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United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

November 5, 2023

10:00 am

***PRELUDE**

Communion

Schubert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Barbara Langill

Leader: Come, draw near to the Lord. Rest your cares upon God.

People: We come, seeking God's guidance for our lives.

Leader: Open your hearts and spirits to receive God's word for you.

People: Help us, O Lord, to be attentive to your word and will.

Leader & People: O Savior, let me walk with you in earthly paths of service true; tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. AMEN

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Barbara Langill

God of gentle, loving guidance, who brought the Israelites into a new land, filled with new hope and promise: Be with us today, opening our hearts and spirits to an awareness of your abiding love and presence with us. Help us to place our trust solely in you; for we ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN**

"O Savior Let Me Walk With You"

#503

New Testament Reading

Barbara Langill

Thessalonians 2:9-13 (pg 1075)

You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.



O Savior Let Me Walk with You #503

1) O Savior, let me walk with you
in earthly paths of service true;
Tell me your secret, help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2) Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love.
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

3) Teach me your patience; let me be
in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.
4) In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only you can give,
with you, O Savior, let me live.



Come My Way, My Truth, My Life #331

1) Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

2) Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes a guest.

3) Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move:
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Call to Offering

Offertory

Lead Me Lord

Blackwell

***Doxology**

Tune: Old

100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Living God, whom we adore

Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

THE LORDS PRAYER (in unison)

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, forever, AMEN

ANTHEM

He Breaks The Bread, He Pours The Wine

Hayes

GOSPEL READING

Barbara Langill

Matthew 23:1-12 (pg 901)

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Bentley

“In that Quiet and Humble Space with God”

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Distribution of Elements

CLOSING HYMN

“Come My Way, My Truth, My Life”

#331

BENEDICTION

Rev. Tom Bentley

POSTLUDE

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Arr. Swann



Our ushers this morning are Kathi Martin, Annmarie Pendola, Jeff Langill and David Bjorkman

Our coffee fellowship hosts this morning are Ann & Dwight Decker

