

BE THE CHURCH! ...Live-Stream Sunday Worship
– November 22, 2020 ~ 10 AM

Prelude

Gathering Song - "Give Thanks" (*lyrics below*)
Oleksandra Yurchenko

Greeting –

*The Church is...
You, me, anyone who would come...
Renewed, redirected, empowered
To change things in our lives
Together in love and wholeness.
We are God's church,
The church of justice and mercy,
The people sent to open prisons,
to heal the sick,
to clothe the naked,
to feed the hungry,
to reconcile,
To be alleluias when there is no music.
The mantle is upon our shoulders.
Joy is apparent in our living.
We have been commissioned to be the church of Jesus Christ.*

- Ann Weems

Welcome to Worship!

When people are hungry,
Open our eyes that we may see you.
When people are lonely,
Open our eyes that we may see you.
When people are cold,
Open our eyes that we may see you.
When people are thirsty,
Open our eyes that we may see you.
When people are afraid,
Open our eyes that we may see you.
When people are imprisoned,
Open our eyes that we may see you.

Gathering Prayer...

Gracious God, your people hunger and thirst each day, through lack of food or spiritual nourishment. Open our hearts and

minds to recognize the ways you reveal your grace, your blessing, and your comforting presence. You are our guide, revealing the path on which we are to travel. Help us to see your presence in one another, and make us ready to act lovingly, openly, honestly, and humbly – in the way of Jesus. Amen.

A Song - "Great Is Your Faithfulness" (*lyrics below*)

Prayers and Meditations of God's People –

How was the week just passed?
Who is in need of our thoughts and prayers?

**Text prayer requests to 585-857-8267*

Guided and Silent Meditation

The Lord's Prayer (using words most familiar to you!)

Sharing God's Peace...

Scripture that Guides our Meditation...

Matthew 25:31-40 (NRSV)

Special Music "Thankful People, Come!"

The Good News "Having Compassion"

Meditative Music - Oleksandra Yurchenko

Sending Us Forth...

We are sent into the world and encouraged to act graciously and love abundantly. Are we ready?

We are ready to love – openly, honestly and humbly, in the way of Jesus. Amen.

"What in God's Name Are We Doing?"

Song of Witness - "Come, O Thankful People, Come" (*lyrics below*)

We're Glad You're Joining Us!

Thank you!! If you are new or visiting our church for the first time, you can learn more about our church community by visiting our website at www.uccwebster.org. You will find information about our denomination and about monthly events and activities here at Webster UCC.

GIVE THANKS (SB 2036)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks for God has given Jesus Christ, the son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
let the poor say, "I am rich because of what
the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks! Give thanks! Give thanks!

GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS (NCH 423)

Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,
with you no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;
all of your goodness forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain...

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Refrain...

COME, O THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME (NCH 422)

Come, O thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in as the winter storms begin;
God our Maker does provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply, ripened 'neath the summer sky.
All that spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours from its rich o'erflowing stores.

These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow;
and for these our songs we raise, grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

Lectionary for the Coming Week:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46