



**First Church of Christ in Mansfield
(Congregational) United Church of Christ**

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**THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME + ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
OCTOBER 31, 2021**

Welcome to Our Guests!

We're delighted you have joined us for worship; the members are the ministers of this church...if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us!

Playing the Chimes and Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Opening Hymn

For All the Saints

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Call to Healing and Opening Prayer Mark 12:28-34

Eternal God, teach us to love you not only in mind and heart but also in purpose and action, that we may love the children of the earth, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Henry W. Greatorex

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, the Christ, the Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three - in - One; as it
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was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

**Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,**

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers; upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Hebrew Scripture

Ruth 1:1-18

Reflection

Call to Prayer

Hear Us O Lord

Don Besig and Nancy Price



Hear us, O Lord, as we come now in prayer, shar - ing our joys, our trou-bles, and our cares.

Help us, O Lord, to be o - pen to your word, and teach us to put our trust in you.

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

For the Church: that we may sincerely seek to love both God and others so that the reign of God may draw near

For all disciples: that the Spirit will guide and empower us to pour our lives out in loving service to others, particularly those with whom we find it hard to relate

For those who are poor, sick, and homebound: that we may generously assist them and offer encouragement and support to them

For all who care for those who are sick and homebound: that God will help them to provide their assistance with love and ever renew their strength

For all who are suffering: that God will guide those living in areas of war to safety, open the channels of food for those in famine, and send your healing Spirit to all who have been tortured or abused

For the gift of Peace: that God will inspire dialogue that will reduce arms races and bring an end to conflicts and terrorism

For all who are discerning their direction in life: that God will inspire all who are making vocational decisions and give them the courage to follow God's invitation

For all who are grieving: that they may know God's life-giving presence with them today

For all who have died, particularly our family and friends who have recently died: that they may live in the light and peace of God's presence forever

*Please pray the Prayer of Jesus in whatever language is most comfortable for you.
The following are offered as examples...*

**Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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 debts/sins/trespases,
as we forgive our debtors/those who sin/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.**

Musical Offering

Healing

Maya Sherman

Maya Sherman and Tyler Sherman

Offerings may be placed plates that are passed, mailed to: First Church of Christ in Mansfield UCC. Box 36. Mansfield Center, CT 06250, or given online at www.myfcc.info

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be low; Praise
5 God for all that love has done: Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men!

Prayer of Dedication and Dedication of Our Pledge Cards

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

Amen.

Fed for the Journey The Great Thanksgiving

God is with you.

And also with you.

Open up your hearts.

We have opened them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God most mighty, O

God most merciful,

O God our rock and our salvation,

hear us as we praise,

call us to your table, g

rant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.

When Abraham and Sarah were lonely, you sent them a future.

When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation,

David fought Goliath,

and the psalmists cried out for healing,

and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He

was born among the poor,

he lived under oppression, he

wept over the city.

With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread,

and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do
this for the remembrance of me.

O God, you are Breath:
send your Spirit on this meal. O
God, you are Bread:
feed us with yourself.
O God, you are wine:
warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O
God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
gather us around this table with all the saints who have sung your praises,
and lived our your love...
Gather us with
Ros
Mary
Josephine
Charlie Mary
Lou
as we join our voices with theirs as, together, we proclaim your holiness:

Musical Response

Santo Santo Santo

Traditional

San - to, san - to, san - to. Mi co - ra - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

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co - ra - zon te sa - be de - cir: San - to eres, Se - nor!
heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly Lord!

*All are welcome to Jesus' Welcome Table.
We share Communion with gluten free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.*

Hymn

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

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Benediction

The Week Ahead...

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| Sunday, October 31 | 10:15am Worship and Worship Circle |
| Monday, November 1 | 10am First Church leads Worship at St Joseph Living Center |
| Tuesday, November 2 | 7pm Prayers at the End of the Day on Facebook Wednesday, |
| November 3 | 11am-1pm Open Office Hours
1pm Book Group in Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday, November 4 | 9:30am, Sewing and Service in Fellowship Hall
7pm, Music Ministry in Fellowship Hall |
| Sunday, November 7 | 10:15am Worship and Worship Circle |

Walk for Warmth

Winter is coming and fuel prices are skyrocketing. Many in our community will be unable to manage their heating costs. You can make a difference as we come together as members of WAIM's faith communities to fundraise for WAIM's energy assistance fund during the annual Walk for Warmth. The fund helps ensure that our neighbors are not left out in the cold. This year's walk begins at Jillson Square in Willimantic at 2:15 on Sunday, November 21st and will be preceded by our interfaith Thanksgiving service at 1:30 pm. You are invited to join walkers as we gather at Jillson Square on the 21st or you may walk at your own time and place as a 'virtual' walker.

Visit <https://waimct.org/events/walk-for-warmth/> for a link to register or to make a donation to support a walker.