

Morning Worship and Veteran's Day
Sunday, November 15, 2020, 10:00 am
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Beginning Music "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Prelude "Holy Ground" RoseAnne Homola

Words to ponder: "Use the talents you possess; for silent would the forest be, if the only birds that sang were those who sang the best."

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Judges 4:1-7;
Psalms 123 or Psalms 76; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Scriptures for the Last Sunday of Pentecost: Ezekiel 34:11-16,
20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: God calls us to use our gifts for the building of God's kingdom.

People: **But we're afraid.**

Leader: Christ urges us to find our courage and not look back.

People: **But our gifts seem so small.**

Leader: The Spirit offers us everything we need.

People: **But what if we fail?**

Leader: Trust the gifts you have been given.

People: **We will celebrate our gifts as we worship God this day.**

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

God of fall and winter, God of spring and summer, you know the seasons of our lives. Let the season of darkness and doubt pass away, that we may be reborn in your light. Lead us into a season of light and warmth: a season of joy; a season of sober judgment; a season where your children clothe themselves in the breastplate of faith and hope, and the helmet of hope and salvation. Help us put aside the ways of darkness and live as children of light. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Eunice Alberts,
Paula Koch, Ron Giannattasio

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages Sheryl Rajpolt

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Psalm 123 Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30 Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Hymn of Preparation "Spirit of the Living God" Eunice Alberts,
Ron Giannattasio

Sermon "*Enough is Enough*" Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

Faithful Steward, you bless us with gifts that are uniquely our own. We long to use the talents you bestow upon us to build your kingdom. We yearn to live with gratitude for all that you have done for us and the opportunities you place before us. Clear our vision, Holy One, and help us see the good we can do with the gifts and talents we have received.

Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Bill Florin

Celebration of Veterans

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (*Please mail in your offerings*)

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison) Giver of gifts, you bestow us with talents that are far more precious than jewels. Open our eyes to the possibilities you hold for our world. Transform the gifts we offer this day into light and love for the world. Transform our talents into blessings for a world in need. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be" Sheryl Rajpolt,
Dave York, RoseAnne Homola

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Benediction Response "Make Me A Servant" Rose Aiello,
Sue Simmons, RoseAnne Homola

**Rose Aiello
Eunice Alberts
Patti Early
Bill Florin
RoseAnne Homola
Amy Rajpolt
Sheryl Rajpolt**

Ed Dayton – Pastor

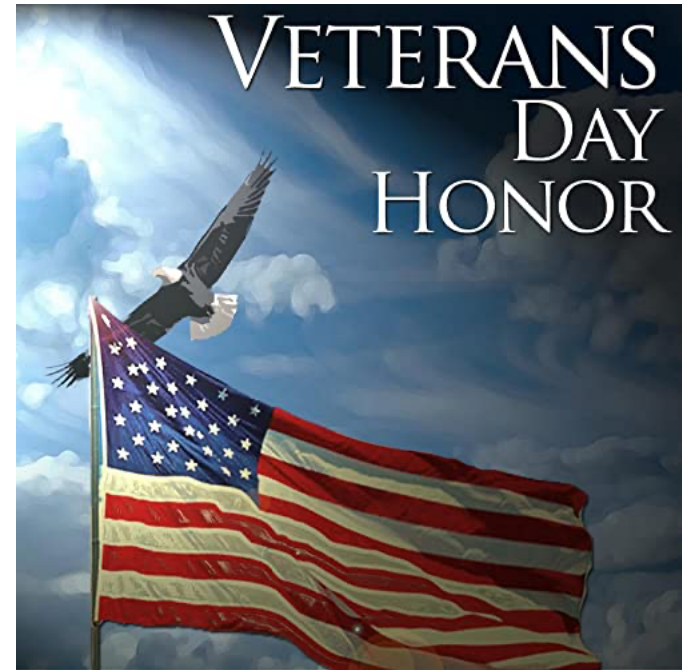
Leader: Nicole Summers; Children's Time: Sheryl Rajpolt
Joys and Concerns: Bill Florin

Soloists: Rose Aiello, Eunice Alberts, Paula Koch, Sheryl Rajpolt,
Sue Simmons, Dave York

Pianist/Organist: Ron Giannattasio and RoseAnne Homola
UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn

Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts



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