

PENTECOST - 26<sup>th</sup> - SUNDAY

11/18/2018

10:00 am

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A special word of welcome to those visiting our church today. We are happy you joined us in worship. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to worship with us each Sunday and to participate in other activities and services here.

Please stand for acts of worship designated with an asterisk (\*). Any who prefer may “rise up” in spirit only, if physically standing presents difficulties.

GATHERING

CHIMES CALLING US TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE “Thanks Be to Thee” Nancy Cook, Organist  
“O God of Mine” Chancel Choir

Welcome and Announcements Pastor and Congregation  
(Welcome and thanks for completing the yellow half sheet in the bulletin and dropping it in the offering plate. The prayer station in the back of the sanctuary is available for lighting a candle or leaving a prayer note any time before, during, or after worship).

\*Note: Please be informed that our worship service is being recorded and carried live on face book and our website

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: The great Vision- Leader and Congregation  
L: I saw a great vision in the night; I saw a new world coming; for the first had passed away;  
C: We heard a great voice in the night; we heard the Lord saying, “Be not alarmed! The end is not yet!”  
L: There is no rock like our God;  
C: Our God gives courage to the faithful!  
L: If we sincerely say, The LORD is our refuge, and make the Most High our dwelling;  
TOGETHER: no harm will overtake us, no disaster will come near our place of rest! Amen!

\*Opening HYMN # 73 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

OPENING PRAYER:

Almighty and Eternal God, our world is in eclipse. The sun seems blotted out, the moon has refused to shine at night and the stars no longer appear in the skies as you had commanded them. We are daily bombarded with hatred, prejudices, disasters, wars, unprecedented human sufferings and deaths in a world you created and declared “Good!” We have lost trust in all human laws as they only make matters worse! Daily, we are inundated with all kinds of prophecies and teachings, all claiming to be “The Truth!” Our knowledge of truth has become cloudy and no longer helpful! Most importantly, we are on the verge of losing our faith. Merciful God, let your Holy Spirit inspire and nudge us to trust in the law You write upon our hearts. This is our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen!

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor

\*PRAISE SONGS

Led by Praise Team

GOD’S WORD IN SCRIPTURE

New Testament Hebrews 11: 1-11

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God,  
Cong: Thanks be to God

Choir Anthem “Ancient of Days” Nancy Cook, Director

Gospel: Mark 13: 1-8

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WITNESSING TO THE WORD

Theme: RED FLAGS - DON’T BE AFRAID, BUT BE FAITHFUL...

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Pastor

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

**OFFERING / OFFERTORY**

**Words of Invitation & Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory "God Still Lives"**

**Nancy Cook, Organist**

**\*The Doxology # 95**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, in continuation of our worship, we present you ourselves, our material offerings and tithes. May you bless us, use us and our gifts for the transformation of lives amongst us, in our community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen!**

**\*HYMN # 364**

*Because He Lives*

**\*SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S LOVE AND CARE/ BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**(Let's greet those around us with words of farewell and peace).**

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**Jeff Fernholz: Treasurer**

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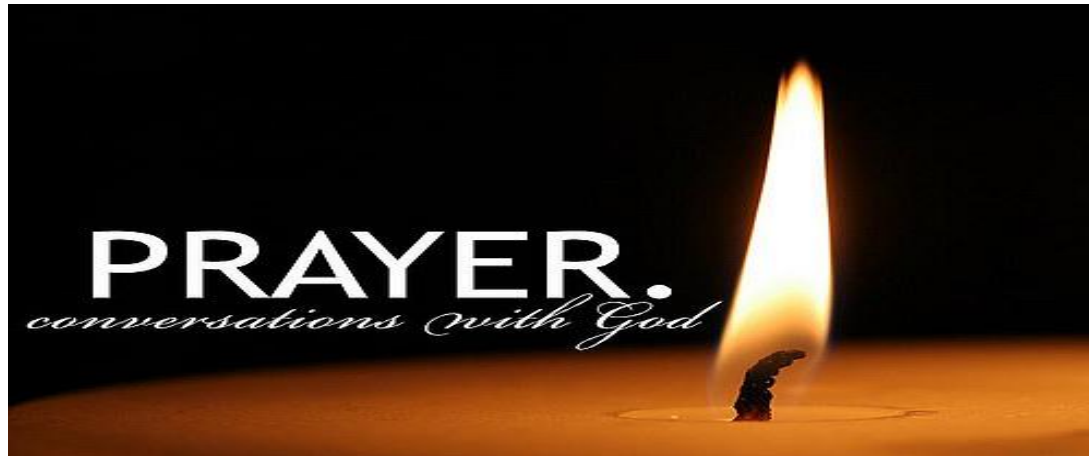
**Connie Boehm: Liturgist**

