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November 8, 2026

AN INCLUSIVE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH.
OUR MISSION IS TO MANIFEST CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE WORLD.



INSTRUMENTAL CALL
#414 Be Still and Know
Courtney Holmes, *piano*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
- Please sign the friendship pads.
- Saturday, November 14:
  Grubby Saturday 8:30 until 11 am
- Saturday, November 14:
  Barbara Hancock Celebration of Life at 3 pm in person and on Zoom
- Saturday, November 28 Join us for Hanging of the Greens 10 am to 1 pm
- Advent Giving begins today
- Sunday, December 6: Advent Fair at 11:15 am in the Petersen Gallery
- Minute for Mission: Suzie Snortum
- Minute for FLC: Megan Wallin-Kerth
- Minute with the Trustees for 2027 Stewardship: Julie Ray

Lay Reader: Chris Mouzong

PRELUDE
Consolation by Felix Mendelssohn
Courtney Holmes, *piano*

WORD OF GRACE
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Christianity stands or falls with its revolutionary protest against violence, arbitrariness and pride of power and with its plea for the weak. Christians are doing too little to make these points clear rather than too much. Christendom adjusts itself far too easily to the worship of power. Christians should give more offense, shock the world far more, than they are doing now. Christian should take a stronger stand in favor of the weak rather than considering first the possible right of the strong.

- *Please stand in body or spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP *
One: In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.
ALL: Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness; turn your ear to me and save me.
One: Be my rock and refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
ALL: Deliver me, O my God, from the grasp of cruel people.
One: For you have been my hope, my confidence since my youth.
ALL: My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.
One: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN *
#409 God is Here

PASSING OF THE PEACE *
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.
Leader: Let us offer signs of Christ's peace to one another.

SPECIAL MUSIC
Come thou Fount of Every Blessing
Heather Sorenson, *Chancel Choir*

CHILDREN'S TIME
Children are dismissed afterward.

SCRIPTURE READING
Psalm 70

Hasten, O God, so save me; O Lord, come quickly to help me.
May those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.
May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" turn back because of their shame.
But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation always say, "Let God be exalted!"
Yet I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God.

SERMON
How Long, O Lord?
Rev. Kris Voss-Rothmeier

HYMN OF RESPONSE *
#818 By Gracious Powers

CONFESSION OF FAITH
1. "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me." *John 14:6*
"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved." *John 10:1,9*
Jesus Christ, as he is attested to us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God whom we have to hear, and whom we have to trust and obey in life and in death.
We reject the false doctrine that the Church could and should recognize as a source of its proclamation, beyond and besides this one Word of God, yet other events, powers, historic figures and truths as God's revelation.
2. "Jesus Christ has been made wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption for us by God." *1 Cor. 1:30*
As Jesus Christ is God's comforting pronouncement of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, with equal seriousness, he is also God's vigorous announcement of his claim upon our whole life. Through him there comes to us joyful liberation from the godless ties of this world for free, grateful service to his creatures.
We reject the false doctrine that there could be areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ but to other lords, areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

OFFERTORY
No one is Alone by Stephen Sondheim
Courtney Holmes, *piano*

SONG OF COMMITMENT
#647 Give Thanks
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Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say,
"We are strong";
let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
And now let the weak say,
"We are strong";
let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks.
Give thanks.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS
#414 Refrain
Be Still and Know That I Am God

CLOSING SONG*
#540 Farewell, Good Friends!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
The Lord's Prayer by Robert A. Mallote
Courtney Holmes, *piano*

FELLOWSHIP
We invite you to join us in the Petersen Gallery for conversation and refreshments.

See you next Sunday at 10:00 a.m.