

Sunday, November 15, 2020

We answer Christ's call by:

Worshiping God

Welcoming All

Caring for Human Dignity

Serving in the World

PRELUDE

Come Christians, Join To Sing

Pat Singer

WELCOME & LIFE IN THE CHURCH

- Stewardship Sunday, Nov 22 - Look for the mailing and take time to discern what monies, time and talent you are able to share with Germonds Church for 2021. Zoom gathering to follow the service.
- Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 2020 - Tuesday, November November 24th, 7:30 p.m. Zoom
- Ramapo Community Chefs - Help out families struggling with food insecurity. Contact Betsy Bostwick or Sue Ternquist.
- In years past Church in Society has had two collection drives for People to People during the Holidays to help families and children in need in Rockland. This year, the need is so much greater, but instead of collection drives at the church, we are asking you to drop off your donations directly at People to People at 121 West Nyack Road. (Details including a link to their website, hours of operation, and a map were included in this Friday's Wrap-Up.)

1. Turkey Round-Up: Please keep up our long-standing tradition!!! and drop off your Frozen Turkeys at their Delivery Entrance until Wed., Nov. 25th.
 2. Project Joy: Instead of gifts for children, People to People is requesting that we provide families with Gift Cards from stores such as Target, Kohl's, Old Navy, Amazon, etc. Please drop off your Gift Cards at their Office by Dec. 4th.
- Share Your Musical Gifts - December 27 (Due December 12)

CHORAL INTROIT

For All the Saints

Germonds Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennie Redling

God, we need peace - so we come for quiet.

We need joy - so we come for music.

we need to let things go - so we come for forgiveness.

We need hope - so we come for scripture and community.

We come this morning from our own agendas, our own anxieties - help us to leave this time with the blessings of your peace, your presence, and your promises for the future.

OPENING PRAYER

We turn to you, O God, in this changing of the seasons. We watched the leaves turn yellow and fall, and now we watch as the rain comes down and the trees hang onto the last of their raiment. May we reflect on the way that things constantly are changing, as well as how they stay the same. May we see your renewal at work around us. May we see this shift in seasons as a part of the movement towards new life. Gracious God, teach us to see you in all things. Help us to stop and breathe deeply of your life and Spirit, that we might take part in the peace and joy that you offer. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Jennie Redling

Matthew 6:24-34

24 “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.[a]

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,[b] or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27** And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?[c] **28** And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, **29** yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **30** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ **32** For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But strive first for the kingdom of God[d] and his[e] righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

34 “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jennie Redling

Good and merciful God, we come to you a wayward people. We have forgotten your intentions for us; we have rejected the way of Christ; we have disregarded the power of your Spirit; and we have worshiped ourselves and the things we have made. We have allowed our anxiety to rule us, our frets for the future to dictate our actions that move us towards self-preservation. Forgive us, restore us in the knowledge of whose we are and make us alive to serve you with faith hope and love; teach us to trust you.

[a time for silent confession]

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's grace is sufficient for all. That which we regret is redeemed and we are given the courage to live new lives. Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32:1-14

32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” **2** Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” **3** So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. **4** He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold,^[a] and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” **5** When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” **6** They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

7 The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; **8** they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” **9** The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. **10** Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

11 But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? **12** Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. **13** Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” **14** And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

MESSAGE “Idols and Anxiety” Rev. Abbie Huff

ANTHEM *Allunde* Joyful Noise Choir

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM George Robert Schialabba
(parents are Chris Schialabba and Katie Barravechia)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Now Go in Joy* Germonds Choir

POSTLUDE *O, When Shall I See Jesus* Pat Singer