



## ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH, Congregational

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### ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP September 4, 2022

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts for Meditation — “If we don’t change, we don’t grow. If we don’t grow, we aren’t really living. Growth demands a temporary surrender of security. It may mean a giving up of familiar but limiting patterns, safe but unrewarding work, values no longer believed in, relationships that have lost their meaning.” — Gail Sheehy

“Liberty is the only thing you cannot have unless you are willing to give it to others.” — William Allen White

#### **Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements

#### **Passing of the Peace...**

\* Call to Worship — (Responsive)

ONE: God invites us to make choices.

**ALL: O God, Let us listen for Your direction. Let us seek the paths You intend. Let us find Your ways, Your hope, Your truth, Your light.**

ONE: Wonderful are Your works, O God.

**ALL: We are Your creation. Let us never forget that we are Yours. Let us sing our praises to God who loves.**

\* **HYMN** — *Awake, My Soul Stretch Every Nerve*                      INSERT

#### **Owning Our Church Covenant and an Order for the Sacrament of Communion**

**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 worshiping 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**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

\* COMMUNION HYMN — *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread* INSERT

## CONSECRATION

### 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

### 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 FROM THE EPISTLES — Philemon 1-21

[1] This is a letter from Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and from Timothy our brother.

It is written to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker [2] and to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our companion in the struggle and to the church in your house:

[3] Grace and peace from *Abba*, God, and our Savior, Jesus, the Christ.

[4] I always mention you in my prayers, I thank God for you [5] because I hear of the love and faith you have for our Savior, Jesus, and for all the saints. [6] I pray that you will be active in sharing your faith so that you will fully understand all the good that we are able to do for the sake of Christ.

[7] I, indeed, find great joy, encouragement and comfort in your love, because through you, the hearts of the holy ones, the saints have been refreshed.

[8] For this reason, though I feel I have every right in Christ to command you to do what ought to be done, your duty, [9] I would rather appeal to you in the name of love. Yes, I, Paul, an ambassador and now a prisoner for Christ, appeal to you for my child, [10] Onesimus, of whom I have become a parent, a father, during my imprisonment. This one has truly become Onesimus—“Useful” [11] For he who was formerly useless to you is now, indeed, useful both to you and to me. [12] I am sending him back to you. That means I am that I am sending my own heart.

[13] I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might help me in your place during my imprisonment for the Good News; [14] but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that a kindness might be voluntary, not forced on you but freely bestowed. [15] Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while— that you might have him back forever, [16] no longer as a subordinate but as more— a beloved brother— especially dear to me. And now much more dear to you, since now you will know him both in the flesh and in Christ.

[17] So if you consider me, regard me as your partner, welcome Onesimus as you would welcome me. [18] If this one has wronged you, done you injury in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. [19] I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I will say nothing, I will not mention that you owe me your very self.

[20] Yes, you see, my friend, let me have this benefit from you in Christ! I want to make you useful to me in Christ! Refresh this heart of mine in Christ! [21] I write with complete confidence in your obedience, since I am sure you will do even more than I ask.

**Anthem** — *I Love to Tell the Story* (arr. Greg Gilpin)

Sermon — *It's Personal*

**Piano Meditation** —

**Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer**

SILENCE

\* **HYMN** — *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* 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 Pastor	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Music Director	Sue Luce
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Reader	Wendy Van Damme
Ushers	Ken Chutchian & Carol Coultas

