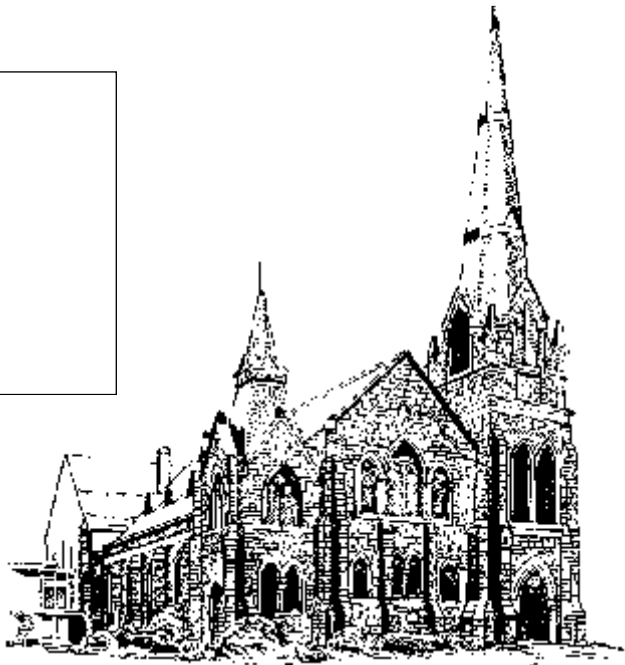


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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

**Sunday, November 13, 2022
9:30 am
23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

REFLECTION

*Nearly 6 in 10 say their default tendency is to distrust something until they see evidence it is trustworthy. Another 64% say it's now to a point where people are incapable of having constructive and civil debates about issues they disagree on. When distrust is the default—we lack the ability to debate or collaborate.
Edelman Trust Report 2022*

PRELUDE

“The Gift to Be Simple”

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is indeed our salvation;

We will trust and not be afraid, for God is our strength and might.

We will draw water with joy from the wells of salvation,

And we will say, “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon God's name,

Proclaim God's deeds among the nations,

Declare that God's name is exalted.”

Sing to the Lord, who has done glorious things,

Proclaim God's name throughout the whole earth.

1. God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind and rain.
We, created in your image, would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace and mercy and the truth that makes us free.
2. You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.
3. God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there’s work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image, we’ll proclaim Christ everywhere.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(IN UNISON)*

Holy One, we confess that we continue to deny and distrust You, for we serve the world’s interests instead of You. We confess that we allow fear to rule in our hearts, and we turn away, instead of holding fast to trust and love. We confess that we seek our own gain instead of seeking to serve You by loving our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us for our faults. Forgive us for failing You. Call us to Your ways of righteousness, of justice and peace. Grant us wisdom and courage, faith and love, to live in Your ways. In the name of Christ, who though he was betrayed and denied, did not waiver; in the name of Jesus, who was abandoned by his friends, never abandoned the great love he has for us. It is in the strong name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God’s steadfast love endures forever. There is nothing you can do, no place you can go, where God’s love will not find you. Through Jesus, God has given us light and love, hope and peace, and nothing can take that away.
We trust that God loves us, Christ forgives us, and the Spirit will always be found in our heart. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 583

“Glory to God”

GLORIA

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Page 534, OT

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

Theodore Beck

SECOND LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

Page 10, NT

SERMON

“JITQ: Why Are You Doing This?”

Rev. William Schram

*HYMN NO. 353

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

SOLID ROCK

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

***Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.***

2. When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every gale and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

INVITATION TO GIVING

*HYMN NO. 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

KELVINGROVE

1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ light for you in the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
6. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Foundation”

William Held

* Please rise in body or spirit

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Valerie Shondel, Interim Music Director
Chancel Choir
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers
Michael Sperrazza, & Matthew Califf AV Team

✠ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

✠ For more information about our church, please visit our website:

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Annual Turkey Drive—November 19th

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Notre Dame Church—November 22nd

Oasis Giving Tree

Cookie Walk in Fellowship Hall—December 10th

SOUP KITCHEN—Please see First Press, visit the website, or call the office for additional information.