



Elijah Kellogg Church, Congregational

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ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP

November 5, 2023 - Twenty-Third after Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Thoughts for Meditation — “Early— that is: Jewish Christians in Jerusalem... added the observance of the first day of the week, in which they gathered to break bread in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Those early communion services did not center on the passion, but rather on the victory through which a new age had dawned. It was much later— centuries later— that the focus of Christian worship shifted toward the death of Jesus.” — *The Story of Christianity: Volume 1: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation*, Justo L. Gonzalez

“The time is always right to do what is right.” — Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

A TIME FOR MISSION —

Passing of the Peace...

Call to Worship —

ONE: Come, all who hunger and thirst for the truth of God.

MANY: Let us gather to experience the presence of the community of God. Let us gather to be the people of God. Let us gather to grow in our love of God and our love of neighbor.

ONE: Let us look to God with joy and expectation.

MANY: Let us seek solace in the Word of God, courage in the Spirit of God, faith in the presence of God, hope in the experience of Jesus, the Christ.

*** INVOCATION**

*** HYMN —** *Jesus Take Us to the Mountain* INSERT

An Order for the Sacrament of Communion

{*Note: in the Protestant Tradition we celebrate two sacraments. Baptism is one. The sharing of bread and cup is known by several names: Eucharist, Communion and the Lord's Supper. All are welcome at the table, including children who may partake of the Sacrament at the discretion of parents, care-givers or guardians.*}

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Owning Our Church Covenant

We covenant with one another to seek and respond to the Word and the Will of God. We purpose to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our Community, the Nation and all the World, while worshipping God and striving for truth, justice and peace. As did our forebears, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

CONFESSION

Let us humbly confess our sins in silence to God. (Silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We now rest assured of God's forgiveness through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

RESPONSIVE COMMUNION PRAYERS

ONE: God be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Be free with your hearts.

MANY: We give them freely to God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to God.

MANY: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

CONSECRATION

Holy God, we praise You for Your creation, remember Your covenant, made with Your people, shown in fullness with the birth of Jesus and completed in the resurrection of the Christ. We remember too, that on the night of betrayal, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying: "This is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Consecrate, therefore, by Your Holy Spirit, O God, these gifts, and bless us that, as we receive them, we may be united with Christ and one another, and continue to be faithful in all things. Amen.

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. And through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us now pray, as the saints who have witnessed to us and preceded us throughout the ages have prayed by reciting *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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Note: when the elements are distributed it is suggested you partake of the bread when it is received. This is a symbol of our freedom. It is suggested we partake the cup together as a symbol of our unity.)

These are the gifts of God for the people of God; take them in remembrance that Christ died and was raised for you.

As we receive the bread take and eat for the body of Christ is present with you.

And together let us take of the cup for the blood of Christ is present with you.

THANKSGIVING

We thank you God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth Your presence in our lives. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

A READING THE EPISTLES — 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (ILV)

[9] Let us, Paul and Silas and Timothy, remind you, sisters and brothers, of our toil, our labor; we worked night and day, so that we might not be a burden to anyone while we proclaimed to you the Good News of God. [10] You are witnesses, and so is God, that our treatment of you since you have become believers has been just, upright, pure and impeccable. [11] You likewise know how we treated each one of you, as a good parent treats a child— [12] urging, comforting and encouraging you to lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into glory of God, into the Dominion of God.

[13] And we constantly thank God for this, the way you received the Word of God you heard from us. You accepted that Word not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, at work in you as believers. And that Word changed your lives when you believed it.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS — Matthew 5:1-12 (ILV)

[1] Jesus saw the crowds and went up the mountain. After Jesus sat down there, the disciples gathered around [2] and Jesus began to teach them:

[3] “Blessed are those who live into perfection:
the Dominion of heaven is theirs.”

[4] “Blessed are those who mourn:
they will be consoled.”

[5] “Blessed are those who are gentle:
they will inherit the earth.”

[6] “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice:
they will have their fill.”

[7] “Blessed are those who show mercy:
they will be shown mercy.”

[8] “Blessed are those whose hearts are clean:
they will see God.”

[9] “Blessed are those who work for peace:
they will be called children of God.”

[10] “Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of their struggle for justice:
the dominion of heaven is theirs.”

[11] “You are fortunate, blessed are you
when others insult you
and persecute you
and utter every kind of slander against you
falsely because of me.

[12] Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great; before you in the same way the prophets were persecuted.

* HYMN — *O Jesus, I Have Promised* INSERT

MEDITATION — *The Crowds and the Disciples*

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

SILENCE

* HYMN — *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* INSERT, v. 1, 2, 3

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE —

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak INSERT, v. 4

Postlude

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

Serving you this morning:	
Interim Minister	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Reader	Susan Whitman
Ushers	Bill & Kay Hunter
Coffee Hour	Hospitality

Pastor's Office Hours

Office hours for the week of November 6 – November 10
Monday, November 6th from 9:00 - 11:00.

