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WORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2022
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

“Fall accentuates the goodness of life and finds its truest meaning in the strength of winter and the breath of spring. Thank God for the fall.”

Howard Thurman

PRELUDE “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

During times of crisis,
in moments of doubt,
during periods of isolation,
through seasons of uncertainty...

we place our trust in a loving God.

Let us open our hearts to God.
In communion with the saints,

in solidarity with the suffering,
and united with all people of good will,
we come before God in this time of remembrance and thanksgiving.

*HYMN 210 “Our God, Our Help in Age Past”

**Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:**

**Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.**

**Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.**

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your ways.

You call us to proclaim your love, but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.

You call us to live faithfully, but we seek certainty.

In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom and courage for the living of these days, that we might follow in the ways of Jesus Christ, known and to be made known to us. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONTIONAL RESPONSE (#181, vs. 1 & 4)

**Come sing to God, O living saints, Sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent, God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night With sighs of deepest pain,
Yet joy comes with the morning sun, A peace that is not vain.**

**You change my grief to joy-filled dance, My sorrows You destroy.
In faithfulness You hear my cry And fill my life with joy.
And so to You my heart shall sing, My voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, for evermore, My life shall sing Your praise.**

ANTHEM "Anthem" George Paterson

SERVICE OF GIVING

Invitation

Offertory "The Old Rugged Cross"

*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

(At this time, children are dismissed to attend Children's Church.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Zechariah 1:1-6

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

At all times I will bless the Lord,
whose praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

**I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encompasses the God-fearing,
and the Lord will deliver them.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in the Lord!**

Fear the Lord, you holy ones,

for those who are God-fearing lack nothing.

**The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

[Unison]

**The Lord ransoms the life of those chosen to serve,
and none will be punished who trust in the Lord.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11:32-12:2

SERMON “Minor Prophets, Major Concerns: The Saints of God”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

HYMN 503 “Come, Risen Lord”

**Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
no, let us be your guests and with you dine;
at your own table now be manifest
in your own sacrament of bread and wine.**

**We meet as in the upper room they met;
now at the table, blessing, yet you stand:
'This is my body': this you give us yet;
faith still receives the cup as from your hand.**

**One body we, one body who partake,
one church united in communion blessed;
one name we bear, one bread of life we break,
with all your saints on earth and saints at rest.**

**One with each other, Lord, and one in you,
who are one Savior and one living head;
open our eyes to see with vision true;
be known to us in breaking of the bread.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THANKSGIVING FOR BREAD AND CUP

**We thank you, O Christ,
that scattered though we are, with different needs and hopes
you call us together at this meal and unite us as one body.**

**We thank you for this bread and cup set before us,
food and drink to nourish us in body and in spirit, signs of your life-giving love.**

**May they speak to us
of the everyday made holy,
of life made new,
of hope for your realm among us.**

We remember that on the night of his arrest...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious God,
you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
You have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and renewed us for your service.
Number us among your saints, O God,
and join us with the faithful of every age.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully
until the promised day of resurrection,
when with the redeemed of all the ages
we will feast at your table in glory;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN (insert) “Rise Up, O Saints of God”
**Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambition turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.**

**Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth’s frame;
as heirs of God’s baptismal grace,
his work of hope proclaim.**

**Rise up, O saints of God!
His kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.**

**Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.**

**Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod,
and, quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, O saints of God!**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “When the Saints Go Marching In”

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WE’RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING. We are putting the safety of both the vaccinated and the unvaccinated in our congregation and the community first. Masks are highly recommended. Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall after worship.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: Each year on the First Sunday in November, Congregational UCC observes “All Saints Sunday.” This is a time for us to remember and give thanks to God for the lives of those members of Congregational UCC who have died in the past year—and for all the saints. This year we remember Denny Dudley, Jerry Walker, Claire Ashman, and Donna Bertogli, as well as two former members, Diana Coberly and Wayne Balmer. Our worship service on this day is both solemn and joyful, befitting a congregation of people who live in the light of the resurrection. As is our custom, a jazz band leads our worship on this morning to help us look toward that day when the saints go marchin’ in. Our friend, the well-known local jazz pianist Dick Watson, is joined by Lynne Hart on sax, Gary Palmer on bass and Craig Wood on drums.

