

~ Welcome ~

Thanksgiving Worship Service

November 22, 2021

7:00 PM

Prelude

"Now We Thank We All Our God"

Arr. By: Cindy Berry

Gathering

*Greeting

Leader: Give thanks and bless God's name;

All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,

All: the world and those who dwell therein.

*Hymn of Praise

"We Gather Together"

UMH No. 131

Opening Prayer

Most gracious God, you cover the earth with your bounty and entrust its riches to our care, but we have been unfaithful to your trust. We have laid waste the earth and exploited the land. Those who have much have wanted more, while multitudes go hungry and the poor lose hope. Set us free, we pray, both from greed and from want, that all may live in justice and wellbeing. May our lives be enlisted toward this end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read, and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

First Lesson

Joel 2:21-27

*Hymn of Praise

"Count Your Blessings"

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Second Lesson

1 Timothy 2:1-7

*Hymn of Praise

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

UMH No 92

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:25-33

Sermon

Pastor Jane Piehl

Response To The Word

Offering

The Offering this evening is designated for local families in need.

Offertory Prayer

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader: Glory to God. Amen.

Leader: Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

Closing Hymn

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

UMH No. 664

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Arr. By Jan Sanborn

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh

Pastor
Music Director

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30am for Worship

An Advent Study, *Home For Christmas*, will begin Nov. 30 at 7pm in the Conference Room.

A second Advent Study, *The Heart that Grew 3 Times* will be held Wednesdays at 10am beginning Dec. 1 in the Conference Room.

Nov. 27 at 10am we will decorate the Church – All are invited to help. Children will get to decorate Chrismons for the tree.

We will be collecting items for Midwest Mission. They are looking for specific items including: jump ropes, all types of sports balls, simple musical instruments, unopened board games. Deadline for donations is: Nov. 28

Join us in serving meals at the Akron Food bank on Dec. 11 from 8:30a-11a. A volunteer application will need filled out in advance. The link was sent out in this week's email or contact Pastor Jane or the office for the link.

The annual Cookie and Craft Sale will be on Dec. 11 from 9a-1p. Donation sheet is out. Cookies are \$10.00/ lb.

The Blue Christmas Service will be Dec. 12 at 3pm

Cover Text: Psalm 113:7-9b

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Readings for the Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost, November 18, 2018: 1 Samuel 1:4-20;
1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

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Pastor Jane Piehl

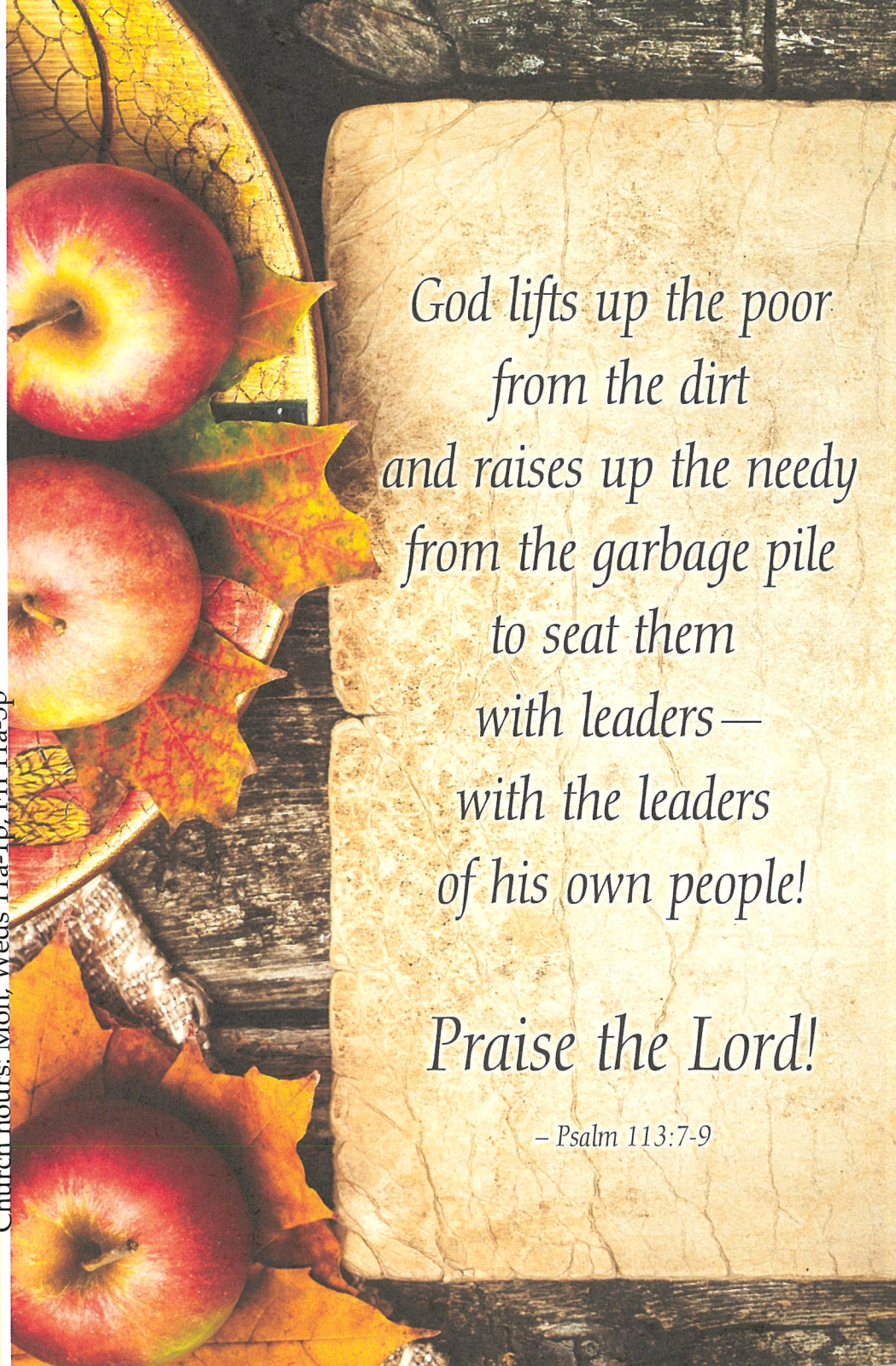
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Worship Service: 10:30am

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Church hours: Mon, Weds 11a-1p, Fri 11a-3p



God lifts up the poor
from the dirt
and raises up the needy
from the garbage pile
to seat them
with leaders—
with the leaders
of his own people!

Praise the Lord!

— Psalm 113:7-9