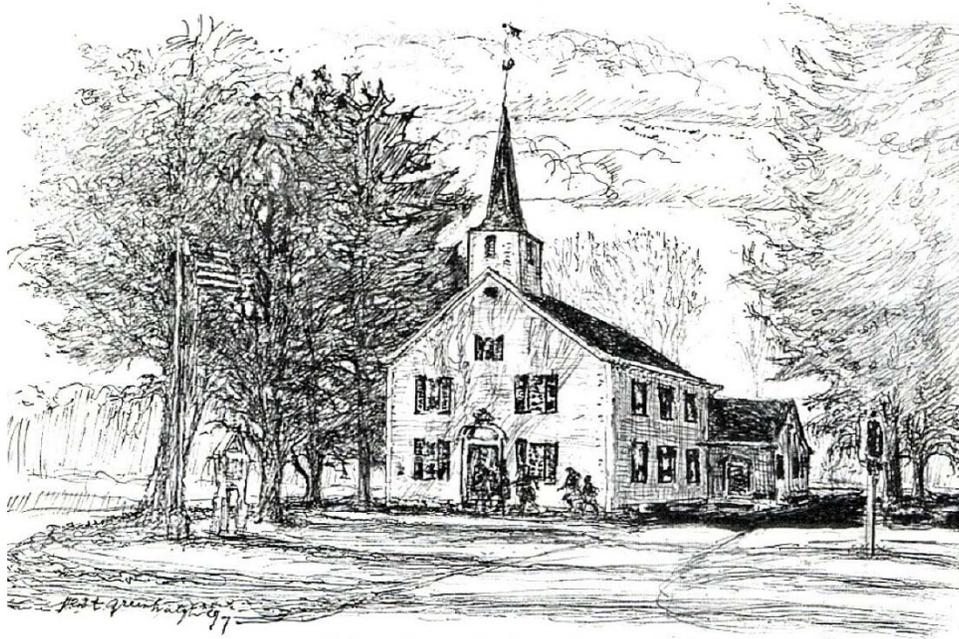


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REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

November 22, 2020

Please remember that only Sue Rentz is singing, masked and behind a screen, in order to make our worship service safer.

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

10:55-11 AM

PRELUDE

"All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises/10,000 Reasons"

arr. Carol Tornquist

Worship Leader

GREETING

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Worship Leader

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

For the Lord is a great God;

a great ruler over heaven and earth!

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Worship Leader

Almighty God,

you raised Christ from the dead

and established him as Lord over every rebellious power.

Give us grace to serve him wisely and faithfully

that the world may see his glorious inheritance among the saints

and recognize the freedom of joyful obedience in Jesus Christ,

in whose name we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

#555

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given,
The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore;
The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Worship Leader

With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations:

**We confess that we have not seen your face
among our neighbors in need.**

**We have not shared our food with the hungry;
we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless.
We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners.**

**We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers,
and in our neglect we have failed to serve you.
Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family,
and give us the blessing of sincere repentance
that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints
in this world and in the world to come. Amen.**

***MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)**

Brothers and sisters, God seeks the lost sheep and feeds them with justice.
Forgiven and freed, turn, then, and live in Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open the eyes of our hearts by the power of your Spirit, that we may know the hope
to which we have been called in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

FIRST READING **Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24** Worship Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *“We Gather Together”* Dutch hymn

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH Dr. Lori Knight-Whitehouse

SECOND READING **Ephesians 1:15–23**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GUIDED MEDITATION **Dr. Lori Knight-Whitehouse**

Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Minister: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***HYMN “Blessing and Honor” #147**

Blessing and honor and glory and power,
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
give we to Christ who our battle has won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God holds the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains,
the sea and the dry land. Let us offer our gifts to God, our Maker.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

If you would like to submit an offering online, use the QR code found in the announcements.

PRAYER CARDS Please share prayer requests on YT comments using first names only

OFFERTORY “Shepherd’s Song” Stephen Heller

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

**Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Accept our offering in union with Christ’s offering for us. Confirm in us the riches of his
glorious inheritance among the saints, that we may testify to the sovereignty of his love.
Through Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now
and forever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN “Let All Things Now Living” #554**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished All fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration, a song let us raise;
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

***CHARGE**

With the eyes of your heart enlightened, receive the hope to which God has called you in Jesus Christ. Glory be to God!

***BLESSING**

May God who seeks the lost keep you;
may God who brings back the wandering heart uphold you;
may God who binds up the injured heal you;
may God who strengthens the weak empower you,
now and forever.

***POSTLUDE**

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Felice de Giardini

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors. We are glad you were able to be with us today and look forward to seeing you again.

MAILING LIST

If you would like to be on our mailing or phone list please write your name, address, e-mail and/or phone number on a Welcome Card, located in the pew or contact us online at NHPCHURCH.ORG home page.

Sunday Bible Study is at 12:30.

The choir continues rehearsing online, Thursday night at 8 pm. There will be no choir rehearsal this week on Thanksgiving.

Habitat for Humanity is now working on a house project in Hillburn, NY. They need volunteers to help! If interested please visit their website at www.habitatrockland.org or call 845- 354 - 5635 for their schedule.