

October 17, 2021
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

All unvaccinated people must wear a facemask covering mouth and nose. The CDC, Cattaraugus County Health Department and Session are currently recommending everyone to wear a facemask while inside.

Choral Introit

God is Good
Everyday
And Everyday
God is Good

Call to Worship ~ Psalm 24:1; 34:1

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;
the world and those who live in it.
O praise the Lord with me,
let us exalt God's name together.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, create in us a spirit of community, that we might love each other as you have loved us. Create in us a loving heart that we might love the world as you did. And create in us the ability to see all people as brother, sister, and neighbor created in God's image. Amen.

Children's Time

*Opening Hymn ~ *For the Beauty of the Earth* ~ No. 14

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Prayers of the People

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.

Presentation of the Offering

Doxology ~ No. 606

**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 thanksgiving

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Mark 10:35-45 ~ New Revised Standard Version

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 ~ New Revised Standard Version

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message ~ Rev. Dr. Heather McDivitt

*Closing Hymn ~ *God of Grace and God of Glory* ~ No. 307

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power.
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude

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Prayer List

Martin Hatch	Frank Jester	Kim Klein
Barb & Chuck Compher	Chris Gruver	Chase Ewoldt
John Depew	Matt Isenberg	Avrie Sinesiou
Lewis Christman	Amanda Waterman	Mary Daugherty
Michael Ahrens & Family	Abigail Craner	Gretchen Randon
Colt Matz	Craig Polson	Renee Ensell
Ted Norton		

***Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added.
Thank you for your help! ***

Happy Birthday to:

20 ~ Bob Lehman, Donna Watson, Betsy Way, Ada Grace Oncken

23 ~ Judi Blair, Ken Stebbins

Happy Anniversary to:

20 ~ Bill & Chris Burton

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 10/17/21

Sunday – Oct. 17 <i>Bruce away this week</i>	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship ~ Rev. Dr. Heather McDivitt
Tuesday – Oct. 19	6:30pm Scouts in Basement
Wednesday – Oct. 20	Noon PW Meeting
Thursday – Oct. 21	6:45pm Scouts in Basement 7:15pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Bible Study
Friday – Oct. 22	No Coffee & Conversation
Sunday – Oct. 24	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship ~ Cari Matejka

If you wish to speak with Pastor Bruce, please call 716-378-6773.



On Sunday, October 31st, you are invited to join us in front of the church as we pass out candy and enjoy the trick or treaters. Contact Pastor Bruce for more information.

Donations of bags of Halloween candy would be greatly appreciated to help make this event successful.

Please bring in by Sunday, October 24th.

