

The Twenty-first Sunday after  
Pentecost at  
**The HARWICH**  
United Methodist  
**CHURCH**



**October 30, 2022**

**You are welcome here. No matter who you are. No matter what.**

**Thought for the Week**

Mark Twain said it well. "Why not go out on a limb? That's where all the fruit is."

**~~Gathering and Welcome~~**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

L: Sometimes we feel too small and insignificant to be of any notice to Jesus.

P: Yet the Lord provides a tree for us to climb so that we can see Jesus.

L: That tree is faithfulness, compassion, love, hope, joy.

P: We are given the opportunity to witness to the Savior's presence in our lives.

L: Lord, help us when we forget how much we are loved by Christ.

P: Open our hearts to receive his invitation this day. AMEN.

**\*Opening Hymn**

**"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

**#103**

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 103

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

### Opening Prayer

Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus to come and be present in our lives. Release us from our smallness and create an atmosphere of confession and healing love in our hearts and our spirits. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

### Prayer of Confession

Lord of mercy, forgive us when we make excuses for our lack of faith. We let our selfishness and apathy get in the way of illumination and peace. We find ways to duck out of our opportunities for service and witness, claiming that we are too small or too ill-equipped to be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ. How foolish we can be! All of our lives God has been present to us, whether or not we knew it. God's love is always surrounding us. Yet we have not taken the time to recognize it. We whine and complain about the misfortunes that have befallen us and wonder where God is. We want immediate release from our struggles. And when release comes, we again move off in our own realms of self-centeredness. Help us, O Lord. Stop us from being so faithless. Open our hearts with your forgiving spirits that we, having been healed and forgiven, may actually be effective witnesses to your love and compassion. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

### Assurance of Pardon & Response "To God Be the Glory" vs 1 #98

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

### Passing of the Peace

Responsorial Psalm 119:137-144

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**Sung Response: Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path**

L: Righteous are you, O LORD, and Righteous are your judgments.

<sup>138</sup> **You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.**

<sup>139</sup> My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.

<sup>140</sup> **Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.**

<sup>141</sup> I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

<sup>142</sup> **Your righteousness is righteousness forever, and your law is true.**

<sup>143</sup> Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.

144 Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live. Response

~~The Church Proclaims the Word~~

Scripture Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Anthem There's A Wideness in God's Mercy S. Scott

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 19:1-10

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

Response: Thanks be to God

Message "Out on a Limb" Pastor Dianne Carpenter

\*Hymn of Response "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" #339

1. Come, sin - ners, to the gos - pel feast; let ev - cry  
2. Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the in - vi -  
3. Come, all ye souls by sin op - pressed, ye rest - less  
4. My mes - sage as from God re - ceive; ye all may  
5. This is the time, no more de - lay! This is the

soul be Je - sus' guest. Ye need not one be  
ta - tion is to all. Come, all the world! Come,  
wan - derers af - ter rest; ye poor, and maimed, and  
come to Christ and live. O let his love your  
Lord's ac - cept - ed day. Come thou, this mo - ment,

left be - hind, for God hath bid all hu - man - kind.  
sin - ner, thou! All things in Christ are read - y now.  
halt, and blind, in Christ a heart - y wel - come find.  
hearts con - strain, nor suf - fer him to die in vain.  
at his call, and live for him who died for all.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747 (Lk. 14:16-24)  
MUSIC: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, ca. 1774; adapt. from *Metrical Psalter*, 1855

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~~Response to the Word~~

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

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We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology

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Prayer for the Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today: our cheques and cash, our faltering steps, our brokenness, our leftovers, our hope, our risking, our lives. Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back, that new life may be ours, to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. Amen

~~The Church Goes Forth~~

\*Final Hymn

"The Trees of the Field"

#2279

You shall go out with joy And be led forth with peace  
The mountains and the hills Will break forth before you  
There'll be shouts of joy And all the trees of the field  
Will clap, will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy

\*Benediction

"God Be With You"

Postlude

**Liturgist: Mary Dulemba**

**November 6, 2022: Scripture Passages**

**Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38**

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**Calendar**

**Pastor Dianne is away November 1-8 The Rev Dr David Purdy is available for pastoral concerns. Cindy is sick and Pastor Dianne provides this bulletin to facilitate worship. The newsletter is coming out with November info!**

**Announcements**

"Dress A Live Doll" has begun. Please speak with Rose Higgins.

**Please submit committee reports for our Church Conference ASAP!**

Forms are available on the Seacoast District page of NEUMC.



**Calendar**

**Thursday, November 3:** NO Book Study at 3pm.

**Sunday, November 13:** Pam Purdy will organize making ornaments of Remembrance. All are welcome!

**Wednesday, November 16:** All Church Conference

**Saturday, November 19:** Christmas Fair. Costume jewelry needed.

**Sunday, November 20:** "In Lieu of Christmas Cards" begins.

**Sunday, November 27:** Potluck Luncheon and Christmas tree decorating. Wrapping Dress A Live Doll presents

**Prayers**

Immigrants and refugees facing uncertain futures

Victims of natural disasters worldwide

Grieving: Laurie Bonin and friends and family of Pierre Bonin; Zeller and Cherry families on the death of 'Aunt June'; Lori Corrigan and family; Families and friends of Eric Lind and Bob Smith, Ruth Zeller on the death of her sister Lee

Healing: Cindy Starbuck-Farrell, Don Howell, Jo Buess, Karl Young, Drew Mielke,  
David Blanchette, Maryanne Timmons, John Ligenza, Pastor Bill Kuntze, Janice  
Kuntze

Transitions: Barry and Judy Thomas, Joan Felahi, Brian Mielke  
Continued Prayers: Dan Murphy, Kenny Souza, Joan Stevens, Pauline Doliber, Ruth  
Crocker, Michael Chatham, Greg Legeyt and Karen Daffinee