

Rockville Presbyterian Fellowship

Sunday, November 19th, 2017
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Come ye thankful
People come...

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Our hope is that you will be uplifted and feel God's love. You are not strangers, just friends that we have yet to meet.

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9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

Please sign one of the Friendship Pads found at the end of each row and pass it to your neighbor. If you are a visitor, please use one of the Visitor name tags so we may greet you after the service. **If you have a thanksgiving or prayer need that you wish to share, you may write it on an "I Wish" form and place it in the offering plate** or give it verbally at the prayer time.

* Those who are able please stand.

Bold print is read or sung in unison.

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude	Andrew Benton
Choral Introit	Chancel Choir
Welcome and Announcements	Linn Benson
Sanctuary Sunday	
Opening Prayer	

Call to Worship: Linn Benson

This is the day the Lord God made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine.

All: Be with us, today, in our worship and open our minds and hearts.

*Hymn of Praise

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Let All Things Now Living

***Prayer of Confession:** Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves, as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We worry about safety in our churches and desperately want good gifts of imagination and freedom. Lord, have mercy

upon us; heal and forgive our world. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Leader: In Christ's name, Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Linn Benson

Jesus said: Ask, and you will receive; Seek, and you will find; Knock, and the door will be opened to you. Oh Christ, forgive us, remember us and love us. Amen

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Give Thanks to the Lord

Arr. Lloyd Larson

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Message for Young Christians

Alyson Barrett

Song of Illumination

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Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Scripture Readings

Gary

Dreibelbis

Judges 4:1-7, 1Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:14-30 Rev. Joanne Martindale

Sermon: Come Ye Thankful People Come

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Offertory

Andrew

Benton

Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Joanne Martindale

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Joanne

Martindale

SEALING OF THE WORD

Invitation to the Lord's Table:

Rev. Joanne Martindale

* Song of Invitation

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Now Thank We All Our God

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Lift your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

P: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution/Distribution of Bread and Wine

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Closing Prayer

SENDING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication

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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Joanne Martindale

*Choral Benediction

Chancel Choir

Benediction/Passing of the Peace

Rev. Joanne Martindale

*Postlude

Andrew Benton



YOUTH DINNERS: Assistance needed: Make 15-17 youths very HAPPY on Wednesdays by volunteering to bring them dinner through December! Signup sheets will be posted on the rolling board. It could be as simple as calling in for pizza to be delivered to them!

SCRIP: In addition to our standard inventory of scrip cards, you may want to check out the retailers available to you by special order. They might just be the gift you've been looking for such as: Harry & David, Regal Theatres, UBER, TJ Max, Hallmark, eBay and Shutterfly. Order early! As always, we carry Walmart which can also be used at Sam's Club.

Do you, a loved one, or a friend need prayer?

Contact Pam Nelson at pamnelson2412@gmail.com or

Special Prayers: All veterans and their families, Rawlins family, Dick G., Joan G. Sandy H, Pete and Pat, Gary Dreibelbis, Sharon Swicker, Mark Bryggman and family, Lorena Perez and family, Fred Nelson, Bill Quinn, Alyson, Tony, Diane and Keira, Kim, Lindsey Hardy, Gloria Kosmin, Maria Perez, Hill family, Norm Proebstel and family, Grace McAllister & Lydia Terrazas, Kendra Rollins, Jean McMullin, Carisa Aldrich, Jean Peters, Joy Downey, Al Hewitt & family, Amy Garret, Denese Burrell.



Accountant: Our church accountant, Patti Weller, will be moving to Louisiana in June and we need to replace her. Pay is negotiable, but skills in QuickBooks and familiarity with database programs like Flock Base are needed. The position requires about 6–8 hours/month. Send all resumes to the office.

Power Point Technician: The church needs a power point technician for second service. It pays \$25/hr. and requires three hours of work every-other-Sunday. Send all resumes to the office.

10:30AM Contemporary Service

As you enter the sanctuary, feel free to quietly fellowship or sit and prepare your heart for worship.

