20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2022
9:30 am

Prelude
*Be Still and Know* with *Be Still, My Soul*
arr. Mark Hayes

Words of Welcome
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Lighting the Christ Candle

*Opening Words* (inspired by Psalm 84)

One: How lovely is the house of the Lord.
All: How beautiful to be gathered in the presence of God.
One: How lovely is the dwelling place of the Lord.
All: How beautiful is the image of God we behold in one another.

*Hymn 401*
*Here in This Place*

Call to Confession
Liz

One: The God of mercy waits in compassion to show mercy to each of us.
Together, let us seek God’s forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession
Loving God, too often we hide beneath the veil of religion or trust too much in the good things we do. Smug and safe in our pews, we look down on those not here, thankful we are not like them. Too often our minds whisper to us, “If only everyone would give, serve, be present like I am, like the old days.” Shatter us with the truth that all have sinned, even us.
We have failed to live as the people you call us to be. Help us to recognize where our action and inaction have been hurtful and out of step with your ways. Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of your kingdom here on earth.

Assurance of God’s Grace

One: Whether we are close or whether we are standing far off, God’s love in Jesus Christ seeks us out and gathers us in. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Sung Response 582  

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another, let us share the peace with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

*Sung Response

O How I Love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweet-est name on earth.

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

A Time with Youngest Children

Following our time together, all kids are encouraged to go with our Sunday School volunteers to Rm LL6 on the lower level for faith formation. Please pick-up your child there immediately after worship.

Prayer for Inspiration

Liz

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:9-14

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Way of the Humble

Rev. Beth Freese Dammars
In life and death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith: Sections of The Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)
Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation

Offertory

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte, arr. Arnold B. Sherman

Chancel Choir

Soloist: Gregg Morton

*Doxology words 607, tune 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Church Tidings

Minute for Stewardship

Renee & Tracy Sims

Joys and Concerns

Susan

God's People Pray

One: We lift this prayer to God.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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 sins,

As we forgive those who sin against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

Where He Leads Me

arr. Cindy Berry

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

USHERS: Doug James, Erin James
LITURGIST: Liz Monson

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Robin Randall
Next Sunday in Worship, October 30
Recognition of All Saints’ Day

**Commitment**
Luke 19:1-10
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY**
10:30 am
Today, immediately following worship, in the Sanctuary, for the sole purpose of electing Deacons and Elders. Online voting will be welcomed from those joining us for remote worship.

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**ALL SAINTS’ DAY**
Sunday October 30
9:30 am
We will honor those members and friends of CPC who entered life eternal in the past year on Oct 30 with prayers, candlelight and the tolling of the bell. You too, are invited to say the name of a loved one whom you are remembering this day as you light a candle for them on All Saints’ Day.

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**STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION**
Sunday, Nov 6
Your generosity allows the ministries of CPC to flourish! Thank you for your prayerful consideration of what you may pledge to the church in 2023. Please plan to share in worship on Nov 6 as we gather around the communion table and dedicate our lives, gifts and next years’ pledges to God. You may also mail or drop off your pledge in the church office.

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**3 SESSIONS LEFT WITH RABBI BOB!**
Sunday AM Adult Education
10:45-11:45am
Rabbi Steven Bob, rabbi emeritus at Congregation Etz Chaim, continues to lead our study of the books of Ezra and Nehemiah at 10:45 in the Chapel (also on Zoom). The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah describe a dynamic period in the formation of the Bible. During the first decades following the return from Babylonian exile new rituals and new texts emerged. We will look closely at key verses from Ezra and Nehemiah which provide the foundation for Judaism and Christianity. We can count on Rabbi Bob to present this material in his enthusiastic and engaging manner. [Click here for the Zoom meeting.](#)
This week at CPC:

**Sunday, October 23**
8:45 am — Chancel Choir warm-up
9:30 am — Worship
9:45 am — Sunday School; LL6
10:30 am — Congregational Meeting
10:45 am — Adult Education; Chapel/Hybrid
5:00 pm — High School Cubes

**Monday, October 24**
7:00 pm — Communications; Zoom
7:00 pm — Deacons; Zoom

**Tuesday, October 25**
9:15 am — PW Circle 1; Gathering Room
1:00 pm — PW Circle 2; Gathering Room
7:00 pm — PW Circle 3; Gathering Room

**Wednesday, October 26**
7:00 pm — Choir rehearsal; sanctuary

**Thursday, October 27**
9:00 am — Thursday Morning Devotions; Chapel/Hybrid
7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Choir Rehearsal; LL6-8

**Friday, October 28**

**Saturday, October 29**

**Sunday, October 30**
All Saints’ Sunday
8:30 am — CPC Kids Food Collection; Narthex
8:45 am — Chancel Choir warm-up
9:30 am — Worship
9:45 am — Sunday School; LL6
10:45 am — Adult Education; Chapel/Hybrid
5:00 pm — CPC Youth (Middle and High School)