The Bible Study passage for Monday 11/06 at 11:00 a.m. is:
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25.

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School today, November 5th.

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour is a great way to get to visit with people. Hospitality needs your help hosting this time. Boards, committees and individuals are welcome to sign up for Sundays in November and December. Please see the signup sheet on the clipboard hanging on the wall as you enter the kitchen.

**Please join us for Fellowship
following today's service in Fellowship Hall.**

Jesus Take Us to the Mountain



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain where we'll learn from what You say.
2 What do You want us to see there? What Your close com - pan - ions saw?
3 What do You want us to hear there? What Your dear dis - ci - ples heard?



As we hear God's gra - cious sto - ry: God's love nev - er leads a - stray.
You are ho - ly and re - vealed—where? In this truth: Your Love is law.
Word of God pro - claimed so clear - ly By the One in - car - nate Word:



So pre - pare us for the right by the vi - sion of that sight.
Clothed in flesh like ours are You, teach us what we need to do.
If we all just serve the least then God's light will nev - er cease.



Tune: IRBY 8.7.8.7.7.7.
Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849
Harm. A. H. Mann, 1919

O Jesus, I Have Promised

John E. Bode, 1816-1874

ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6.D.

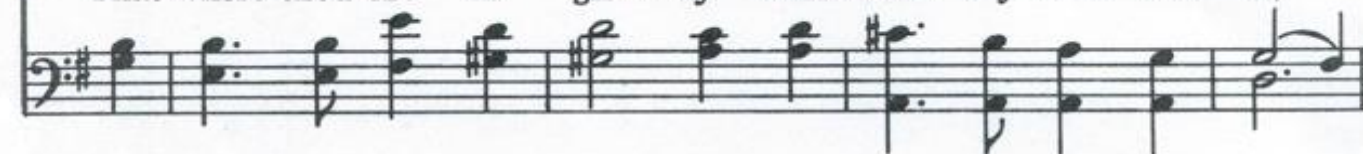
Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve thee to the end;
2 O let me hear thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low thee



Be thou for - ev - er near me, My mas - ter and my friend;
A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will;
That where thou art in glo - ry There shall thy serv ant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle If thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve thee to the end;



Nor wan - der from the path - way If thou wilt be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, My mas - ter and my friend. A - men.



Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

CANONBURY L.M.

Arr. from Robert A. Schumann, 1810-1856

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In
2 O strength - en me, that while I stand Firm
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The
4 O fill me with thy full - ness, Lord, Un -

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; As thou hast sought, so
on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a
pre - cious things thou dost im - part; And wing my words, that
til my ver - y heart o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and

let me seek Thy err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
lov - ing hand To wres - tlers with the trou - bled sea!
they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart!
glow - ing word, Thy love to tell, thy praise to show! A - men.

Prayer Requests for November 5, 2023

At home...

Pat Moody

Mark Wilson

Connie Henry

In nursing homes...

Sam Wright

David Ferris

In assisted living...

Tom Jones

Joan Phillips

Ernestine Machesney

Away...

Richard Haley

C V Noyes

Ellie and George Patterson

Sick, in the hospital or rehabilitation...

Recovering from illness or surgery...

Clara Braley

Nancy Simboli

George Perkins

Grieving...

The family's of the Lewiston shootings

Family of Jane Collins

Thanksgivings...

The Pastoral Search Committee

Special concerns...

For the people in the paths of storms and fires

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

The congregation contributed eight (8) large bags of needed toiletries for the Tedford Shelters. It was so gratefully received. **Thank you one and all!**

On top of that, we contributed 100 lbs. of food stuffs to the food pantry (MCHHP)! They could not believe our generosity. That may prove to be our largest one month delivery to date, and \$2.00 in cash. We have truly risen to the challenges.

Coming events will be Blanket Sunday (CWS), and the Angel Tree for the Salvation Army. Stay tuned for details!

Thank you,
Your busy Missions Board

*****ATTENTION - Mold Remediation Update*****

Mold Bros. are scheduled to perform the cleaning and sanitization of the entire basement to kill all mold spores present. In the limited time we have left, please focus on the areas where certain boards and committees may still have WANTED items to be stored in plastic containers. Empty containers can be found in the barn.

This last concerted effort to organize all wanted items that may STILL be left is only beneficial financially for the church. Any items left unaccounted for and not in plastic containers will be considered unwanted. A few exceptions will be considered.

Some of us have worked VERY HARD on clearing out unwanted items this past year, which have been discarded, or moved to the barn, or somewhere else.

Thank you for your understanding,
Dave Fitzgerald