WE WILL RECEIVE OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED (NIN) OFFERING THIS MORNING. NIN is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

OUR NEXT HOPE LODGE DINNER is this coming Wednesday, Nov. 9. There is a sign-up sheet in Rockwood Hall.

WE WILL BE GIVING OUT BIBLES TO OUR THIRD GRADERS THIS YEAR ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, during worship. Because we are trying to include those children who moved through Third grade during our COVID sequester, we will also be including those who are in Fourth AND Fifth grade! There will be quite a few children receiving their Bibles. Please come and celebrate with us!

WE WILL HOST THE YOUTH GROUP HERE AT THE CONGREGATIONAL UCC ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20, from 3-5. They will be Geocaching downtown Iowa City. Don't know what that is? Ask a youth....**AFTER** Sunday, November 20th.

THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD WANTS TO THANK YOU for your generous gifts to support the ministry and mission of Congregational UCC again this year. In our presentations during the past several weeks you have heard about the great work these gifts have made possible. We are inspired by the compassion, caring, and community that we find here. If you haven't already, please prayerfully decide on the amount of your support for the coming year as you give thanks for God's surprising gifts. We ask that you fill out the pledge card and return it as soon as possible.

FREE LUNCH PROGRAM NEWS: *Providing Good Food and Hospitality since 1983.* Our church served 140 lunches at the Free Lunch Program on **Halloween Monday, October 31**. The FLP dining room is now fully opened. Guests can also opt to take and go, as before. Thank you so much to all who volunteered by donating food for this serving day: **Dianne Atkins, Chuck & Sue Dayton, Rande Fieselmann, Betsy Henson, Donna Hirst, Linda Muston, Connie Parsons, Edie Roberts and Rebecca Weatherford.**

Extra appreciation to **John Fieselmann, Betsy Henson, Edie Roberts and Rick Ruppert** for their valuable onsite support. Our next scheduled serving date is **Monday, January 30, 2023!**

Gratefully, Vicki Thomae

UNDERSTANDING THE PROPOSED "RIGHT TO FIREARMS" AMENDMENT TO IOWA'S CONSTITUTION. As a follow-up to her presentation to the church on September 19, Liz O'Hara, of Moms Demand Action, encourages church members to read a short statement put out by Moms Demand Action and Everytown for Gun Safety on Public Measure 1. Public Measure 1 will appear on this November's ballot in Iowa. To obtain a copy, please see Chuck Connerly after church or email him at charles-connerly@uiowa.edu.

The Unitarian Universalist Society is sponsoring a Ukrainian family and is looking for help with miscellaneous tasks. The father, Ahmad Alhroob, came here last July to start a Jordanian Fellowship at UI Hospital's Neonatal unit. His home country, Jordan, is paying him to be here, but the salary is limited. Ahmad's wife is Ukrainian and had to flee to Germany with their two daughters, 8 and 10. It was too expensive there and there was no school, so the mother and daughters went to Jordan. They will be arriving in Iowa City soon.

The following help is needed:

1. Volunteers to take them to the food bank and grocery store for items the bank doesn't have, such as milk
2. Find winter clothing and boots for the family
3. Find furniture through Houses into Homes, etc.
4. Locate kitchen items, including plates, glasses, pots and pans
5. Help them find an apartment
6. Provide transportation to appointments
7. Tutor English
8. Money to pay first month's rent and a security deposit, estimated at \$2000

If you are able to assist with any of these tasks contact Sally Hartman, sallyahartman@hotmail.com, 319-621-3618. The Mission Board will be getting updates about this effort.