* Those who are able please stand.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Meditative Prayer: Thanksgiving is a time of pausing to give thanks for all we have but to remind us that not everyone is going to sleep full! In our prayers and actions may we love without abandon and give as God has given to us! Amen.

Opening Music

Here I Am

*Here I am and I have come
To thank You Lord for all You've done
Thank You Lord*

*You paid the price at Calvary
You shed Your Blood You set me free
Thank You Lord*

*No better love was ever shown
No better life ever was laid down
(chorus)*

*And I will always love Your name
And I will always sing Your praise
(repeat)*

*You took my sin You took my shame
You drank my cup You bore my pain
Thank You Lord
You broke the curse You broke the chains
In victory from death You rose again*

*Thank You Lord
And not by works but by Your grace
You clothe me now in Your righteousness
(chorus)*

*You bid me come You make me whole
You give me peace You restore my soul*

*Thank You Lord
You fill me up and when I'm full
You give me more till I overflow*

*Thank You Lord
You're making me to be like You
To do the works of the Father too
(chorus)*

Meet Us Here

*Lord, we have come to this house
Where we love to sing Your praises
We lift our hearts and our hands
To the King of all the ages
Hear us Lord we pray
Come, Jesus come, come fill this place*

*Meet us here, meet us here, Lord
We are few but we are strong
When You surround us
Meet us here, meet us here, Lord
As we gather in Your name
Meet us here*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Opening Prayer
Proclaiming the Word
Bryggman

Steve Clark
Diana

Call to Worship: Diana Bryggman
This is the day the Lord God made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine.

All: Be with us, today, in our worship and open our minds and hearts.

Message for Young Christians

Alyson Barrett

If I Seek You

If I see---k You I will fi---nd You
If I listen I will hear Your voice
O---h God
(repeat)
My God

No mountain is too high, no va---lley too low
No river is too wi---de fo---r You
You're the Fou---untain of Life
The Almighty, Mighty God
For si---nners like me You died it's true
Your Word gives me life
New life filled with hope
You alone, are the one who is faithful

Nothing But The Blood

*Your blood speaks a better word
Than all the empty claims, I've heard upon this earth
Speaks righteousness for me, and stands in my defense
Jesus it's Your blood
(repeat) (chorus)
What can wash away our sins,
what can make us whole again
Nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can wash us pure as snow,
welcomed as the friends of God
Nothing but Your blood, nothing but Your blood King Jesus
Your cross, testifies in grace
Tells of the Father's heart, to make a way for us
Now boldly we approach, not by earthly confidence
It's only by Your blood
(chorus) (bridge)*

*We praise You for the blood, we praise You for your blood
Nothing but the blood, nothing but Your blood King Jesus
(repeat)*

Better Is One Day

*How lovely is
Your dwelling place
Oh Lord Almighty,
For my soul longs
And even faints
For You
For here my heart
Is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath
The shadow of
Your wings
(chorus)*

*Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)*

*One thing I ask,
And I would seek,
To see Your beauty
To find You in
The place Your glory dwells
(repeat)
(chorus)
(bridge)*

*My heart and flesh cry out
For You, the Living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul*

*I've tasted, and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You
To You
(chorus)*

Scripture Reading: Praise Team
Judges 4:1-7, 1Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:14-30 Rev. Joanne Martindale

Sermon: Come Ye Thankful People Come

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer of Confession Rev. Joanne Martindale
Silent Confession/Assurance of Pardon
Welcome and Announcements Diana Bryggman
Sanctuary Sunday
Minute for Mission/Sharing of Concerns & Thanksgivings
Offering / Prayer of Dedication Diana
Bryggman
Prayers for the Congregation Rev. Joanne Martindale

SEALING OF THE WORD

Invitation to the Lord's Table: Rev. Joanne
Martindale
Song of Invitation

I Will Offer Up My Life

*I will offer up my life in spirit and truth
Pouring out the oil of love as my worship to You
In surrender I must give my every part
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart*

(chorus)

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King
Savior, what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done
O my words could not tell, not even in part
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart*