NURSERY CARE
The Nursery will be open for families with young children to use the room as needed. Our next staffed nursery Sunday will be November 6. Families will be able to drop off their little ones to be cared for by our volunteers. We do use a pager system in case a parent is needed. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
*kids 3 yrs - 5th grade*

During worship, students can pick up a kids’ bulletin or coloring page from the Narthex. Following “A Time with Youngest Children,” all kids will be invited to go with our volunteers to Rm 6 on the lower level for faith formation. Please pick up your child there immediately following the worship service. This week our focus is on Luke 18:9-14, the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. We will talk about the meaning of repentance and humility. Children will gain awareness that it is okay to be happy about the things that we do, but we need to be sure we are doing them for God.

CPC YOUTH
Sundays, 5-7pm

Students in grades 9th-12th will be discussing the spiritual practice of prayer and how it can help us make decisions and guide us as we discover the voices we listen to in our lives. Berrie, Alyssa and Julia’s cube will be making our meal on Sunday and WF promises charades like you’ve never played before! Middle School will not meet today (after our mission adventure on Saturday) but will be onsite next week from 5-7pm! See you in the Youth Lounge on Sunday at 5pm! Contact Pastor Susan with any questions!

THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS
October 27, 9:00 am

Thursday Morning Devotions has begun discussing the first book of the season, *In Search of Belief* by Joan Chittister. The subject of each chapter is a line of the Apostles' Creed and how it may or may not mesh with your beliefs. All are welcome to join this time of fellowship and study. We will meet in person in the chapel, or to join via zoom, click here.
Congregational Meeting Today
October 23, 10:30 a.m.

The sole purpose of the meeting is to nominate and elect elders and deacons to be in active service for the next 3 years and to fill several vacancies for shorter terms. After its work over the past 5 months, the Nominating Committee will make the following nominations during the meeting:

For Elder Class of 2025 (3-yr term): Wendy Cook, Carol Crimmins, Mark Karasek, Wayne Pritzel, Kaki Schnieders; there is 1 open slot.

For Elder Class of 2024 (2-yr term): Willem Marginean, Isaac Schloegel

For Deacon Class of 2025 (3-yr term): Janice Bouchard, Joanne King, Wendy Rudolph, Jason Salbego, Wendy Wilhelm; there is 1 open slot.

For Deacon Class of 2024 (2-yr term): Teagan Manning, Andrew Petersen

For Deacon Class of 2023 (1-yr term): there is 1 open slot.

Nominations can be made from the floor; as a courtesy, please consult with the person you wish to nominate before making a nomination. As noted above there are several slots still open. Self-nomination is allowed. If you would like to be nominated but feel awkward nominating yourself then please be in contact with a member of the Nominating Committee, whose names are below:

Linda Cirillo, Rev. Beth Freese Dammers, Pat Garner (chair), Ann Jaltuch, Kit Olah, Jason Salbego, Bill Vickery, Barb Webster, Wendy Wilhelm

MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER
Food Pantries are in desperate need! Fill a bag with grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services. The suggested menu for October is:

- Hot or Cold Cereal
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Fruit Cups or Applesauce
- Canned Vegetables
- Paper Products including lunch bags, sandwich wraps
- Any non perishable food products are always welcome

Any non-perishable items will be most welcome! Pick up a bag in the narthex or use your own and return to CPC any time in September and October. Thank you for your generous donations in September!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PROGRAM
November 1, 12:30
Walks to Remember
We welcome all CPC women and friends to enjoy the Presbyterian Women's November program, Walks to Remember. Pastor Beth Freese Dammers will share highlights of her pilgrimage in Europe, where she hiked along Spain’s Camino de Santiago, in the Cotswolds and other wondrous places. Please arrive at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall so we can greet you and offer you beverages and delicious desserts prepared by our church administrator/baker extraordinaire, Shannon.
FALL WORK DAY, Outside Only, Saturday, November 5
This year’s fall work day will consist of leaf pickup only. If you feel like getting a bit of exercise outdoors, please feel free to bring a rake and join us, starting at 8:30am. Unfortunately, we’re unable to provide you with snacks this fall, but we hope the fellowship with each other will motivate you!

Daylight Savings Time
TIME CHANGE: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON NOV 6:
FALL BACK ONE HOUR
Remember to set your clocks BACK an hour.

THE WAYNE MESSMER QUARTET
Sunday November 6
3:00 pm
Wayne Messmer is the voice most often associated with the National Anthem, having performed for all of Chicago’s professional and college teams. Supported by world-class musicians, the Wayne Messmer Quartet is enriched by the voice of one of Chicago’s most celebrated female vocalists, Angel Spiccia. From selections of the Great American Songbook to unforgettable classics that have stood the test of time, this program will take the audience on a sentimental journey of song.

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