

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Online You Tube Worship
October 18, 2020 9:30 A.M.



No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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WELCOME

Welcome to online YOU TUBE worship with the Rutherford Congregational Church. We extend you a warm welcome and pray that you will find worship this morning meaningful, your faith renewed and nourished, and that you are inspired to go out and ...

“do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.”

For your benefit, a link to the PDF of this morning’s order of worship is posted on the church’s home page, www.rccucc.com.

Throughout this pandemic, a reminder, that here in this local congregation of the United Church of Christ, now more than ever, *‘No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.’*

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CENTERING MUSIC

Meditation
Josef Rheinberger

CALL TO WORSHIP

[Spoken by Pastor & Liturgist, alternating:]

One: In autumn beauty blue sky and golden land are clothed.
Apple-gathering children and nut-gathering squirrels
alike prepare for winter.

All: **In our tradition, harvest is a time of rejoicing
in God’s natural bounty and the ingathering of our lives.**

One: We praise God for all we have received.
Seasons turn but God’s love is changeless.

All: **We praise God for all we have received.
Maple leaves dancing, crisp breezes blowing,
the good news stories of Jesus’ sojourn in Galilee,
and the restless winds of the Spirit rushing through our lives –
All these assure us of God’s faithful presence.**

INVOCATION

Rev. Dancy

HYMN

You Are Welcome Here
G. DeMan (SPP#26)

Refrain:

You are welcome here, no matter who you are,
No matter where you are, on life's journey.
You are welcome here, no matter who you are,
Come and join with us, we're united in the church of Christ.

Come now all people, join in the song,
Come be a part of the fam'ly of God.
We are God's people and you belong,
Share in the joy of Christ.

We pray for justice; we pray for peace;
We hear the word of the Savior of all.
We find God's mercy; we find release,
Sharing the joy of Christ.

Lifting each other; doing what's right;
Standing together, whatever may come;
Praising our Savior, shining our light,
Sharing the joy of Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

[Spoken by Liturgist]

**Gracious God, we confess
that our hearts are closed tight against your love and mercy.
We hold on to un-love for ourselves,
resentment against those for whom we care
anger at our helplessness,
and complicity in the structures of society.**

**We have protected ourselves emotionally, socially, and spiritually;
and our selfishness has nourished the pain of the world
rather than its hope.**

Open, loosen, and unbind us, God.

**Enable our frozen hearts to love,
our clenched hands to help,
and our stifled spirits to breathe and pray,
in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rev. Dancy

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 17: 11-19(NRSV)

[Spoken by the Liturgist]

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus^[d] was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers^[e] approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’^[f] feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

SERMON

“Where Are The Nine???”

Rev. Dr. N. Barry Dancy

HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign (NCH #300 vv 1&4)

Isaac Watts

[Music: Susan LaFever will play the hymn through once.]

[Spoken by Pastor & Liturgist, alternating:]

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where'er Christ reigns
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blessed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dancy

Prayer of our Savior

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. AMEN**

TIME OF OFFERING

Invitation

Rev. Dancy

Music

Melodie
Cesar Franck

Prayer of Dedication

[Spoken by the Liturgist]

**Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us
when two or three gather in his name,
be among us now that these offerings
may become instruments of your love and justice.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen**

HYMN

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken (NCH#307 vv 1&2)

John Newton

[*Music: Susan LaFever will play the hymn through once.*]

[*Spoken by Pastor & Liturgist, alternating:*]

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
One whose word cannot be broken formed you for a blessed abode
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

See! The streams of living waters, springing from eternal Love,
Well supply your sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, while such a river ever will their thirst assuage:
Grace which, like our God, the Giver, never fails from age to age?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dancy

POSTLUDE

Moderto
Domenico Zipoli

Joys & Concerns
Sunday, October 11, 2020

Prayer Concerns -

- Alycia Dammers asked for prayers for Cat as she continues to struggle with life issues.
- Meredith Mullane requests prayers for our brothers and sisters in hopes that they find a safe-haven as we celebrate National Coming Out Day.
- Pastor Ron asked for prayers for a friend Andrea Vassell from Union Congregational Church whose father died Friday of COVID-19.

Thanksgivings -

- Carol Marshall is glad when she can worship in the House of the Lord
- Ellen Dammers is happy to welcome Rev. Dr. N. Barry Darcy who will be our pulpit supply preacher until we find a part-time interim pastor.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

May we remember and pray for the health and concerns of:

Catherine (Cat) Desmond
Rae Fisher
Carol MacPhail
Monica Fisher

Carin Fougner
Ruth Simpson
Nora Esposito
Chuck & Eileen Eastham

The DiNapoli Family

For the week of Sunday, Oct 11, 2020

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Giving Revenues (Pledged Income, Member Gifts, Non-Member/Misc Gifts, and Open Plate):			
For Sunday, 10/11/20:	\$ 1,655	\$ 780	\$ (875)
YTD Giving Revenues as of 10/11/20:	67,855	77,296	9,441
YTD All Other Revenues as of 10/11/20:	35,253	16,241	(19,012)
	<u>103,108</u>	<u>93,537</u>	<u>(9,571)</u>
Anticipated annual deficit per approved budget:			<u>(23,344)</u>
			<u>(32,915)</u>
\$ Gifts In Kind This Week:		0.00	
\$ YTD Gifts In Kind, as of 10/11/2020:		1,500.12	
Attendance 10/11/2020:		<u>9</u>	Plus Streamed
Attendance Average:		<u>15</u>	In House