

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD’S LOVE

GREETING (PSALM 119:165-170) Berni Mueller
“Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble. I hope for your salvation, O Lord, and I fulfill your commandments. My soul keeps your decrees; I love them exceedingly. I keep your precepts and decrees, for all my ways are before you. Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word. Let my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise.”

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER Alicia Campbell

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (BASED ON 2 CHRONICLES 30:8-9)
Leader: Do not now be stiff-necked, but yield yourselves to the Lord and come to his sanctuary.
People: As you return to the Lord, you, your kindred, and your children will find compassion.
Leader: For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful,
People: and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.

✦ **SONG OF PRAISE** HYMN # 348 - SOFTLY AND TENDERLY, JESUS IS CALLING

CALL TO CONFESSION (JAMES 1:19-21)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Forgive us, our Father, for all that we have done amiss. For thoughts conceived in anger and nurtured in hatred, for words uttered in haste and called back in vain; for deeds undertaken in haughtiness and pursued in stubborn malice - forgive us as we bow before you in this holy house. In these moments of our worship, take your place among us, we pray, until made clean in your presence, we may stand as new disciples in your sight, and work your will in your world today and tomorrow. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (PSALM 23:6)

✦ **GRATEFUL RESPONSE** GOODNESS, LOVE, AND MERCY, words by Tomlin, Cash, Rinehart, and Rinehart

✦ **PASSING OF THE PEACE** “May the peace of Christ be with you....And, also with you”
At this time, the congregation may greet each other with peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S LOVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 18:1-8 Steve Marker
Leader: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written, in the light of Jesus, the Word made flesh.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “THE AMPHIBIOUS CHRISTIANS” Rev. Dr. Tom Nolen

WE EMBRACE GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING
In response to God’s love, we are invited to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed down the pews. There is no obligation to give. You may also indicate your presence and let us know you would like to connect or volunteer by placing a gold connect form in the offering plate.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE IN THE WORLD

✦ **CHARGE AND BLESSING** (NUMBERS 6:24-26)

✦ **GRATEFUL RESPONSE** HYMN # 719 - GO MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

✦ **POSTLUDE**

✦ *Those who would like to stand, are invited to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Everyone! We are glad you have joined us for worship today and hope you can feel God’s love in our midst. All are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee, juice, and treats.

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, October 26—We will have a very brief congregational meeting after worship next Sunday, Oct 26, for the purpose of electing members to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Sharing Stories of Gratitude this November—Do you have a brief story about how this church has touched your life or this community that you are willing to share? As we encourage people to reflect on the blessings of our congregation during the season of Stewardship of Thanksgiving, we would like to include your story. Please talk with Rob Pomazi if you are willing to share a story of gratitude.

Save the Date

Scott Ferris Memorial Service, Saturday, November 1—A memorial service to give thanks to God for the life of Scott Ferris and to celebrate the hope of the resurrection will take place in our sanctuary on Saturday, November 1 at 3:00 pm.

Stomping Grounds Coffee Fundraiser, Monday, November 17—All of the Stomping Grounds Coffee locations, including the new one in Gresham, will donate 25% of all sales to the East County Food Pantry. Invite a friend or two to catch up over coffee, and help support our food pantry at the same time.

Scrooge Performances—December 6-7, 13-14

Conchord Chorale Christmas Concert—December 21, 2:00 pm

REGULAR HAPPENINGS AT SMPC <i>(schedule changes in italics)</i>					
Day (next date)		Time	Event	Place	Contact
Every Sunday		11:45 - 12:15pm	Voice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
2nd Sunday (11/9)		11:30 - 1:00pm	Deacon's Meeting	Upper Room	Marty Strange
2nd Sunday (11/9)		After worship	Family Funday	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
Every Tuesday		10:30 -11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Tues. or Weds. (10/21)		6:00 - 8:00pm	Youth Group	Church Campus	Pastor Brad
Every Wednesday		10:00 -11:30am	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Sonja Flener
Every Wednesday		10:00 - 3:00pm	Sewing Group	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
3rd Wednesday (11/19)		5:30 - 6:30pm	Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
Every Thursday		8:15 - 9:00am	Online Bible Study	Via Zoom	Pastor Brad
Every Thursday		10:30 -11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Every Thursday		4:15-5:00pm	Line Dancing Beginners	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch
Every Thursday		5:00—5:45pm	Line Dancing Improvers	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch
2 nd /4 th Thursday (10/23)		12:00 - 2:00pm	Yarn & Thread	Fireside Room	Joyce Botsch
Every Friday		9:30 - 11:30am	Food Pantry Prep	Church campus	Julie Weindel
Every Saturday		10:00 - 12:30pm	Food Pantry Distribution	Church campus	Julie Weindel
3rd Saturday (11/15)		Time varies	Outriggers	Location varies	Barb Lintner
5th Sunday (11/30)		After Worship	All Church Potluck Lunch	Fellowship Hall	
NEXT WEEK'S (OCTOBER 26) SUNDAY SERVANTS					
Greeters	Ron Emch and Janet Emch		Opening Prayer	Lyn Palmer	
Ushers	Jon Bachelder and Sandy Bachelder		Scripture Reader	Lou Churchill	
Special Helper	Steve Marker and Felista Marker		Counters	Jon Bachelder and Leesa Pomazi	
Refreshments	Exercise Group				
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