

Offertory

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

Blessing upon blessing has been given to us, O Lord, from your great bounty. Now we return these gifts to you. Bless these gifts and the lives that they represent and cause them to work for you in this world which you have loaned to us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

~~The Church Goes Forth ~~

*Final Hymn

"God of the Ages"

#698

*Benediction

*God Be With You

#673

*Postlude

Liturgist: Valerie Bell

Ushers: Bob Alexander and Juell Buckwold

Coffee Hour: Mary Dulemba

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

Scripture Readings for November 19, 2023

19 Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; Zephaniah 17, 12-18;

Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

*Welcome to
Harwich
United
Methodist
Church*



November 12, 2023

Thought for the Week

"Each fight has its own preparations and challenges." - Gennady Golovkin

~~Gathering and Welcome~~

Sharing joys and concerns

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: We know not the day or the hour.

P: We know Christ is at work in our world and in us.

L: We know not when our own time will come,

P: We know Christ is at work in our world and in us.

L: The prophets have taught us to do justice, practice kindness, and walk humbly with God.

P: We know Christ is at work in our world and in us.

L: Wisdom continues to teach us to listen, and learn, and live,

P: We know Christ is at work in our world and in us.

L: We join together to praise and worship our God,

P: For Christ is at work in our world and in us. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Eternal, Father Strong to Save" #2191

Opening Prayer

Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to you. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, there never seems to be enough time to do all the things that are demanded of us. Schedules become crowded. We live by the clock. We think we are ready for all events that will come our way. But we are rarely

ready for you. We would like you to come to us at a planned time so that we can fit you into our busy lives. Forgive us, Lord, for trying to make you a scheduled event. We have moved you to a time on our weekly calendars. Yet you are the eternal God who has always loved us and been ready to receive us. Help us to learn that, with you as our foundation, we can handle anything that comes our way. With you as our focus, all things pale in comparison. Let us look at the priorities in our lives and see where we have placed service to you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace of Christ

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 78 #799

~~The Church Proclaims the Word~~

Scripture Reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Anthem "There Are Some Things I May Not Know" K. Morris

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13

L: The word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks Be to God

Message "Ready, Willing and Able" Pastor Dianne

*Hymn "I Want to be Ready" #722

*Affirmation from I Corinthians 15 & Colossians #888

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Calendar

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