



Morning Worship Celebration

November 13, 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"

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Welcome to Worship

Opportunities for Participation

Prelude "As The Deer"

Arr. Joel Raney

Flute - P. Duffy, Piano - L. Bomeli

***Hymn** "Take My Life and Let It Be"

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(receive prayer requests)

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Leader: We lift our eyes and raise our hearts, and are met by God in worship.

People: We stretch our arms and open our hands in the hope of finding mercy.

Leader: In our stretching, we are met by the kind yes and warm hands of companions on the way.

People: People: May we be aware of the signs of love that are always with us.

***Opening Prayer** (Unison)

Source of All Goodness, you pour through us, in us, and around us. We pause to feel the power of life within. May we become aware of our own potential and may our imaginations be sparked against the flint of your belief in us, until our world overflows with possibilities. Gifted by your love, O God, we celebrate you in worship. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Response of Praise** (sung)

Glo - ri-a Glo - ri-a Glo - ri-a

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***A Time of Greeting**

GIVING GOD PRAISE

Stewardship

Tracy Loomis

A Time with Our Children

(Elementary children may leave for Sunday School)

Choir Anthem "The Meeting in the Air"

Invitation to the Offering

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

Time of Sharing

Tracy Loomis

The Offertory "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Arr. Carol McMillen

***Response of Praise** (Sung)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power up-lifts.

Praise the Spir-it, Holy Spir-it

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

***Prayer of Dedication** (Unison)

O God, we offer our gifts and our commitments to care giving, knowing that their impact will more than double with your love. We offer our ministries of compassion. We know that you will expand their ability to give life beyond our wildest imagination. We know that you will use us and our gifts in ways that will speak to others and us of your abundant goodness. Amen.

***Hymn** "Lord, Speak To Me that I May Speak"

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Prayers of the People and Prayer of our Savior

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Prayer Response (Sung)

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 859)

Sermon

***Hymn** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

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***Benediction**

***Choral 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** "I will be Waiting"

Richard Marx

**Please stand if able.*

Ministries & Special Events

FLOWERS

The lovely flowers this morning are in memory of Darly Campbell, the anniversary of James & Frances Cuthbertson and for Ralph & Eileen Weckler.

UCC T-SHIRTS

The Evangelism Team will be taking orders until **November 13th**. Order sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall 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.

UPWARD TEAM

Still 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! 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.

24TH ANNUAL "COMMUNITY MESSIAH SING" - NOVEMBER 20, 4:30 PM

Contact Lavonne Bomeli at choir13@aol.com if you are interested in volunteering to sing with this chorus. Next rehearsal **November 15th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**, held at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church of Grand Blanc, 9020 S. Saginaw and is optional.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Reminder, the shoe boxes are due back no later than the morning of Sunday, **November 20th**. They can be placed in front of the communion table on the 20th or dropped off in the church office before then. Thank you, The Outreach Team

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Just a reminder for the food baskets: Non-perishable items are needed, donate by the first letter of your last name: 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, soups, pastas, tooth paste, paper towels and laundry detergent are all welcome. Drop off in the Fellowship Hall. Perishable items due by morning of **November 20th** in Life Center kitchen. Nonperishable items due by November 17th for packing. Thank you, The Outreach Team

CALLING ALL COOKS

The Fellowship Team is looking for members to donate a crock pot of soup for the Stewardship Sunday lunch on **November 20th** or cooked hams and turkeys for Advent Dinner on **Dec 4th**. If you are interested, please contact Erin Spicer at (810) 397-4564, mepicer0413msn.com. Thank you!!

BI-ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

The Outreach team will be collecting gently used coats, (children and adults), for our bi-annual coat drive. Please place coats in the boxes labeled coats located in the Fellowship Hall by **December 4th**. The team will give them to a local shelter.

SUNDAY OFFERING

The Offering for Sunday, November 6 was \$5,531.00, Second Mile was \$365.00.

[Please join us after worship for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.](#)

Our Stewardship Thought:
We give because God first gave to us. "You received without payment; give without payment"
(Matthew 10:8)

THANKS

To those who assisted in today's worship services

Ministers

All the Members

Senior Pastor

Rev. Joe Schulte

Organist

Lavonne Bomeli

Director of Music

Brandon Sanders

Public Address System

Bob Throop

Host

Lana Bellah

Greeters

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Lay Liturgist

Paris Stetkiw

Prayers

Tom McLaren

Usher Captain

Stephen Fuhs

Tally Team

Deneen Munerance

Coffee Hour Hosts

Open & Close Church

Tom McLaren

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

- Sunday, November 13** 9:00 Faith of Your Own
10:30 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
10:30 The Net
11:30 Fellowship
11:30 Christmas Celebration Practice
8:00 Men's Basketball
- Monday, November 14** 6:00 Upward Evaluations
6:30 Sacred Parenting Class
6:30 Boy Scout Parent Mtg.
6:30 Boy Scout Mtg.
- Tuesday, November 15** 9:15 Pastor Bible Study
6:00 Upward Evaluations
6:00 Fellowship Team
7:00 Alcoholic Anonymous
7:00 Forgiven Band Practice
- Wednesday, November 16** 10:00 Chapel
12:00 Staff Mtg.
6:00 Autism Group Basketball
7:00 Seventh-Day Adventists
8:00 FABE Basketball
- Thursday, November 17** 4:00 Finance Committee
4:30 Confirmation
5:30 XYZ Meeting
6:30 Evangelism Team
7:00 Zumba
7:30 Choir
- Friday, November 18** 6:00 FABE Basketball
6:00 Seventh-Day Adventists
- Saturday, November 19** 9:00 Seventh-Day Adventists
12:00 Seventh-Day Adventists Luncheon
6:00 Seventh-Day Adventists
7:00 Alcoholic Anonymous
- Sunday, November 20** Youth Worship / Stewardship Sunday
9:00 Faith of Your Own
10:30 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
11:30 Fellowship
11:30 The Net - Deliver Food Baskets
11:30 Christmas Celebration Practice
8:00 Men's Basketball

WELCOME!

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Times



Be Green at FCUCC!
Please use the
Blue Paper Recycling Bins



HEARING ASSISTANCE
If you need hearing assistance, ask an usher about
our Williams Sound System.

Church Staff

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Tracy Loomis

Church Secretary

Wanda Kitchen

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Brandon Sanders

Organist

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Learning House Director

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Barbara Benson

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"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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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