



Morning Worship CELEBRATION

October 30, 2011

177 Years of Reaching Up in Faith- -Reaching Out in Love

ADORATION

PRAYER REQUESTS (Prayer requests are received by writing down prayers on the card found as an insert in this bulletin. These cards are passed down the pew, to the aisle, and collected by the Ushers during the Hymn of Praise. Then, during Time for Meditation and Prayer, these prayers are lifted up by the Congregation.)

"A quiet time for prayer and centering"

THE BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Arioso" from *Cantata No. 156* Arr. J. S. Bach

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "God of Grace and God of Glory" 477
(receive prayer requests)

COMMUNITY

CELEBRATING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

*Family Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" vs. 1 368

***CENTERING OUR CELEBRATION** Isaiah 43: 16-19 selected

Leader: Come as the gathered people of God, brought into God's storied presence and saving love. .

People: **We give thanks to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Come with your thirst and your hunger for that which is good, and that which brings good.

People: **We give thanks to god, whose steadfast love endures forever.**

MORNING PRAYER

O God, your storied presence dwells among us and beckons our attention. During this hour, open our hearts to receive anew the good news of your saving grace revealed in Jesus. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit and help us to move forward in faithfulness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

God's Word in Music "This Little Light of Mine"

TESTIMONY

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD MOMENT WITH THE YOUTH

(Elementary children remain in worship)

Scripture: Old Testament Lessons: Joshua 3:7-17 (p. 187)

New Testament Lessons: Matthew 23:1-12 (p. 857)

*Hymn of the Word "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" 425

Sermon

REFLECTION AND PRAYERS

SERVICE

OUR OFFERING FOR GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS

(Please sign the attendance pad located at the center aisle end of the pew.)

Opportunities for Ministry: Stewardship Campaign Mike Weber

Offering Our Gifts for God's Work

Offertory Music "My God and I" Arr. Paul Mickelson

*My God and I walk through the fields together;
We walk and talk as good friends should and do;
We clasp our hands, our voices ring with laughter;
My God and I walk through the meadow's dew.
We clasp our hands, our voices ring with laughter;
My God and I walk through the meadow's dew.*

*My God and I will go for aye together,
We'll walk and talk and jest as good friends do;
This earth will pass, and with it common trifles,
But God and I will go eternally.
This earth will pass, and with it common trifles,
But God and I will go eternally*

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, you have shown us loving concern throughout our journeys. In gratitude, we share these gifts and pray that they will be used to reveal your love to all. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "To Abraham and Sarah" 484

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

POSTLUDE "Allegretto Giocoso" Suite from **WATER MUSIC**

G. F. Händel

**Please stand if able.*

UPWARD TEAM

The team is now coordinating various stages to get 2011-12 season on its way. One vital component we still could use help with is Volunteers. Need Volunteers (23 for each night) for Evaluations **November 14th & 15th, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM**, Greeters, Registration, Sizing, On the Court, etc...This is a great outreach opportunity to see how sports and faith become one. It's because of You thousands of kids/adults have been introduced to Jesus Christ! Please contact Mike Sly 810-444-1927 msly33@sbcglobal.net to get started. To learn more about the Upward Sports ministry go to www.upward.org.

OUR STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

*As God blesses us our response should be one of gratitude and thanksgiving. "You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you."
(Deuteronomy 8:10)*

Ministries & Special EVENTS

FLOWERS

The lovely flowers this morning are for Deborah's Birthday.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We will be welcoming new members on **today** during worship.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Today we will be passing out shoe boxes to be filled for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We will have 115 shoe boxes that can be picked up during coffee hour. This outreach opportunity reaches children all across the world by sharing gifts and the Word of God to all. The shoe boxes need to be given back to the church no later than the morning of Sunday, November 20th. Thank you again for supporting this wonderful ministry. The Outreach Team

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The Outreach Team is looking for volunteers to purchase perishables and/or turkeys for the 14 Grand Blanc families our church will be supplying with Thanksgiving food baskets. You can also purchase non-perishable items listed below by the first letter of your last name as follows: A-C canned goods; D-G paper goods; H-L cleaning supplies; M-P hygiene products; Q-X boxed goods; T-Z canned fruits/vegetables and soups, pastas, tooth paste, paper towels and laundry detergent are all welcome. Please see Marty Royer after worship to sign up to purchase perishables or turkeys. **All perishable items should be in by November 20th** and **nonperishable items must be in by Thursday, November 17th** for delivery on Sunday, November 20th. Thank you, The Outreach Team

