

I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged. **Ezekiel 34:22**

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. **Psalms 100:3**

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

Ephesians 1:16

"I was hungry and you gave me food." **Matthew 25:35**

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To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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***+Introit (2x)**

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Harvest

***+Hymn 367**

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

Prayer for the Harvest

The grains should be green as river rocks, long as hayseed, with the scent of duckweed and sweetgrass that grows along the lake's banks.

First *manoomin*, feast plate laid for the spirits - berries and tobacco offered with song.

What it must have meant to give what little the people had to give:

herbs left in thanks for the food that will sustain us, for the water that gives up that food, for the world working the way it should - living and full of living good.

+Response 455 (2x)

Listen to the Word that God has spoken.

Listen to the One who is close at hand.

Listen to the voice that began creation.

Listen even if you don't understand.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 642 (2x)**

Heleluyan, we are singing. Hele, heleluyan.

Heleluyan, now and always. Hele, heleluyan.

Blessing the World

Africa, Asia, Australia, Antarctica, Europe, North America, South America

+Response 21, v.1

Many and great, O God, are thy works, Maker of earth and sky.

Thy hands have set the heavens with stars; thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.

Lo, at thy word the waters were formed. Deep seas obey thy voice.

First Pew

+Response 21, v.2

Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star-abiding One.

Come unto us and dwell with us.

With thee are found the gifts of life.

Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

"The Honorable Harvest"

***+Hymn 714**

"God of the Fertile Fields"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"Share with the Hungry your Bread"

Carol Muehlig

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***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

***Sending (2x)**

Jesus be with us. Help us each day

to follow the gospel and live as we pray.

Send us your Spirit and show us your way.

Jesus, be with us today.

***Postlude**

Humans have paid a high price for the pleasure of enjoying a yearly harvest feast.

Daniel E. Lieberman

No matter what you sow in life it takes time to grow and be ready for harvest.

James D. Wilson

When the fields are ready to harvest, we appreciate the resting of the land.

John Everett Bass

What are you planting today to harvest tomorrow?

Lailah Gifty Akita

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Call to Harvest

Heath Cahoon, *Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes*

Prayer for the Harvest

Heid E. Erdrich, *Anishinaabe - Turtle Mountain Band*

Lesson Translation

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Reign of Love Sunday

November 26, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 26 • Reign of Love Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting - Classroom 1
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering - Downstairs

Monday, November 27

- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Tuesday, November 28

- 1:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal - upstairs outside choir room
- 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal - Choir Room

Wednesday, November 29

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 2

- 10:00 a.m. Deacons Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Guild Meeting

Sunday, December 3 • First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Adult Education - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering - Downstairs
- 4:00 p.m. Monthly Hymn Sing & Caroling - Steps of McMurrin Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal - Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Prayer Bowl

When the moon is turned upwards like a bowl waiting to be filled
We must fill it. We just fill it by honoring the spirits of creation
With songs of our joy and thanks, with foods created with our own hands,
Water for the thirsty, prayers for the people, prayers for the spirits,
Prayers for the Creator, prayers for ourselves, and the sacred instruments
That join us to the glory of this world, that join us to the glory of this world
And to the world beyond our sleep.

Al Hunter, Anishinaabe

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from the Taizé Community. The Opening Hymn recalls the Harvest imagery used by Jesus to describe the reign of God. The Response to the Prayer is a short song from Canada. The Response to the Declaration is a Muscogee Trail of Tears song. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a Dakota chant. The mid-20th Century Sermon Hymn pairs a call to global stewardship with an 18th Century Italian hymn. The Sending was written to support the Matthew 25 Initiative of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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