GIFTS FOR PARENTS, 9 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3: St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2675 E. Washington Street, Iowa City. An opportunity for kids, ages 4–14, to experience the joy of giving. Kids select up to 3 free gifts to give to important adults in their lives.

Donations and Volunteers Needed

Donations: (Your faith community coordinator should deliver donated items to St. Mark's fellowship hall on 12/1, 9 am to 6:30 pm)

Items should be new, or gently used and clean. **NO** sized clothing; hats, gloves and scarves are welcome. Gifts for men are especially helpful. *For items requiring batteries, please supply batteries.* Suggested donations:

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| -caps, scarves, gloves | -flashlights (include batteries) |
| -jewelry, costume jewelry | -hand tool sets |
| -unique coffee mugs / cups | -craft items |
| -knick-knacks | -decorative key chain-gas prepaid cards |
| -wall art, shelf art, table art | -decorative soaps or bubble bath |
| -wallets & purses | -Amaryllis bulbs |
| -tree ornaments | -car emergency kits, ice scrapers / snow brushes |
| -scented lotion or after shave | -gift cards to local businesses |
| -scented/decorative candles | -tire pressure gauge |
| -kitchen gadgets: aprons, cutting boards, potholders, dish towels, etc. | -Hawkeye items |
| | -jigsaw puzzles, games & cards |

We also need donations of "Tall Kitchen" bags, small jewelry boxes, gift bags, bows, tape, & adhesive tags. **We do not need wrapping paper.**

Volunteers are needed for specific shifts within the broad time frames noted below:

- Set up/sorting on Thursday, December 1, 12–8:00 p.m.
- Set up/sorting on Friday, December 2, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
- Greeters, escorts, wrappers, cleanup, etc., Saturday, December 3, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
- **Volunteers are needed to assist the St Mark's Men's Group in preparing, serving & cleaning up after the pancake breakfast on Saturday.**

THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS AT THE CENTER FOR WORKER ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF THEIR GIFT OF GIVING PROGRAM! The Gift of Giving initiative aims to connect local families with a sponsor who is willing to provide each family member with a gift. This year 30 families in need will be selected for the project. CWJ is currently looking for at least 1 sponsor per family. Sponsors can choose the size of family they would like to sponsor. Additionally, sponsors will receive information on members of their family such as age, gender, shoe size, shirt size, pant size, color preferences, and what the family needs most this year. If you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor, please fill out this form <<https://default.salsalabs.org/Tb5e665b2-ecd0-4103-a2c1-22dfc04815b4/30327e39-7511-423b-9906-e59cfda00b>>.

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, THE CHAMBER SINGERS OF IOWA CITY steps into its next half century with a dazzling array of choral favorites spanning the Renaissance to 21st century. Johann Sebastian Bach's profound Cantata 131 *Aus der Tiefe* is the centerpiece of a concert that includes music by Roland de Lassus, Sergei Rachmaninoff, David Dickau, Amy Beach, Sarah Quartel, Moses Hogan, William Dawson, Gregory W. Brown, and others at Voxman at 3pm.

CHILDCARE IN THE CHURCH NURSERY is **extended** one hour from **9:15-12:30** on Sundays until December 20. This is to accommodate the extra choir practice for the adult choir.

USHERS, GREETERS, AND HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES: As we continue to reopen, there are new opportunities to greet people coming to worship, to usher, and to provide hospitality during coffee hour after worship. Please sign up on the sheets in Rockwood Hall or call the church office--319-337-4031.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS A LITURGIST ON SUNDAY MORNING? This is a great opportunity to welcome people and to lead them in worship. Bill Lovin provides the material. You provide the spirit. Contact Bill if you are interested or would like more information.



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WE LIVE STREAM OUR WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:15 ON SUNDAY MORNING. You can join us online in real time at <https://vimeo.com/event/1424751>. This streaming address is the same each week.

RECORDINGS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICES are posted after worship on Sunday at <https://vimeo.com/channels/154m7852>. The recordings remain up permanently, so you can watch past worship services at your convenience or recommend them to a friend.