**Jeanne Whiteside: Media Coordinator**

**Dennis Clay: Pianist**

**Joy McClelland: Custodian**

**Nancy Cook: Choir Director**



**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR PARISH AND THE WORLD**

*We pray for the entire state of California dealing with a tragic shooting and forest fires.*

*Prayers for Jacqueline States.*

*Prayers for Mr. L. Ash on life support in coma at hospital.*

**Hilda Ayers suffered a broken hip in a fall and needs our prayers.**

**Thoughts and prayers for health and healing for Nancy Drott who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.**

**Prayers for Favor and Blessing for Loretta and her children.**

**Prayers for Favor and Blessing with Financial Resources for Jonathan and Retha Blocher.**

**Thoughts and prayers for Laurie Lewis and family.**

**Prayers for Debby Ganaway.**

**Prayers for Debra Bolle for guidance on a decision she needs to be make.**

**Thoughts and prayers for Bill and Laverne Fawcett for health and healing from surgery.**

**Prayers are with Rose Pettus who is having some health problems.**

**Prayers for Tammy Madden and her family.**

**Prayers for healing and good health for Pat Held's daughter.**

**OUR RECORD LAST WEEK**

Worship Attendance	10:00 am -
Plate/Pledges	\$1769.00
Missions	\$6.10
Thanksgiving	\$50.00

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**Today, Sunday, November 18**

**9:00 am – Adult Bible Study**

**10:00 am – Morning Worship**

**1:00 pm – Keith Griffin Pokemon League**

**5:00 pm – Casa de Dios Worship Service**

**Monday, November 19**

**6:30 pm – Casa de Dios Bible Study**

**Wednesday, November 21**

**Noon – Kiwanis**

**6:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal**

**Saturday, November 24**

**Noon – Sack Lunch Program, Hope City, hosts**

**Announcements**

**HANGING OF THE GREENS**

Plan to remain after worship **next Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** to help decorate the church for our Christmas celebrations. With many hands the process won't take long (and there is no Packer game at noon!) The following Sunday is the **First Sunday** in Advent. Your help is greatly appreciated as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! SANTA'S BREAKFAST IS COMING SOON**

Plan to join us for a fun-filled morning on Saturday, December 1 at 9:00 am for our Santa's Breakfast. The meal consists of pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk & juice. The kids can make a holiday craft and visit with Santa himself. This is open to all so bring your family & friends.

Helpers are always needed – please see the signup sheet on the sanctuary table.

## **United Methodist Women News**

### *December Meeting*

The UMW Christmas Luncheon will be December 13<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a change in the format of this meeting – a brief business meeting will be held in the Reep Room at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch will be served at noon. Reservations can be made by calling Lenore Creuziger or the church office by noon Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Starting at 1 p.m. Patti Walker will lead a special program – come see what she has created this year!

Everyone is welcome to come for all or parts of this program.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** It's Thanksgiving time – so -- Thank You boxes should be turned in. They can be given to Liza in the church office or to Carol Feest.

## **LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER**

Tex Reynolds' Toys for Tots is a non-profit organization with the sole purpose of ensuring every needy child in the Racine County area has a wonderful holiday season. It is a challenging goal that takes, not only the hundreds of volunteers working at the Toys for Tots workshop and from home, but also the thousands of families that donate unneeded, unused or repairable toys to the program each year.

Ours is a story of helping hands trying to improve the quality of life in our community. We hope that you will read our story and join in our quest. (visit [texreynoldstoysfortots.com](http://texreynoldstoysfortots.com)) There are many aspects of the Toys for Tots program where your skills and talents (regardless of what they might be) can be utilized. Our volunteers work hard throughout the year, but it is a fun journey.

*Don't have any toys to donate but would like to donate to this worthy cause?  
Monetary donations are gratefully accepted year-round at the Toys for Tots workshop.*

## **FOOD BANK ITEM FOR NOVEMBER**

Food bank item for November will be cake mixes. Bring your donation to church any time and place it in the crate near the entry doors. Thank you for your support of our food pantries.

