

November 12, 2017 Service of the Word & Sacrament The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! It's a joy to worship with you today.

Caring volunteers and paid staff tend our nursery/childcare room during worship. Your little one is welcome there any time. Sunday School begins at 10:00 am today.

Prelude "Largo" from the Symphony "From the New World" Op. 95 by Antonin Dvorák
Catherine York, Organist

Welcome The Rev. Jill H. Small

Introit

A Litany: We Gather (responsive)

One This is the church.

ALL: This is the steeple.

One: Open the door;

ALL: and there are the people.

One: Why do we gather at Community Church?

ALL: We gather

One: to be inspired to do God's work.

ALL: We gather

One: to be grounded with our CCD family.

ALL: We gather

One: to give and to receive support from one another.

ALL: We gather

One: to hear the Word of God.

ALL: We gather

One: to find joy in community.

ALL: We gather

One: to get geared up to go out and serve.

ALL: We gather

One: to nurture friendships.

ALL: We gather

One: to be quiet in a noisy world.

ALL: We gather

One: to love one another,

ALL: to be the church,

One: to care for nature,

ALL: to sing and to celebrate.

One: This is the church.

ALL: This is the steeple.

One: Our doors are open.

ALL: We are God's people!

*** Opening Hymn** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs. 1-3)* #25 NCH
(*Congregation may stand)

Invocation (unison)

Gracious God, you have made yourself known to us in many and varied ways. Be among us and illuminate our hearts and minds. Fill us with wisdom so that we continue to grow in faith. Be with us in this hour as we worship you, O God Most High.

Observance of Veterans Day William Mason, Chair, Memorial Garden Trustees
Moment of Silence for Veterans Remembered in our Memorial Garden:

<i>Alan Charles Urban</i>	<i>Robert William Morse</i>	<i>Robert Neil Faiman</i>
<i>Helen Cheney Heald</i>	<i>John Woodsum Hatch</i>	<i>Gary Neal Lauten</i>
<i>Ben Anton Grotta</i>	<i>Lewis Franklin Heald</i>	<i>Paul Dietrich Hubbe</i>
<i>Alden Lewis Winn</i>	<i>Douglas Parkman</i>	<i>Charles Robert Keesey</i>
<i>Nathan Hall Hardy</i>	<i>William Kent Martling</i>	<i>Alexander Renton Amell</i>
<i>Ralph Gerald Smallidge Jr.</i>	<i>Richard Alan Bernard</i>	<i>Albert Denver Frost</i>
<i>Robert Edward Wear</i>	<i>James McKell Edwin Harper</i>	<i>Richard R. Weyrick</i>
<i>Charles E. Clark</i>	<i>James M. Ramsay</i>	<i>Owen Maurice Rogers</i>

Anthem “Edelweiss” (In loving memory of Owen Rogers) Chancel Choir

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Our Church Family Prays

Invitation to Offering *Gifts of time, talent, and treasure make possible the mission and ministry we share. You’re welcome to use a pew card to note online giving and gifts of service. Thank you.*

Offertory

*** Doxology** (#780 NCH)

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

We gather each and every gift, Eternal One, with thankfulness. Renew our commitments to one another. Show us the way to righteousness and peace; guide us to work for justice and mercy. Whoever we are, wherever we are, we are yours and in your name we pray. Amen.

Texts for the Day

First Testament	Joshua 24:1-3 and 15
Second Testament	Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon “It Goes On”

*** Hymn** *We Gather Together* #421 NCH

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

There is a place for you at this table; you are welcome here.

The Greeting of Peace

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks & praise.

One: Blessed are you Holy God, with all who know you and all who love you, we join the endless refrain:

All: Holy, holy, holy, O God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory: Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

Words of Institution & Consecration of the Elements

Sharing of the Bread & the Cup (Bread is gluten-free; the cup contains grape juice.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: Let us give thanks to God in union with the faithful everywhere.

ALL: We thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of the living Christ; for gladness in this bread and cup; for love that cannot die; for peace that the world cannot give nor take away; for the glory of creation; and for the mission of justice that we can make our own. Fill us with the gifts of this sacrament: oneness of heart, love and forgiveness offered and accepted, the will to serve and the willingness to grow. In your holy name we pray: Amen.

* Closing Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs. 4-6)

#299 NCH

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude “America, the Beautiful” by Samuel A. Ward (1882)

After worship, all are welcome to gather for refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Memorial Garden Trustees.

Thank you to those leading today’s “We Gather” Litany: Ann Kimball, Paige Stehle, Emerson Moore, Chuck Hotchkiss, Bob Eckerson, and Carla Wilson; greeters Henry Smith, Jean Olson, Peter Miller, and Doug Terrill; and our Sound Engineers John Moore, Grant Armstrong, Russell Mason, and Fisayo Dada for running our sound system each Sunday morning.

For information about the Community Church of Durham United Church of Christ, or if you have a question or comment to share, please speak with a greeter or with Pastor Jill Small.

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An open and affirming congregation where all are welcome.



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