arr. Charles Callahan

Valerie Duffy,
Flute

Greeting

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

One: Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice.

All: God, we delight in your creation. We thank you for soft breezes, crisp apples, and changing seasons that remind us of your presence and provision.

One: Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice.

All: God, we delight in our connectedness. We thank you for friends who check in, for church family who lift one another up, for neighbors who show up in the good and challenging times.

One: Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice.

All: God, we delight in your peace that dwells among us. We give thanks for comfort in times of trouble, gentleness in the midst of pain, and kindness during seasons of struggle.

One: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving and rejoicing.

All: Come, let us worship God together. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Come, O Thankful People Come”

NCH #422

The Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, you know us. You know our hearts, you know our thoughts, you know our actions. You know our successes and our failures, that which commends us and that which condemns us. We know

ourselves, too; we know the good we have done, and we know how we have fallen short. We would know you better, so that the burden of sin would not weigh us down. We would know you better, so that the freedom of your mercy would enable us to fly. Forgive our sins, and restore us to wholeness, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The First Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9: 10-14 Bev Jurkiewicz

The one who supplies seed for planting and bread for eating will supply and multiply your seed and will increase your crop, which is righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us. Your ministry of this service to God's people isn't only fully meeting their needs but it is also multiplying in many expressions of thanksgiving to God. They will give honor to God for your obedience to your confession of Christ's gospel. They will do this because this service provides evidence of your obedience, and because of your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone. They will also pray for you, and they will care deeply for you because of the outstanding grace that God has given to you. Thank God for his gift that words can't describe!

Hymn "For the Fruit of All Creation" NCH #425
[*Please remain seated for this hymn.*]

The Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

It happened that as he made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

Taking a good look at them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests."

They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back,

shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He kneeled at Jesus' feet, so grateful. He couldn't thank him enough—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus said, “Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?” Then he said to him, “Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you.”

Sermon

Special Music “Let Us Be Thankful Boys and Girls”

By Crockett/Brasher-Cunningham

Let us be thankful boys and girls
for eyes and ears and toes
and puppies with wet noses
Let us be thankful boys and girls
for lessons we have learned
and love we have not earned
We follow the bear of amazing grace
Oh, let us be thankful boys and girls

Let us be thankful boys and girls
for kisses on the mouth
and teenage heartbeats pounding
Let us be thankful boys and girls
for lightning in the sky
and laughter in the eye
We follow the beat of amazing grace
Oh, let us be thankful boys and girls

For all that brought us here
And all that will see us through
The passageways of life
that lead to you, lead us to you

Let us be thankful boys and girls
for a little common sense
and painted picket fences.
Let us be thankful boys and girls
when packing up the plans
in rented moving vans
we follow the beat of amazing grace
Oh, let us be thankful boys and girls

Let us be thankful boys and girls
for Mendelssohn and Brahms
and shadows growing longer

Let us be thankful boys and girls
for years that slowly go
and grandkids we can hold
for memories to keep
and sorrow running deep
We follow the beat of amazing grace
Oh, let us be thankful boys and girls

For all that brought us here
And all that will see us through
The passageways of life
that lead to you, lead us to you.

Let us be thankful boys and girls
when hope is not enough
that death can't bury love
Let us be thankful boys and girls
for wine and bread and hymns
remembering again
we follow the beat of amazing grace
Oh, let us be thankful boys and girls

The Joys and Concerns of the Parish Family

*This morning's beautiful Harvest Table has been donated in loving memory of
Christopher Olson by Nancy, Karl, Russell, and Tia Olson.*

Please remember the following persons in your prayers: Steve Comunale; Barabara Strauss, Sterling Marenholz; Karl Paulette; Amos Hewitt; Rhonda Pruzinsky; Gilbert Spencer; Ron Vanacore; and Kathy Willey.

Moments of Silent Prayer

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory

“We Gather Together”

Arr. Robert Lau

***The Doxology**

*Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame;
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

NCH #419

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Arr. John Behnke

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*As a community of faith, gathered in Christ's love,
we strive to support one another in hearing the Word,
living the Word, and sharing the Word.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee hour following this morning’s service.

We are still accepting collections for the VNA’s annual Hamden Senior Gift Run. For a full list of what is needed, and for more details, please refer to the November Bell Tree Newsletter, or as an insert in this bulletin. All gifts are needed by Sunday, November 26th.

As a reminder, the office will be closed this Thursday, November 23rd, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Mount Carmel Congregational Church Annual Budget Meeting will be held immediately after church worship on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023. Copies of the Draft Budget will be made available next Sunday, November 26th.

We are always looking for new pictures for the Church website! If you happen to attend a Church event, please feel free to snap a few pictures and send them to us by email at office@mccucc.com.

FALL AND WINTER WORSHIP: A LOOK AHEAD

Please join us every Sunday at 10am for service!

November 26th, 2023: Reign of Christ

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Ezekiel 34: 11-16
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1: 15-23
Matthew 25: 31-46

December 3rd, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 64: 1-9
Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13: 24-37

December 10th, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 1-11
Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Mark 1: 1-8

December 17th, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
John 1: 6-8, 19-28



HAMDEN SENIOR GIFT RUN

The following items are needed for the VNA
by Sunday, November 26th, and may be placed
in the box provided on the stage.

New & Unwrapped

Gloves, Hats, & Scarves

Tissue Packs

Lap Blankets

Hand Sanitizer

Lotion, Combs, & Brushes

Socks (w/ non-sliding grips)

Reusable Grocery Tote/Bag

Small Flashlights

Instant Soup / Cocoa

Large print puzzle books

\$5-\$10 gift cards

(Walgreens/CVS/Walmart/McDonalds, etc)



Errrrr...Warm Up with Our

Christmas *Brunch*

Sunday, December 10th
Directly Following 10am Service

**Please join us for a very special Potluck Brunch
to Celebrate the Christmas Season!**



**If you would like to sign up to bring a dish
or if you just plan on attending,**

Please contact:

Debbie Wooley (ce@mccucc.com)

Or

Aren Alberico (office@mccucc.com)

We look forward to seeing you there!



VNA CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

We are once again collecting gifts for the VNA. If you would like to participate, simply follow these 4 Easy Steps:

- 1) Sign up using the Sign-Up Sheet located in the Church Hall.
- 2) Take the tag marked with your number off the tree.
- 3) Purchase the gift listed on the tag.
- 4) Drop off your unwrapped gift in the box on the stage by Sunday, December 10th!

...and Outreach Helpers will take care of the rest!

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Wooley at ce@mccucc.com.



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