

LOOKING AHEAD

October 30	5:00 pm 8:00 pm	Soup Kitchen AA
November 1	6:30 pm	Scouts – Arrows of Light
November 2	6:00 pm	Scouts – Bear Den
November 3	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Backpack Program Scouts – Wolf Den Choir Rehearsal
November 4	8:15 – 9:15 am	Coffice Hours at The Villager
November 5	1:30 – 4:30 pm	Chester Garden Club Tea
November 6	10:00 am 5:00 pm 8:00 pm	Worship Soup Kitchen AA

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at the United Church of Chester, an Open and Affirming Church and a member of the United Church of Christ. **The United Church of Chester is centered in Christ's love, embracing, nurturing, serving all, and committed to justice and peace.**

The Deacon for October is **Pat Holloway**. Flowers are given on the altar by **Pat Holloway** in celebration of Rick and Pat's daughter Cindy's birthday. Our Greeter for today is **Skip Weisenberger**.

ALAN'S OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday-Friday 8:30 am-12:30 pm, other times by appointment

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday 9am-1pm.



The United Church of Chester

An Open and Affirming Church

October 30, 2022



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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHESTER

An Open & Affirming Congregation of
The United Church of Christ
October 30, 2022 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

WELCOME Pat Holloway, Deacon

PRELUDE *Sarabande* from the Holberg Suite Edvard Grieg
(Sue Saltus organist)

INTROIT *As We Gather* M. Fay

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ephesians 2)

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loves us,

Even when we had perished though our sins, makes us alive together with Christ Jesus.

For it is by grace that we have been saved, through faith -

It is not our own doing, so that none of us may boast.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works;

And God in Christ has already prepared a way before us, that we should walk in it, and enjoy the mercy of God. Amen.

*HYMN *All People That On Earth Do Dwell* 21

INVOCATION (John Calvin, 1509-1564)

O heavenly Lord, in whom is the fulness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth. Save us, Lord, from being self-centered in our prayers, and teach us to remember to pray for others. May we be so bound up in love with those for whom we pray, that we may feel their needs as acutely as our own, and intercede for them with sensitivity, with understanding and with imagination. We ask this in Christ's name; Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 32.22-32

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

ANTHEM *It is Well With My Soul* B. Krogstead

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 5.1-13

SERMON "Unmasked" Rev W. Alan Froggatt

"Then Jacob asked the man, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him." (Genesis 32.29)

"Then Jesus asked the man with unclean spirits, 'What is your name?' He replied, 'My name is Legion; for we are many.'" (Mark 5.9)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANTHEM *Old Irish Blessing* D. Away

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER ("*trespasses*")

POEM *The Sin-Boldly-Bulwark-Never-Failing Blues* Bill Stadick (October 12, 2017)

*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* 27

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *God Be With You* R. Vaughan Williams

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell sing out your faith with cheerful voice; delight in God whose praise you tell, whose presence calls you to rejoice.

Know that there is one God, indeed, who fashions us without our aid, who claims us, gives us all we need, whose tender care will never fade.

Enter the sacred gates with praise, with joy approach the temple walls. Extol and bless our God always as people whom the Spirit calls.

Proclaim again that God is good, whose mercy is forever sure, whose truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices, who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us in all grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God almighty now be given; to God, the three-in-one, who reigns in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.