

Weekly Highlight

Handbell Dessert Concert

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February 25, 2024
9:30 AM Traditional
Worship Service

CENTREVILLE
United Methodist Church 

The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Matthew Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prelude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Jubilation

arr. McChesney

*Call to Worship

Rev. Phil Mohr

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in God, who makes a way in the wilderness.

God sends streams of mercy in desert places.

We are the people God is transforming through Christ.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us.

*Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymnal No. 103

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Lenten Prayer

Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Johnson

Voices in Praise

Lyrics: Ubi caritas et amor; Deus ibi est.

Translation: Where there is charity and love, God is there.

Children Dismissed to Kid's Quest

First Lesson

Proverbs 11:13

Susan Justice

A gossip goes about telling secrets, but one who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a confidence.

Second Lesson

Psalms 41:5-7

Susan Justice

My enemies wonder in malice when I will die, and my name perish. And when they come to see me, they utter empty words, while their hearts gather mischief; when they go out, they tell it abroad. All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

*Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

TFWS No. 2223

Locke Evans, *bass clarinet*; Mallory Smith, *tenor saxophone*; Greta Tiesler, *trombone*

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11:16-19

Susan Justice

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

Response

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Birds of a Feather: "The Vulture"

Rev. Matthew Smith

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Phil Mohr

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Mission Moment

Kim Proppe

Celebration of Our Giving

Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Offertory

The Lone, Wild Bird

arr. Held

Laura Hesse, *organ*

Please take a moment to register your attendance in the pew folders.

*Presentation of Offering/Doxology

Hymnal No. 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

God is Here

Hymnal No. 660

Locke Evans, *bass clarinet*; Mallory Smith, *tenor saxophone*; Greta Tiesler, *trombone*

*Benediction

Rev. Matthew Smith

*Benediction Response

Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

Hymnal No. 668

Postlude

In Thee Is Gladness

arr. Kosche

Laura Hesse, *organ*

Please join us in the fellowship hall across from the sanctuary for refreshments and conversation.

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Laura Hesse, organ

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Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

*Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Hymnal No. 103

*Passing the Peace of Christ Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Children Dismissed to Kids Quest

Reception of New Member Diana McAllister Hymnal Pg. 48

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Rev. Phil Mohr
Leader: Lord in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

First Lesson Proverbs 11:13 Jane Moschenrose

Second Lesson Psalm 41:5-7 Jane Moschenrose

Anthem *Ubi Caritas* Johnson
Seraphim Singers

Lyrics: Ubi caritas et amor; Deus ibi est.
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Gospel Lesson Matthew 11:6-19 Jane Moschenrose

Response
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Birds of a Feather: "The Vulture" Rev. Matthew Smith

A Service of Word and Table
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:
And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven
We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:
And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the work of the Holy Spirit and the Trinity and concludes:
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the
world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup
Communion Meditation

*Sweet Hour
Give Me Jesus*

arr. Shaw
arr. Porter

Celebration of Our Giving

Rev. Phil Mohr

Offertory

*The Lone, Wild Bird
Laura Hesse, organ*

arr. Held

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*Presentation of Offering/Doxology Hymnal No. 95

*Hymn *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* TFWS #2223

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*Benediction Response *Let Us Now Depart in Peace* Hymnal No. 668

Postlude *In Thee Is Gladness* arr. Kosche
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