



ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 8, 2020

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2020

10:30 a.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP and INVOCATION

The Rev. Rebecca Spencer

*HYMN "For the Brave of Every Race"

For the brave of every race, All who served and fell on sleep,
Whose forgotten resting place Rolling years have buried deep,
Brotherhood and sisterhood of Earth's age long chivalry,
Source and giver of all good, Lord, we praise, we worship Thee.

Valiantly o'er sea and land Trod they the untrodden way,
True and faithful to command, Swift and fearless to obey;
Strong in heart and hand and brain, String, yet battling for the weak,
Recked they not of their own gain, Their own safety scorned to seek.

WORD OF FELLOWSHIP

VETERANS DAY POEM

Barry Bayon

Edifices of stone pockmark our land
commemorating soldiers who made their stand.
One such monument is in Washington, D.C.,
A black granite wall of the names of Vietnam dead to see.

Visitors walk the wall as it descends
Many are crying as the wall turns and ascends.
They outline a name they know with their finger
A soldier who did not come home.

I know this war and some of the soldiers employed.
They were tough city kids and farm boys,
Black, white, Latino and Asian descent.
They fought an unpopular war in a distant land.

In the last one hundred years,
Those in our armed services have shown their resolve
From the battles of Argonne Forest and Normandy
To Inchon, Khe Sanh, Kandahar, Mogadishu and Bagdad.

Oh, God, let our veterans feel honor.
Help them to be understood, and not dishonored.
Bless them as they heal physically and mentally.
Draw them closer to you and grant them your peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, whose mercy drops upon us and around us as the gentle rain from heaven above,
we confess our sins to you, with sincere, humble and obedient hearts.

You know these sins only too well.

We are so grateful for your forgiveness, for the strength you offer us
to start again with a fresh beginning in your love and grace.

We wait for your word of mercy, dear God, and in your eternal words of love
and your timeless acts of grace, we hope. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON
Matthew 25:1-13

Tom Viall

SERMON “Chosing Hope”

The Rev. Dr. Claudia Demick

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father Which 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who 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 for ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY “As the Leaves Fall”

HAROLD DARKE

As the leaves fall
The silver and the golden fall together,
Amingled irresistibly like tears.
The low branch’d elms stand idly
In all the full-leaved glory of their life:
Yet here and there a yellow flake slips slowly,
And the branch where once it hung lies bare.
Below they lie: the golden fruits of day.
A soft spirit of night
Weaves a white spell of sleep about their feet.
As the leaves fall
The great sleep of the trees is nigh.
The flow’rs are dead.

And yonder, through the mist
Is Michael’s star:
St. Michael with his angel host!
Ay see them as they sweep along
Borne on an unseen wind to the far throne of God.
O mothers see;
O maidens, look
How the world’s Christ stoops down and kisses each.
And listen now and hear their cry
As, lances raised,
They greet their king:
“There is no death”
And comfort you as the leaves fall.

HYMN “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

O Beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for hero’s proved In liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine.

BENEDICTION

WORSHIP ENDS – Witness and Service Begin

*The roses in the Chancel today are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of John Boyce.*

*Thank you veterans! The roses by the War Memorial
Plaques were given by the Permanent Diaconate*



Join with our congregation and members of our
Faith Community....

Thanksgiving Festival Service

Sunday, November 22 at 10:30 am

Celebrate our annual Thanksgiving Festival Service
with Brass, Timpani, Organ, and Virtual Choirs.
Come hear inspiring preaching and fine music, and
share this Thanksgiving tradition with your friends,
family and neighbors.

Adult Sunday School

Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas
Incarnation comes from the Latin for embodiment/
become flesh. We will explore the why, the what
and we will think about the how--how we respond
to what incarnation means for us as Christians in
these days. Based on the book by Adam Hamilton
this study will meet 5 times—on the 4 Sundays of
Advent plus Epiphany Sunday. Ask Claudia for the
Zoom link.

**Sundays Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 20 &
Jan. 3 at 6 pm.**