November 10, 2019 – 10:00 am 22st Sunday After Pentecost

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY -CELEBRATING OUR COVENANT IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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- CCLI LICENSE #11164431
- PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT
- SCRIPTURE TEXTS FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE.
- *PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.
- NCH IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE BELLS CALL US TO WORSHIP AND THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY.

PRELUDE: "Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated" Hayes

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Praise God, all people who are called to be saints. Sing a new song in the assembly of the faithful.

MANY: We will be glad in God our Maker. We will rejoice with music and dancing.

One: God takes pleasure in us and receives our worship. God lifts up the humble and invites us to share God's glory.

- Many: We will not cease to give thanks in all things. We look to God for revelation and wisdom.
- One: Listen here for God's Word of truth. Share with one another the gospel of salvation.
- ALL: We are here to seek a better way of life. We have come to learn and to do what God intends.

*OPENING HYMN: NCH 386

"The Church's One Foundation"

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

O Still Speaking God, throughout history and the wide world you have gathered people around your Word to instruct and inspire. We give thanks for all who have received your vision and shaped diverse and faithful communities to follow in your Way.

Continue to open that vision to us, that we may become transformed by the renewing of your Word in our hearts and grow in love for each other. Create in us O God clean hearts and minds to enable us to rejoin you in your suffering and baptism. We desire to be your children as we claim these blessing in your name. Amen

*GLORIA: NCH 759

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Lay Liturgist

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 1:11-23 Lay Liturgist

WHAT WE BELIEVE AS MEMBERS OF THE UCC: (On Screen)

CHOIR ANTHEM: **"How Can I keep From Singing?"** Lowery/Arr. Rouse/Kirkland

*GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:20-31 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON: "Celebrating Our Denomination"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 403 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*UNISON READING OF THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH: (NCH 885 and on screen)

PASTORAL PRAYER: Beginning with silent personal prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; Your 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 769

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

OFFERTORY: "I Will Serve Thee" William Gaither

*DOXOLOGY: NCH 780

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

God of glory, in thanksgiving for your abundant goodness, we seek to reach out to others as you have reached out to us. May these offerings prove to be a blessing to those who give and those who receive. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN: NCH 306 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

*BENEDICTION:

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH 82 "Go My Children" Go, my children with my blessing, never alone; Waking sleeping, I am with you, you are my own; In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever, Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

POSTLUDE: "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" Leo Sowerby