

# Our Community Gathers...

November 4, 2013

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PRELUDE *Allegretto* F. Mendelssohn

INTROIT *God Is Love* G. Thalben-Ball

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN 488 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

\*OPENING SENTENCES (responsively)

**Psalm 146:1-10 (MSG)**

Hallelujah! O my soul, praise GOD!

**All my life long I'll praise GOD, singing songs to my God as long as I live.**

Don't put your life in the hands of experts who know nothing of life, of *salvation* life.

**Mere humans don't have what it takes; when they die, their projects die with them.**

Instead, get help from the God of Jacob, put your hope in GOD and know real blessing!

**GOD made sky and soil, sea and all the fish in it. God always does what**

**God says—**

God defends the wronged, God feeds the hungry. GOD frees prisoners—

**God gives sight to the blind, God lifts up the fallen. GOD loves good people,**

God protects strangers, takes the side of orphans and widows, but makes short work of the wicked.

**GOD's in charge—always. Zion's God is God for good! Hallelujah!**

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

God, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation.

We are lonely, confused but inspired by the promise of your work revealed.

As we listen, pray, sing and speak,

open us to hear your claim on our lives.

Guide us to bear witness to the faith we profess

as we do our best to follow in the way of Jesus who taught us to pray,

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

\* or "Our Creator"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Above All Praise and Majesty* F. Mendelssohn

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Children ages Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed to their Sunday Spirit classes.

Please see announcements for full details.

TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *What God Ordains is Always Good* Chorale arr. J. S. Bach

SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 12:28-34*

SERMON *Old Friends/New Friends* Peter Surgenor

\*HYMN 482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

\*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Fourfold Amen* F. Glynn

POSTLUDE *Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott Lasst Walten* J. S. Bach

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\*please stand

The flowers in our sanctuary this morning are given by Emilio and Suzanne Sironi with gratitude to God for our daughters, their husbands, and our grandchildren. Camille will be nine years old on Wednesday and Oscar will be 7 on the 17<sup>th</sup>. They live nearby and bring us great joy.

Thank you to Deanna & Robert Marano and Marion & Dennis Vanson for hosting today's coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.

Children's bulletins are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

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**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We're glad that you've joined us for worship today and hope that you'll come to Coffee Hour, immediately following the service (through the door at the front of the sanctuary to Fellowship Hall). There you'll find coffee, a Welcome Table with information about the church, and people who would be delighted to talk to you.

Parents - Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers in the education wing of our building. Just ask one of the ushers for directions.

A parent paging system is available for your convenience.

The Rev. Heather Brown-Huston, Minister for Congregational Life

John Lettieri, Director of Music

Kathy DiBiasi, Director of Educational Ministries

The Rev. Leslie Mott, Coordinator for Spirituality and Practice

Parish Associates:

The Rev. Dorothy Muller and the Rev. Dr. James Fenimore

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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

Church School & Childcare 10:00 AM

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