ADULT STUDY CLASS

Sunday, November 6th at 9:00 AM, Bible Study with Pastor Joe will begin a five-week study on the book, "A Faith of your Own" and will help you discover what you really believe. **Monday, November 7th at 6:00 PM** the 6-week Sacred Parenting Class begins. For more information and registration, see the table in the Christian Life Center after church.

UCC T-SHIRTS

Attention, we now have awesome new "church shirts". Get in the game, join the UCC team and purchase yours today. The Evangelism Team will be taking orders until **November 13th**. Order sheets will be in the Christian Life Center on Sunday or call the church office during the week. We have both shirts Zone (yellow with green print) and Adult shirts (blue with white print).

T-shirts - \$10, Collared Shirts - \$12, Shirts and Sweatshirts - \$23.

SUNDAY OFFERING

The Offering for Sunday, October 16 was 2,526.00, Second Mile was \$415.00 and Backpack was \$1,798.55 (includes checks made out to Food Bank).

Reminder: If you plan to make donations to Neighbors in Need, please do so by October 31st.

Please join us after worship for refreshments in the Christian Life Center.

THANKS

To those who assisted in today's worship services

Ministers	Acolytes
All the Members	Nick Fairman Drew Duncanson
Senior Pastor	Lay Liturgist
Rev. Joe Schulte	Bethany Sly
Organist	Prayers
Lavonne Bomeli	Lana Bellah
Director of Music	Usher Captain
Brandon Sanders	Dick Hockstad
Public Address System	Tally Team
Bob Throop	Barb Cunningham
Host	Coffee Hour Hosts
Lana Bellah	Lorel & Jim Gardner
Greeters	Open & Close Church
Kathy Rolfe, Marilyn Pelkey	Dave Rembowski



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Please use the
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HEARING ASSISTANCE

If you need hearing assistance, ask an usher about our Williams Sound

Church Staff

Senior Pastor
Rev. Joe Schulte

**Director of Youth &
Educational Ministries**

Tracy Loomis

Church Secretary

Wanda Kitchen

Chief Financial Officer

Carla Meier

Director of Music

Brandon Sanders

Organist

Lavonne Bomeli

Learning House Director

Susan Arnould

Parish Visitor

Barbara Benson

Custodian

Tom McLaren

OPPORTUNITIES

for this week

<i>Sunday, October 30</i>	New Members Join 8:30 Brother Squared 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 1:30 Joyner: Court of Honor 8:00 Men's Basketball
<i>Monday, October 31</i>	6:30 Boy Scout Mtg.
<i>Tuesday, November 1</i>	9:15 Pastor Bible Study 6:00 FABA Basketball 6:15 Spiritual Growth Team 7:00 Alcoholic Anonymous 7:00 Forgiven Band Practice
<i>Wednesday, November 2</i>	10:00 Chapel 6:00 Autism Group Basketball 6:30 Outreach Team 7:00 Seventh-Day Adventists
<i>Thursday, November 3</i>	4:30 Confirmation 7:00 Zumba 7:30 Choir
<i>Friday, November 4</i>	6:00 FABA Basketball
<i>Saturday, November 5</i>	9:00 Seventh-Day Adventists 7:00 Alcoholic Anonymous
<i>Sunday, November 6</i>	Harvest Table 9:00 Christmas Celebration Practice 9:00 Faith of Your Own 10:00 Soup Kitchen (Sister Circle) 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 The Net 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 Net Delivery - Food Baskets 8:00 Men's Basketball

Prayers and Concerns:

Please pray for Norma & Deloy Burrows, Joan Duff, Marilyn Dunlap, Ann Edgcombe, Arnold Fletcher, Helen Jewett, Owen Mooney, Wilma Palmer, Claude Shinn, George Smith, Howard Weaver, & Dale Wells

WELCOME!

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Times



“Our mission is to enable disciples to change the world to the glory of God by living the teachings of Jesus our Christ.”



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