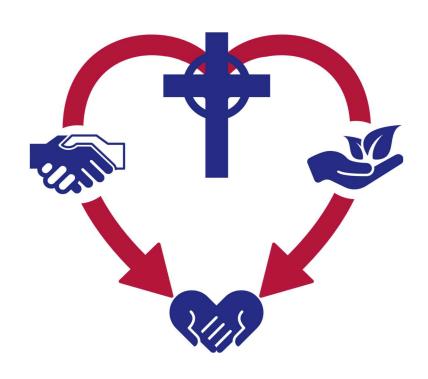
We are imperfect believers, passionate about sharing the love of Christ:

by Connecting, Growing, and Serving.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Montreat at Home Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Sacrament of Communion November 2, 2024



We Gather to Worship God

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are those who serve the poor, (P) they will be called the children of God.

Leader: Blessed are those who share the wealth, (P) they will be called the children of God.

Leader: Blessed are those who work for good, (P) they will be called the children of God.

Leader: Blessed are those who open doors, (P) they will be called the children of God.

Leader: Blessed are those who break down walls, (P) they will be called the children of God.

Leader: Blessed are those who challenge hate, (P) they will be called the children of God.

Leader: Blessed are those who live their faith, (P) they will be called the children of God.

Leader: Blessed are those who speak the truth, (P) they will be called the children of God.

Leader: Blessed are those who show Christ's love, (P) they will be called the children of God.

Amen.

Gathering Prayer

Leader: Holy God, by your Word and Spirit, come and transform your church to be a living sign of your love for the world — where the poor are filled with good things, the dividing walls are broken down, and the dead are raised to new life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #100

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that God of my heart is great; and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest.

Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 17:1-17; Matthew 25:31-46 (Responsive)

Leader: When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him,

People: 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

Leader: And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these siblings of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer,

People: 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?'

Leader: Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #70

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. AJ Ochart

"The Least of These"

Responding to God's Word

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom 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 kin(g)dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #749

"Come! Live in the Light!"

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice; we are to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.

Refrain

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #747

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live. The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name; that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. Repeat

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ's love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor Kenneth Jones, Director of Music Millie Shiflett, Accompanist