## **Office Hours for the week of September 5<sup>th</sup>:**

**Minister** – Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 11

**Please note** - The office will be closed on Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of Labor Day

# Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

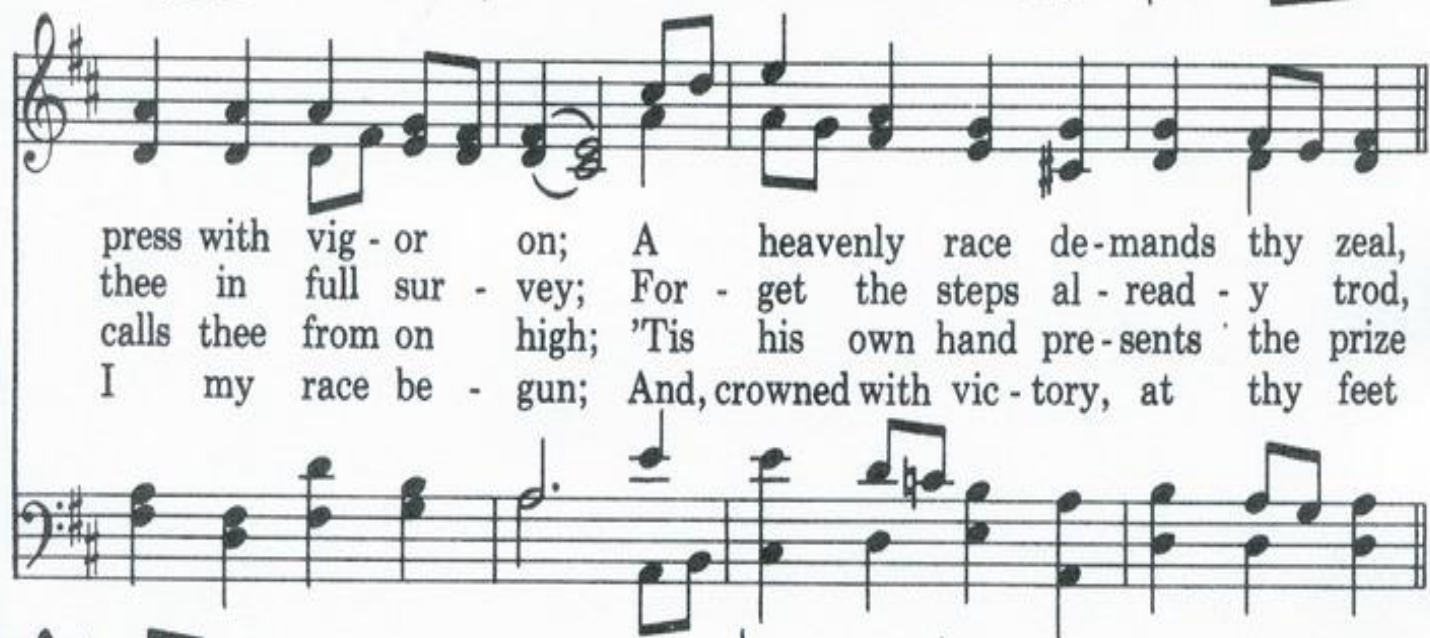
Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

CHRISTMAS C.M.

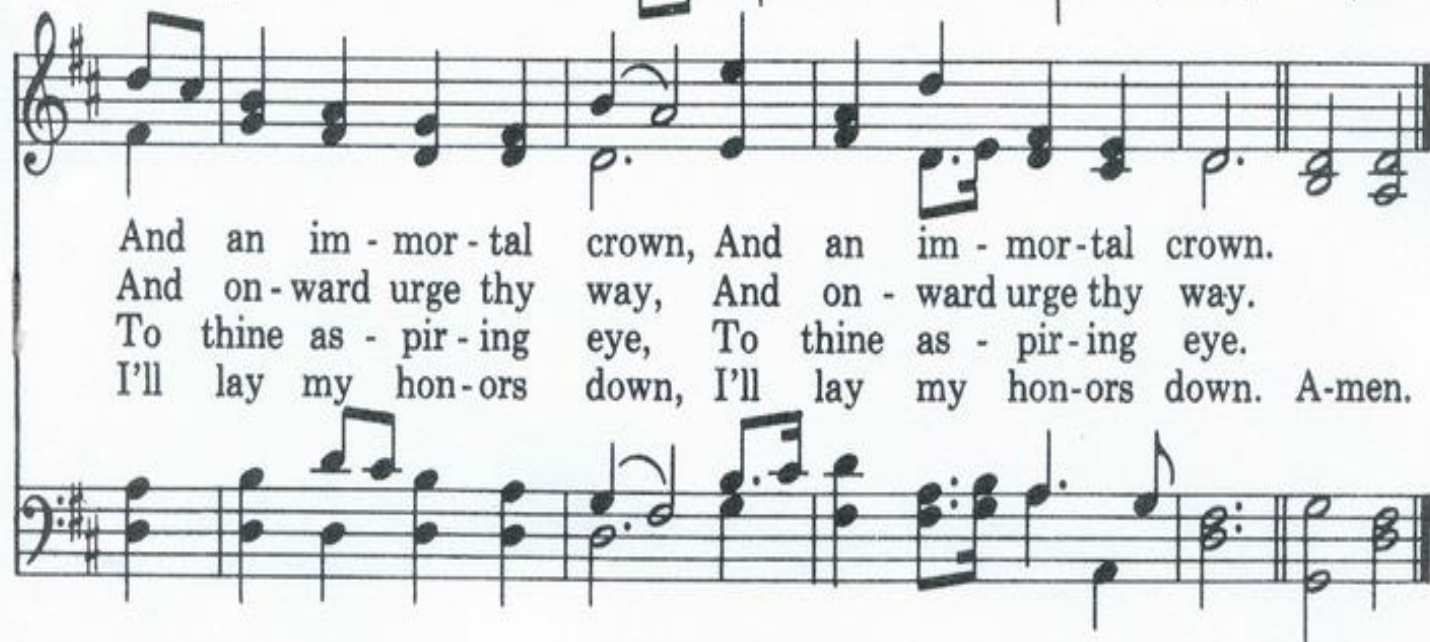
Georg F. Handel, 1685-1759



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, And  
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round Hold  
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat - ing voice That  
4 Blest Sav - ior, in - tro - duced by thee, Have