*You deserve my every breath
For You've paid the great cost
Giving up Your life to death, even death on a cross
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin
Opened up the gates of heaven
And have beckoned me in
(chorus)*

*(bridge)
What can I give
What can I bring
What can I sing as an offering
Lord*

SENDING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Closing Prayer/*Closing Music

Nothing But The Blood (chorus)

*What can wash away our sins,
what can make us whole again
Nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can wash us pure as snow,
welcomed as the friends of God
Nothing but Your blood, nothing but Your blood King Jesus*

*Charge

Rev. Joanne Martindale

*Benediction

Rev. Joanne Martindale

*Passing of the Peace

Minute for Mission: Mile with Dignity Program

Presbyterians are celebrating another significant victory for migrant workers' justice, as the ice cream company Ben & Jerry's has agreed to sign on to the Milk with Dignity Program, a campaign to improve conditions for migrant workers in the dairy industry.

The legally binding contract — the first of its kind in the dairy industry — between the ice cream giant and Migrant Justice was signed Oct. 3 at Ben & Jerry's flagship store in Burlington, Vermont.

“The program provides dairy brands such as Ben & Jerry’s with the ability to make transformational changes in their supply chains, improving labor and housing conditions through a verifiable and worker-led model,” said Brendan O’Neill, director of Migrant Justice, the Vermont-based dairy workers’ organization that developed the Milk with Dignity Program. Ben & Jerry’s will pay participating farms a premium and require that farms uphold a farmworker-authored code of conduct to ensure fair and dignified work and housing conditions. The premium provides workers with a bonus on each paycheck and serves to offset farmers’ costs of compliance with the Milk with Dignity Code of Conduct. The farmworker-authored code sets new industry standards for wages, scheduling, health and safety, housing and other workplace conditions.

The program will be monitored and enforced by a newly created independent third party called the Milk with Dignity Standards Council.

Milk with Dignity is modeled after the internationally renowned Fair Food Program that has transformed the Florida tomato industry. Through its partnership with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has been heavily involved in the Fair Food Program. Presbyterians have also been very active at the grassroots level in the Milk with Dignity effort. The Stony Point Center and local Presbyterians from the Presbytery of Hudson River are among the many who dropped off letters to managers at Ben & Jerry’s Scoop Shops and marched and protested in person and through social media.

In June, PC(USA) General Assembly Stated Clerk the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II “sent a public letter to Ben & Jerry’s CEO at a critical moment in the campaign,” noted the Rev. Noelle Damico, who headed up the denomination’s Fair Food Program and who has been active in the Milk with Dignity campaign. Nelson “highlighted the worker-driven social responsibility model, which was noted in the 2016

General Assembly policy on addressing forced labor in supply chains, due to the denomination’s long-standing work with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers,” Damico added.

Jerry Van Marter, Director of Communications and Assistant Stated Clerk, Office of the General Assembly

Scripture Reading

Judges 4:1-7 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, now that Ehud was dead.² So the Lord sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim.³ Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the Lord for help.⁴ Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time.⁵ She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided.⁶ She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: ‘Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor.’⁷ I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.”

1Thessalonians 5:1-11 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.³ While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the

night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Reader: Friends, the Word of our Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 25:14-30 ¹⁴ “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹ “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ ²¹ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ ²² “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ ²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ ²⁴ “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a

hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you. ²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would



have received it back with interest. ²⁸ “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken

from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

The church is restarting its Recycling. The blue-topped plastic bins in the garbage shed should be used for paper, cardboard, etc. Is someone near the church on Tuesday afternoons to take the bins out to the curb? Or Wednesdays to bring them back? There is a small recycle trash bin in the entrance of Keck Hall for the used bulletins and paper recycling to be placed in, after the second service on Sundays.

DEACONS RECYCLING

Sharon Swicker is collecting plastic bottles and aluminum cans to recycle for the Deacon’s ministries. Please put them in a bag and leave it by the pastor’s office on **Sundays**.



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Christmas Tree Decorating!

*A beautiful Christmas tree was donated to the church.
Come help the Youth decorate it on November 29th from
5:30-7:30 pm in Keck Hall.*

