

WELCOME TO HARWICH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



October 22, 2023

Thought for the Week

"A person does not know how much they have to be thankful for until they have to pay taxes on it." Anonymous

~~Gathering and Welcome~~

Sharing joys and concerns

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens, God is the Lord of all life.

P: **In God we live and move and have our being.**

L: God requires our faithfulness and our service.

P: **We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.**

L: Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

ALL: Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"God Is Here"

#660

Opening Prayer

God, you are our refuge. When the world gets to be too much with us, we turn to you for consolation and healing. Help us today to hear your words of compassion. Enable us to be those who would willingly serve all people in need. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

We are so easily pulled this way and that way by those who would promise instant healing for all the world's woes. We want to have everything be whole and happy, and we don't know what to do, so we pay attention to those voices that cry the loudest, whether they are voices of blame or promise. In our fearfulness, we love to place blame for all our woes on the shoulders of a few people. In our anguish, we seek instant answers from sources that are very unreliable. Lord, help us. Turn us around. Help us know that you are our Lord and you have provided much for us. You have given to us abilities, and understanding, and ways in which we can be those who would bring peace and justice. You have blessed our lives. Heal and restore our spirits, Lord. Help us truly place our trust in you and to work in ministries that uplift people. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace of Christ

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 99

#819

~~The Church Proclaims the Word~~

Scripture Reading

Exodus 33:12-23; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Anthem

"More Precious than Silver"

L. DeShazo

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

L: The word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks Be to God

Message

"The Head Tax"

Pastor Dianne

*Hymn

"Lord, Speak to Me"

#463

*A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

#883

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology

***Offering Prayer**

Holy God, source of every good gift: the tithes and offerings we bring to you are simply a token of our desire to walk more closely beside you. We give, knowing that "rendering unto you what is yours" would mean leaving everything at your altar - all we have and all we are. We are not there yet, but with your help, we are on the road to getting there. Bless what we give; may it speak words of compassion, mercy, and love as it empowers your mission and ministry. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus, whose light we seek to follow. Amen.

~~The Church Goes Forth ~~

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| *Final Hymn | "Shalom to You" | #664 |
| *Benediction | | |
| *God Be With You | | #673 |
| *Postlude | | |

Liturgist: Carl Johnson
Ushers: Bob Alexander and Nick Dillmann
Coffee Hour: Pat and Gordon Thayer

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

Scripture Readings for October 29, 2023

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18;
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Calendar

November 18: Church Fair

November 26: Charge Conference to be held at Chatham UMC at 1pm

Announcement

It's not too early to search your belongings for things to donate to the November 18th Holiday Fair. We need not only "attic treasures" but also linens, jewelry, cookware and creative goodies.

Prayers

The innocent civilians in Israel and Gaza

An end to war as a solution

Grieving: Family and friends of Lisa Dunbar-Link, John Yacobian, Jack Duncan,
William Smith, Jr., Margot Karbel, Al Cristofori, and all who have lost
loved ones and been displaced by disasters

Hospice: David Thyng, Karen Shaper

Healing: Laurie Bonin, Linda Todenhagen, Karl Young, Judy Thomas, Hilda Remer,
Elizabeth Chase, Linda Carberry, Don Gould, Sr., Ruth Zeller, Joan Felahi,
Bruce Gibbs, Dan and Lil Murphy, Kathleen Sullivan, Gloria Green, Chris Shaper,
Jeannie

Continued Prayers: Brian Mielke, Don Howell, Al Thompson, Donald Turcotte,
Kenny Souza, Joan Stevens, Nancy McIntyre, Pauline Doliber, Michael Chatham,
Greg Legeyt and Karen Daffinee

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