



ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH, Congregational

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ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP October 16, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Twenty-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts for Meditation — “We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when we are afraid of the light.” — Plato

“Christianity is ‘permanent revolution,’ or *metanoia*, which does not come to an end in this world, this life or this time.” — H. Richard Neibuhr

“We pray for impossible things: peace without justice, forgiveness without restitution, love without sacrifice.” — *Yom Kippur* Prayer

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace...

* Call to Worship — (Responsive)

ONE: We gather to honor our covenant with God.

MANY: Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth. Our wisdom comes from the one who meets us here.

ONE: God takes us by the hand to lead us.

MANY: May the Word of God be written on our hearts.

*** Prayer of Invocation**

* **HYMN** — *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee*

A Time for All Ages

Lord’s Prayer (debts and debtors)

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.

{*The children may leave for Church School.*}

OFFERTORY INVITATION

*OFFERING RESPONSE (DOXOLOGY)

Old One-hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

A READING FROM THE *TANAKH* IN THE SECTION KNOWN AS THE PROPHETS —
Jeremiah 31:27-34 [ILV]

[27] The days are surely coming, says *Yahweh*, God, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. [28] And just as I have watched over them to pluck up, to uproot, to break down, to overthrow, destroy, and to bring evil, disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says *Yahweh*. [29] In those days the people shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,
but it is the teeth of the children
which are set on edge.”

[30] Rather, all shall die for their own sins. And the teeth of those who eat sour grapes shall be set on edge.

[31] The days are surely coming, says *Yahweh*, God, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. [32] It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt— a covenant they broke, though I was their spouse, says *Yahweh*. [33] But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says *Yahweh*: I will put my Law within them, in their minds, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God; they shall be my people.

[34] No longer shall they need to teach one another or remind one another to listen to *Yahweh* or to know *Yahweh*. All of them— high and low alike— from the least of them to the greatest shall all listen to me, says *Yahweh*; for I will forgive their misdeeds, their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Anthem — *Shepherd Me, O God* (Marty Haugen, arr. Mark Hayes) Kate Gray, violin

Sermon — *An Old Concept: Forgiveness*

Piano Meditation —

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

PRAYERS AND SILENCES

* **HYMN** — *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

BENEDICTION

Choral Blessing

Postlude

Serving you this morning:	
Interim Minister	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Music Director	Sue Luce
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Reader	Susan Ferris
Ushers	Karin Soderberg & Harry Arnold



*The flowers on the communion table are given by
Lisa, John, Laura and Kyle Secone
in loving memory of Jane and Jerry Gott*

OFFICE HOURS THE WEEK OF 10/17 - 10/21 - Tuesday, 10/18 - 9:00 - 11:00

**The Bible Study passage for Monday 10/17 at 9:00 a.m. and possibly at 7:00 p.m.
is Joel 2:23-32.**

If Zoom Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. is your preference, you **MUST SIGN UP** for a link with Stephanie in the Church Office by Monday morning.

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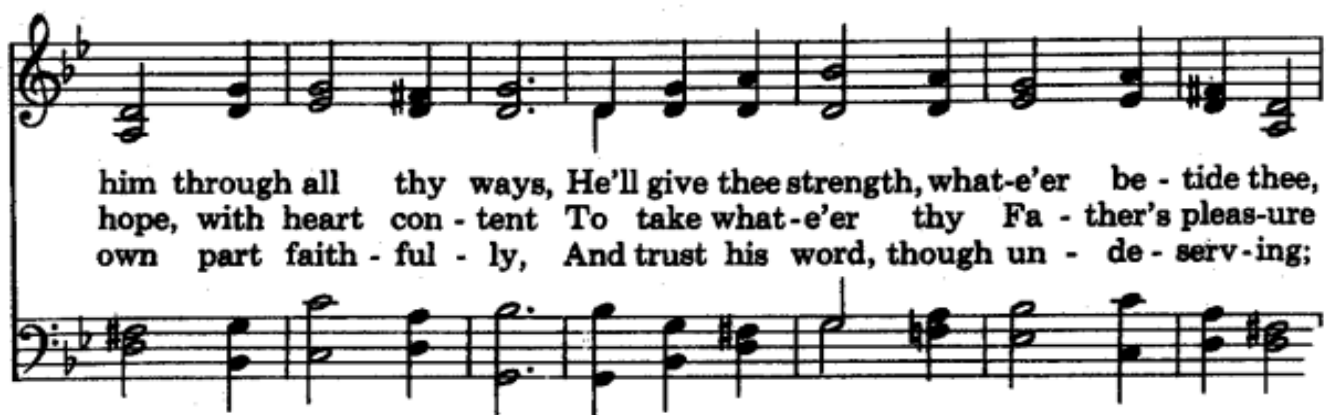
If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

