



ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH, Congregational

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ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP October 23, 2022

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost; Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts for Meditation — “To allow ourselves to become digital chips in an electronic world, isolates in an interdependent universe, women and men out of touch with the life pulse of a living God, indifferent to creation, concerned only with ourselves, and still call ourselves good—is to mistake the rituals of religion for the sanctifying dimensions of spirituality.” — Joan Chittister, *The Monastery of the Heart*

“Idolatry is committed, not merely by setting up false gods, but also by setting up false devils; by making men afraid of war or alcohol, or economic law, when they should be afraid of spiritual corruption and cowardice.” — G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

“Authentic spirituality is always about changing you. It is not about trying to change anyone else.” — Richard Rohr

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace...

* Call to Worship — (Responsive)

ONE: Our voices rise in praise of God.

MANY: God crowns the year with a harvest. Flocks and grain fill the meadows.

ONE: God’s presence is felt to the ends of the earth.

MANY: All creation is God’s dwelling place, God’s home. Let us praise God together.

*** Prayer of Invocation**

* **HYMN** — *We Yearn, O Christ, For Wholeness* INSERT

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 IN THE PORTION CALLED THE SCROLL OF THE TWELVE IN THE WORK KNOWN AS JOEL — Joel 2:23-32 [ILV]

[23] Rejoice, O children of Zion, Rejoice!

Be glad and rejoice in *Yahweh*, your God;
who sent you rain—

the autumn rain and the spring rain,
rains as of old— abundant rain,
rain which pours down—
and a new spring crop.

[24] The threshing floors shall be heaped with grain,
the vats shall overflow with new wine and with oil.

[25] I will repay you

for the years that were eaten away,
eaten by the locust swarm,
the hopper, the scavenger,
the destroyer, the cutter,
the bark stripping locust—
a great army, which I sent against you.

[26] You shall eat your fill and be satisfied,
and praise the name of *Yahweh*, your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you!

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

[27] You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, *Yahweh*, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

[28] Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit
on all flesh, on all humankind;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your elders, all of them,
shall have prophetic dreams,
and your young people shall see visions.
In those days
I will pour out my spirit

[29] even on those who are enslaved;

[30] I will show portents,
signs in the heavens and on the earth,
blood and fire and columns of smoke.

[31] The sun shall be turned to darkness,
and the moon to blood—
at the great and terrible day of *Yahweh*.

[32] But everyone who calls
on the name of *Yahweh*
shall be rescued, saved,
for there will be a remnant on Mount Zion
and in Jerusalem—
and this is the promise of *Yahweh*:
anyone who invokes the name of *Yahweh*,
shall be saved.
And among the survivors
shall be those whom *Yahweh* calls.

Anthem — “Anthem of Rejoicing” (Medley arr. Joseph Martin)

Sermon — *Recognizing the Spirit*

Piano Meditation —

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

SILENCE

* **HYMN** — *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* INSERT

BENEDICTION

Choral Blessing

Postlude

Harpwell Community Radio – WHPW 97.3 FM
Harpwell Community Television – Channel 14
<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7960701>

Serving you this morning:	
Interim Minister	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Music Director	Sue Luce
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Reader	Susan Whitman
Ushers	Bill & Kay Hunter



The flowers today are given by Wayne Quimby
In loving memory of Carole

We Yearn, O God, for Wholeness

1 We yearn, O God, for whole—ness and for your heal - ing touch;
2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,
3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O God thou One in three,

too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.
strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;
a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.

For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,
As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,
No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.

in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.
com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.
Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

Joe's OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/24 - 10/28 - Monday, 10/24 - 9:00 - 11:00

Stephanie's Office Hours for Tuesday, October 25th – Stephanie will not be in the office on Tuesday, October 25th, but will be available via email. adminassist@elijahkellochchurch.org, please do not hesitate to email if you need anything.

The Bible Study passage for Monday 10/24 at 9:00 a.m. and possibly at 7:00 p.m. is Isaiah 1:10-18.

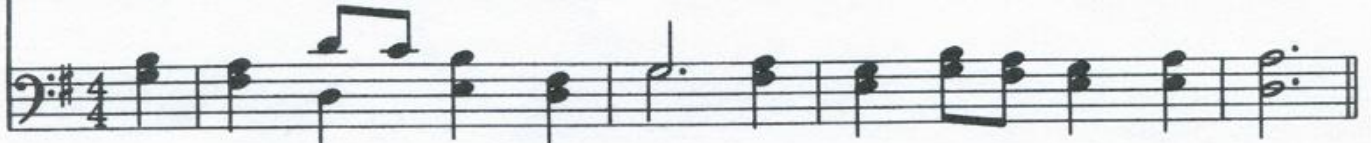
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-1891

MARION S.M. with Refrain
Arthur H. Messier, 1834-1916



1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart; Re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing;
2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age, Strong men and maid - ens meek,
3 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's surg - ing praise,
4 Yes, on through life's long path, Still chant - ing as ye go,



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King!
Raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.
Send forth the hymns our fa - thers loved, The psalms of an - cient days.
From youth to age, by night and day, In glad - ness and in woe.



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Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, Re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing. A - men.



Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce,

Prayer Requests for October 23, 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 Robert Bibber

Family of Lois Pulsifer

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

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS:

INFORMATION AND UP-DATE

The Missions Board struggles to fill our obligations as the "plate donations" remain down from last year. With only \$569.00 for the month, we were able to fund two organizations for \$250.00 each.

The Santa Fund: \$250.00 ** Begun by one Harpswell resident to bring cheer and joy at Christmas, it has grown into a major program providing toys for children and gifts for needy families. It is now overseen by the Holbrook Foundation and operates as a 501 3-C tax deductible entity.

Harpswell Warm Thy Neighbor: \$250.00 ** Helping qualified residents with emergencies for home heating. The starting date typically begins in November and ends in March. It covers several jurisdictions, and donations may be designated to a specific locale.

Total = \$500

Also, please note that the basket for Food Bank Donations is now in the vestibule as well as the donation jars.

We will also have a basket in The Fellowship Hall on Sundays, should that be your entrance. All other times, it will be in the Missions Room as usual.

Your Missions Board

Board of Finance

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@elijahkellloggchurch.org

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

Vegetable Share Table

Last week was the last week of the vegetable share table. The table was a huge success this year! Each week many people stopped by to grab fresh veggies or drop off extras they may have had from their garden.

We look forward to having this again next Spring!