press with vig - or on; A heavenly race de - mands thy zeal,  
thee in full sur - vey; For - get the steps al - read - y trod,  
calls thee from on high; 'Tis his own hand pre - sents the prize  
I my race be - gun; And, crowned with vic - tory, at thy feet



And an im - mor - tal crown, And an im - mor - tal crown.  
And on - ward urge thy way, And on - ward urge thy way.  
To thine as - pir - ing eye, To thine as - pir - ing eye.  
I'll lay my hon - ors down, I'll lay my hon - ors down. A - men.

# Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Tune: St. Flavian (CM)

Verses 2 and 3 lyric by J. F. Connolly, 1999

1 Be known to us in break - ing bread, But do not then de - part;  
2 Now share with us Your love di - vine, That great - est gift you give.  
3 Let us now share this wond' - rous gift, Your liv - ing bread of grace.

O, Sav - ior, stay with us and spread Your ta - ble in our heart.  
Your liv - ing bread, Your heav' n - ly wine, Grants life that we may live.  
As we un - ite, now one in Christ, the Sav - ior of our race.

## Women's Fellowship

Our first meeting of the new year of Women's Fellowship will be held on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11:am in Fellowship Hall at the Elijah Kellogg Church. There will be a program presented by Becky Gallery about invasive species of plants, followed by a brown bag lunch and business meeting. Dessert and beverage will be provided.

Everyone (including men) are invited to come listen to the presentation. Please come and see what we're all about! There will be much to talk about as the holiday fair is fast approaching!

Hope to see you then.

Ruth Smith & Kay Hunter, co-chairs

# Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Luke 2:29; Rom. 1:16

Attrib. to John Fawcett, 1773; alt.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 We give thanks and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
3 So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the

joy and peace; Let us each your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
world a - way, Fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: Oh, re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound: Ev - er faith - ful,  
glad your sum - mons to o - bey: May we ev - er,

oh, re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er live with you in end - less day.

## Prayer Requests for September 4, 2022

### At home...

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...

Brandon Pike  
Trina  
Linda Oehme  
Gloria

Andrea  
Dawn  
Valerie Bailey Caron  
Jessica  
Fryah Morgan

C V Noyes  
Connie Henry

### Recovering from illness or surgery...

### Grieving...

Family of Elly & Charlie Cary, on the loss of Elly's sister, Thelma Reid  
Family of Joan Chonko  
Family of Diane St. Jean  
Family of John Locke  
Family of Peggy Anderson  
Family of Lorna Kaufman

### Thanksgivings...

### Special concerns...

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



October 8 will soon be here, and we are looking for goodies to sell at the Country Goods food table: baked goods (including breads, cookies, pies, cakes), candy and fudge, jams, jellies, preserves, pickles, and freshly made chili or soup.

Contact Becky Gallery  
[bgalleryme@comcast.net](mailto:bgalleryme@comcast.net) or 833-6159  
or sign up on the bulletin board in the  
EKC hallway with what you can  
donate to our fair.

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**ON-LINE SILENT AUCTION** — We will be holding our annual Holiday Fair Silent Auction on-line again this year. It will be live from Friday September 23 through Wednesday October 5. Winning bidders can pick up their items at the Church on the day of the Holiday Fair itself: Saturday October 8th.

Check out below our first item up for bid: A handcrafted queen-size quilt donated by Meg Tucker. Thank you, Meg!



**Donations Needed** — Please help us collect more items and services that can be auctioned.

These can be gift certificates to local stores or restaurants, or services from local businesses or individuals.

Perhaps you can personally offer special services like 3 hours of gardening, homemade pies, sunset cruises, lobsters, etc. The possibilities are many!

We are also looking for more upscale items, such as paintings and antiques that might attract buyers. In addition, items can be donated for Themed Baskets, such as tea assortments, chocolates, garden supplies, candles, pet supplies, auto detailing, games, movies, etc.

**To help us finalize our list of items for auction, please let us know about your donations by September 15.**

If you have questions, please feel free to contact one of the On-line auction co-chairs:

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Thank you!