



October 27, 2024

“An evolving faith doesn’t mean we burn down everything that once was precious to us. There is *something*, between everything and nothing. We aren’t required to toss everything as we grow and change, becoming more fully ourselves. There is room to honor the precious and meaningful even as we evolve in our beliefs and our lives. There is room for our traditions, practices, beliefs, and spirituality to evolve with us.”

Sarah Bessey

Prelude #314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Evan O'Donovan

vss. 1 & 2

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

O God, we thank you for the opportunity worship provides, to let go of the pressures, and troubles, we have experienced this week. **We come to you O God, to receive the rest and renewal your Spirit provides.** Lord Jesus, we come to receive the peace that only You can give. **You help us find rest for our souls.** God of grace, we are here to learn the way of life you taught. **Every day following Christ is another opportunity to learn, and grow.**

*Hymn of Praise #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

O God, You make us well, heart and soul. You know when troubles overwhelm us, and it is hard to see, and follow your way. Restore our souls and our sight. Help us to receive your grace, so that we can start again, renewed in spirit. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Grace:

God continually offers the gifts of mercy and strength for our living. **All we need do is receive them, and we are restored for living the way of Christ.**

*Response of Praise #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* vs. 1

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The peace of Christ reaches our souls; changes us, and reorders the way we live. **We share the peace of Christ with each other, and for others, wherever we may be.** The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Ministry of Music #375

Shall We Gather at the River

Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Message

Pastor Ed

*Hymn of Faith #285

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Celebrating Passion Enterprises

Now is a time to share something that happened, or that touched someone and made a difference in some way. Please come to the lectern so that everyone may see and hear.

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
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

***Offering Song #710**

We are an Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements (pg. 4)

Hymn of Response #852 *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

Charge and Blessing

Postlude #156

Sing of God Made Manifest

Evan O'Donovan

vss. 1-3

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Announcements

Thank you to **Sara Pender & Rachel Remelgado** for running the projector & camera!

Be a part of our Worship Support Team! For more info ask the pastor, the technicians, or call the church office.

Upcoming Events/Save the Dates (more detailed information during the slideshow announcements):

The Chosen View/Discuss - Nov. 3

Firebird Spirit Seminar- Nov. 9 & 10

Holiday Market - Nov. 16

December 15 - Coffee Hour @ the Manse

Firebird Spirit, November 9th & 10th:

The November 9th weekend will be a comprehensive event from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on both Saturday and Sunday (including a worship service). A special invitation with an RSVP request has been mailed. Please look for it and respond so we can properly plan for this exciting & informative weekend. Or, fill out one of the RSVPs available in the narthex while you're here with us this morning. **Don't have a way to get to the church? Not a problem, speak to one of the elders or the pastor so that arrangements can be made for you to carpool with someone.**

Would you Like a Visit From Our Pastor:

Our pastor would love to come and see you! Anyone who would like a visit, or Home Communion, is invited to call pastor Ed directly or send an email. Your call will be returned right away to schedule a time! Peace and Blessings to you!

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request during the week, please give Ilanda Kerobo a call or send her an email. Ilanda will ensure that your request is addressed/sent to our wonderful prayer warriors.

Next Manse Fireside Gathering: Friday, November 8th @ 7 pm



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Candace King

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gary, Mike-Evelyn & family, Maureen G., Eileen, Nicole, Dan, Gina C., Ross J., Hector & Jasmine, Destiny, Michele P., Miriam M., those affected by the hurricanes, Joyce B.C., Bud D., Barbara & James E., Gail G., Ali & family, German M., Bari, Bob, Carolyn & family, Eileen P., Alyne B., Chrissy, Helene & Diane, Meli, Vicky, Eunice - Barbra & Dave, Celeste & Doris, Dorothy R., Marilyn & Jasmine, Amy, Joan L., Avril Muller & family, Carlos B., Savannah B.

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