Georg Neumark, 1621-1681
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

NEUMARK 9.8.9.8.8.8.
Melody by Georg Neumark, 1621-1681



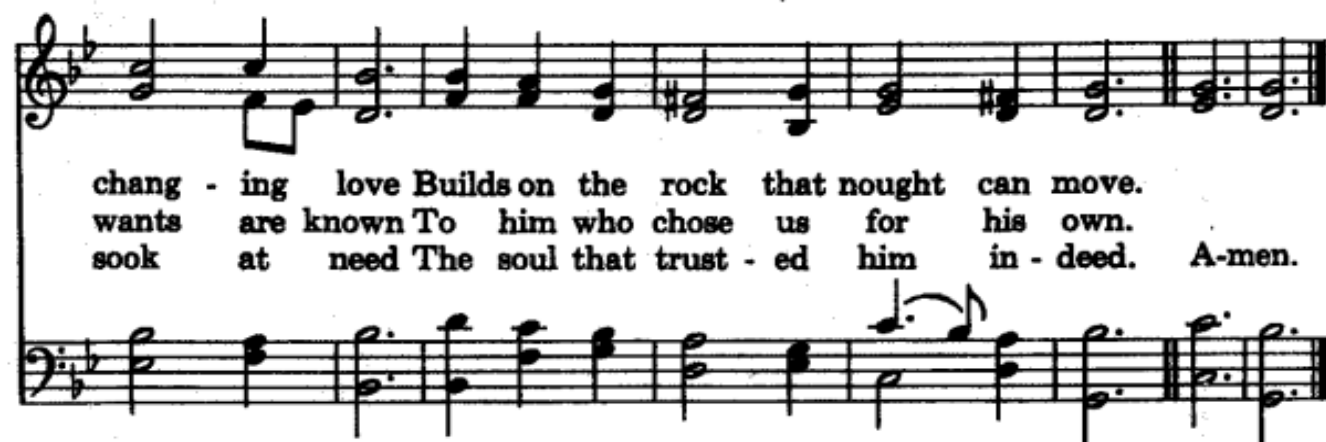
1 If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee, And hope in
2 On - ly be still, and wait his lei - sure In cheer - ful
3 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; So do thine



him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what-e'er be - tide thee,
hope, with heart con - tent To take what-e'er thy Fa - ther's pleas - ure
own part faith - ful - ly, And trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;



And bear thee through the e - vil days; Who trusts in God's un -
And all - de - serv - ing love have sent; Nor doubt our in - most
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -



chang - ing love Builds on the rock that nought can move.
wants are known To him who chose us for his own.
sook at need The soul that trust - ed him in - deed. A - men.

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Tune: ST FLAVIAN



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear true char - i - ty we learn.
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults as we our faults con - fess;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;



Brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in re - turn.
And let us love each oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
Be Christ the glo - ry that we seek, be ours Christ's ho - ly peace.



2022 Holiday Fair

Our Holiday Fair was a great success again! Thank you to all who participated and helped to make this happen. The silent auction exceeded the goal and thanks go out to all who donated items and as well as all the bidders.

The totals for the Fair are not yet final but it appears that we may net over **\$11,000**.

Thank you to all our church members and the community for making this possible.

Prayer Requests for October 16, 2022

At home...

Connie Henry

Ed Phinney

Nancy Andersen

In nursing homes...

Sam Wright

David Ferris

In assisted living...

Tom Jones

Jane Collins

Joan Phillips

Ernestine Machesney

Evangeline Sparks

Away...

Ellie and George Patterson

Sick, in the hospital or rehabilitation...

C V Noyes

Recovering from illness or surgery...

Grieving...

Family of Lee Chipman

Family of Joan Phillips, on the death of her brother Klever Campbell

Thanksgivings...

Special concerns...

For the people in the paths of the hurricanes

Emergency responders / Health care workers / Essential workers...

Praise God for our partnership with WHPW and Channel 14!

Please keep those named above in your prayers. If you have any questions, or would like others to be prayed for, please contact Susan Ferris, Chairperson of our Prayer Circle. Susan can be reached at 666-3247 or sueherb@myfairpoint.net.

Thank you

Trustee's Notes

The Trustees completed their annual walkthrough inspections of our historic facilities in September. The purpose of these is to generate work lists for the small projects to be tackled in the coming year and to develop a Capital Plan ('larger projects') for the Church's consideration at the Annual Meeting. The Trustees continue to work on the Capital Projects approved at the 2022 Annual Meeting along with other items as they arise.

The **Deck and Walkway project** continues in the development phase. We believe that we have the scope solidified and are now looking to engage a contractor to perform the work. Unfortunately, this is proving to be another difficult aspect as all contractors we have spoken with are very busy even going into the winter season.

Lead Issue Update - we have conducted additional testing and will be reviewing the results with a ground water hydrologist before we request quotes from two local vendors. We are working to complete this project before the end of this year.

Mold Issue Update - we have met with an adjuster who toured our facility and will be submitting a report to our insurance company. In anticipation of moving forward, the Trustees are going to be discussing the future use of the Church basement areas, especially as they pertain to storage. For example, the area commonly known as the 'sandbox' will need to be cleaned out and 'sealed' to prevent moisture from seeping in via the dirt floor. It is thought that the area will not be used for future storage after that work is complete.

Barn Insect Problem - After our inspection of the Barn, we are continuing to follow up on an insect infestation. A visit was made by a Terminix employee to investigate the on-going "post powder beetle" problem we currently have in the barn. The cost of doing a typical extermination process would exceed \$4000.

Suggestion was made to just remove the existing loft area where the overwhelming majority of the infestation resides and replace it with a newly built structure in the same footprint of the existing loft. Cost of this would be much less than the extermination process.

As always, if you have a request or concern, please fill out the form available in the Trustee's mailbox outside the Church Office.

Thank you for your patience!

Dave Deinzer, Dave Fitzgerald, Chris McIntire, Bruce Myer and Eric Wohltjen

Celebration Of Life



Board of Finance

Attention



Sunday morning Harpswell Radio listeners!

We are trying to get a better understanding of how many people listen to the radio broadcasts of the Sunday church service on a regular basis from their homes. If you or anyone you know listens regularly from home, we would appreciate your letting Stephanie know. Please also let Stephanie know how important the radio broadcasts are to you.

Stephanie's email address is
adminassist@elijahkelloggchurch.org

Thank you

