



November 17, 2024

“Discernment is an ever-increasing capacity to “see” the work of God in the midst of the situation, so that we can align ourselves with whatever God is doing. It is a quality of attentiveness to God, that, over time, develops our sense of God’s heart in the moment. Through prayer, stillness, and dialogue we place ourselves in alignment with God’s purpose for us.”

Ruth Barton, Sarah Beaumont

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Prelude

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship

Great God, we give thanks for the bounty of the earth and for all your gifts that bless our lives. **O Lord, your generosity inspires our praise and gratitude.** Jesus, we thank you for the seeds of new life that you plant within our hearts. **Following you, we become more and more loving and faithful disciples.** We praise you, God, for all your blessings that connect us to a larger world – your kingdom that is coming to be. We praise you for what has been, and is, and will ever be. We praise you for the dreams, and the labors that made them come true in our church. **Be with us, and empower us, as we strive to be a place of blessing into the future; for love of You, one another, and our neighbors yet to come.**

***Hymn of Praise #612**

We Praise You, O God

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation

Most loving God, we thank you for your countless gifts to us throughout our lives. We need your mercy, when we neglect to share what we have. We need your grace, when we lose sight of what's right, to do, and be. Come to us now, heal our hurts, and confirm us in faith and service. Help us to say "Yes" to your call, so that your love may abound in the world, through us. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Grace

Merciful One, You hold us warmly in your heart, and turn our troubles into trust and love, for others and for you. **In You, we receive the grace to shine your light and promote your mission, wherever we are.**

Response of Praise #469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Service of Welcoming New Member: Cliff Williams

Presentation; Statement of Welcome; Affirmations; Prayer; Laying On Hands; Welcome

Unison Prayer

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

God is here to bestow the peace that comes from being in the center of God's love and purposes. **May the peace of Christ be with us day and night!** Let us bless one another with Christ's peace, "The Peace of Christ be with you!" **And also with you!**

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:3, 5-11

Ministry of Music

Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:38-47

Message

Pastor Ed

Wisdom From Within...

*Hymn of Faith #733

We All Are One in Mission

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

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*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Instant Replay

***Hymn of Response #745**

Now Go in Joy (2x)

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Evan O'Donovan

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Announcements

Thank you to *William Siocha & Princeton Nwosu* 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.

Pull Tabs Collection

Robin Shipley would like to thank everyone who brought in pull tabs from cans that were collected by her grand-nephew for the Ronald McDonald Charities. It has been decided that the church will continue collecting the tabs for the same charity. The container will be located in Davis Hall or tabs may be dropped in the mailbox on Church Street.

Coffee Hour, December 15

Ed & Diane invite all to come to the manse on Sunday, December 15th, for fellowship and refreshments after worship. All are welcome, so feel free to bring a friend, neighbor, and/or co-worker to share and feel the holiday spirit with us!

Next Manse Fireside Gathering: Friday, November 22nd @ 7 pm



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Harold Wilcox

PRAYER REQUESTS

Edna-Wendy-Artie, Eric-Judy & family, Helen, Logan, Harper, Panila-Ginda families-especially Joanne, 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 &



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