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(Congregational) United Church of Christ**

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NOVEMBER 6, 2022 + THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Greeting and Welcome

*Opening Hymn

Woke Up This Morning

CH623

Confessing our Brokenness and Opening Prayer

Hear these words from Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians, "But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

When have we not given thanks?

When have we been negligent with good works and words?

silence

God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made known your love and power in unexpected ways and places. May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence and offer our lives in gratitude. Amen.

* Please rise in body or in spirit as you are willing and able.

Song of Praise

Glory Glory! Hallelujah!

African American Spiritual

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 Glo-ry, glo-ry! Ha-le - lu-jah! Since I laid my bur-dens down.
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Hebrew Scripture

Job 19:23-27a

"O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Psalter

Psalm 17

SERVANT SONG

Hear, O Lord, my plea for jus - tice, lis - ten to my heart - felt prayer;
 Test my heart for its a - fflic - tion, pur - i - fy my soul with fire;
 Keep me, Lord, in sure pro - tec - tion, as the a - pple of your eye;
 In its wake send vin - dic - a - tion; to its sha - dows, show your face;

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 in your just de - lib - er - a - tion may I find re -
 let my mor - tal tongue speak wis - dom, right - ous - ness be -
 shel - ter me be - neath your sha - dow when my hour of
 bring me to my re - surr - ec - tion clothed in gar - ments

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 demp - tion there
 my de - sire.
 death draws nigh.
 of your grace.

Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to God all of them are alive."

Reflection

Rev. Joseph Blotz

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

God of tempest and tide, our world is full of dazzling beauty and brutal destruction. Protect us and all your creatures from hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and fires. Restore what has been lost.

God of truth, raise up leaders with integrity, honesty, and compassion. Unite our elected officials in shared goals that benefit and serve all people. Instill in them hearts of justice, mercy, and peace.

God of tumult, you sustain and guide your people when the way forward is uncertain. Abide with all going through transitions at work, school, or in their personal lives. Bring healing to those who are sick (especially). Reassure us of your constancy in the midst of change.

God of togetherness, deepen the relationships that are built in this place. Form us as a community where tears of sorrow and shouts of joy can both be shared.

God of tenderness, we give thanks for all who have died in the faith. (Here the names of those who have died in the previous year may be read.) Console our mourning spirits with the promise of eternal life in your presence.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying...

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

God of the Living

Kip Fox

Offerings may be placed in passed plates, mailed to:

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Box 36. Mansfield Center, CT 06250, or given online at www.myfcc.info

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea - tures 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**

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. We ask that you would accept these gifts offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Amen.

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

CH425

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

God is with you.

And also with you.

Open up your hearts.

We have opened them up to God and one another.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Musical Response

Santo Santo Santo

Traditional Argentine

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: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

Sharing the Bread and Cup

All are welcome at Christ's table; we offer non-alcoholic juice and gluten-free bread.

*Hymn

Give Thanks for Life

CH649

*Benediction

The Week Ahead...

Sunday, October 6	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle
Monday, October 7	7pm Take Note! In Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 8	6pm Special Olympics in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, November 9	First Church Hosts the Community Meal at First Baptist, Willimantic 1pm Book Group in Fellowship Hall
Thursday, November 10	12:15pm Contemplative Communion in the Yellow Office 5:30pm Governing Board on Zoom 7pm Choir Practice
Sunday, November 13	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle