

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2020

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Come Ye Thankful People Come" Anna Laura Page

Invocation

*Hymn: #708 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

1. We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.
2. May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blesses us,
to thee our firstfruits give.
3. The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace;
it is a Christ-like thing.
4. And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Let All Things Now Living" Mary MacDonald

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #186 "Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table" (see insert)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-45

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' 41Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they also will answer, 'Lord when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

Sermon: **Just Because**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed (see insert)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Ordination and installation of Officers

The Peace of Christ

*Hymn: #767 "Together We Serve" (see insert)

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Improvisation on Diademata" Robert Hughes

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

**The Sanctuary Flowers are to the Glory of God and
in Honor of the 95th Birthday (today) of Rev. David P. Birch
Given by Janet, Tim, Jan, Debbie and Ron**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: John Jr., Kristine & Allison Shirk

Mary Beckett turns 95 on November 30.

Please consider sending her a birthday card.

Mary Beckett

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The **Toys for Tots** box is in the narthex near the east vestibule door. The Marines would appreciate your generosity even more so this year because they feel giving will be less. Most needed are toys for children 0-2 years & 9-12 years. For ages 9-12, it could be a watch, makeup kit, jewelry, wallet, etc. Last year was great, and I hope you all can give again. Thank you!
Dave Berkheimer

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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