

A SERVICE FOR EARLY MORNING

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 13, 2024

(8:30 a.m.)



PRELUDE "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled" D. Paxton

A FEW BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Eric Brown

WE GATHER TOGETHER

God of all peoples, we come together as a family. Some of us are just beginners in our faith journey, while others are seasoned through years of following you. Today we gather to be fed by your Word and your Spirit. God, help us in this time of worship today to set aside the things that distract us. Help us be able to re-center our lives so we can clearly hear you and continue to grow into the fullness of the calling of Christ. Amen.

SING TOGETHER #117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

PRAYERS OF JOY, PRAYERS OF NEED

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD Hebrews 11:32-12:2 (p. 1097)

MESSAGE FOR TODAY "A Cloud of Witnesses"

PRAYER Rev. Timothy Haut

HYMN #557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

BENEDICTION



Welcome home to the Deep River Congregational Church! Today we celebrate all those who have come to call this their church home, and especially those members of 25 years or more. We hope that you will find open arms and the love of God as you worship here today.

HOME

The day is spent
and the weary road
is always too long.
We travel through mystery,
shadows, and longing
to see this sweet thing:
a light over the door
that says
"You are home.
Come in."

At the end of our journeys
is the place of belonging,
the dog and the wagging tail,
the familiar pictures on the wall,
the arms wide open,
the smell of love.
This is the hope
beyond every darkness,
the thing
that keeps us going
till we find our way
home
at last.

--Timothy Haut

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Annetta Sekula, Organist

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INTROIT "All People That on Earth"

GATHERING WORDS Tom Lindner, Lay Reader

*HYMN #593 Here I Am, Lord (Helen Rankin's choice)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Treasured Gifts"
Rev. Dr. Cheryl Caronna

*HYMN #2222 The Servant Song (Jayne Mather's choice)
(Children are excused to go to their Sunday School Classes)

HONORING THE HERITAGE OF LONG-TIME MEMBERS

Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the years of worship and witness in this place. For your grace in calling us to be your people; for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son; for your gift of the Spirit and the joy of faith:

We give you thanks, O God.

For those who established this congregation; and for their faith and vision, their gifts and abilities:

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have been members of this congregation; for those who have given freely of their time and money; for those whose wisdom has guided us through the years:

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have preached and taught here; for all those who have confessed here that Jesus Christ is Lord; for all who today join in worship, witness, and service:

We give you thanks, O God, for calling us to be among your great company of saints, and that with the faithful of every time and place, we may come into that kingdom which has no end: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*RESPONSE Gloria Patri
*Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

*RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

ANTHEM "Offertory" John Ness Beck
WE HEAR GOD'S WORD Jayne Mather

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 90:1-4, 12-17 (p. 536)

GOSPEL LESSON Hebrews 11:32-12:2 (p. 1097)

SERMON "A Cloud of Witnesses" Rev Timothy Haut

*CLOSING HYMN #2279 You Shall Go Out (Anne Bartlett's choice)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "Depart in Peace" Whelpton

POSTLUDE "Fantasia" John Stainer

*Please stand, if you are able

The flowers are given by Carol Jones in honor of her late husband, David E. Jones.

Our Ushers this morning are Bruce & Susan Lighty.

Join us for Fellowship following today's 10:00 service, hosted by our Deacons.

Thank you to Sally Marston for doing the live stream today.



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Homecoming Sunday, October 13, 2024

Helen Rankin		Beth Mesite, Edie Brown	1979
Anne Bartlett	1945	Timothy Haut, Kris Lindner, Joyce Grassl, Walt & Susie Smith, Nancy Howard, James Spallone, Lisa Bibbiani, Tom & Judy Skinner	1980
Nancy Stadalnik	1954	Roger & Joan Cole, Steven & Kathy David, Nancy Peluso, Thomas & Donna Taber, Betsy Macmillan, Sally LaFaille	1981
Cheryl Jacome	1957	Shirley Lane, Irene Phinney, Ruth Ziobron	1982
1959		Bev Medlin, Jane Syme, Peggie Sypher, Susan & Lindsay Smith, Sandy Freudenstein, Paul & Cindy Knudsen, Sheila Carlson	1983
Jayne Mather	1960	Marilyn Rankin, Cindy Filacchione, Art & Lori Tirrell	
Evelyn Grohs	1963	Valentina Gallegos	1984
Thomas Lindner	1965	Linda Milton, Donna Nelson, Valerie Nucci, Christina Tiezzi,	1985
Bil Groth, Cynthia Euston, Ed Judd, Gail Howard	1969	Lance Sigersmith, Allan & Donna Gesick	1986
John & Arlene Macmillan, David Howard		Diane Persson	1987
1971		Brad Smith, Gerald & Jan Kruszewski	1988
Arthur Tiezzi, Sylvia Tiezzi, Candi Turner	1972	Don & Kathy Paulson, Adam Chamie, Matthew Haut, Tammy Malcarne, Jim & Martha Beaudoin, Chris Ficke, Darlene Lisle, Donna Zanardi, Lisa Cataldo	1989
Barbara Milton, Tom Groth, Debbie Campbell, Linda & Jeff Hostetler		Sarah Tulledge, Richard & Sybil Higgins, Kate Cryder, Carol Zuppe	1990
1974		Mary Ann Lebert, Phyllis Haut, Ed Bushnell, Karen Ford, Pam Garner, David Hull, Richard & Heidi Lee, Rich & Terry Layden, Michael & Pam Kuba, Emily Masters, Sandi & Rob Lunn	1991
Claudia Hardy, Heidi Larson Bystrynski		Craig & Dayle Larson, Ann Lang, Donald & Kathleen Rankin	1992
1975		Jon Hardy, Deb Van Wyngaarden, Justin Haut, David Beaudoin, Pauline Budney, Robin Blundon, Dan & Linda Cotton, Don & Tracy McMorrان	1993
Amy Winchell, Keryn Grohs Lane		Richard & Joan Anderson, Robin Deming, Cathy Jefferson, George Martin, Jim & Kim Olson, Donna Sheldon, John Bauer, Chuck Tower	1994
1976			
James Harding, Pattie Unan, Allen & Pam Graham, Susan Chamie, Richard & Rhonda Forristall, Kathy Watson			
1977			
Jill White	1978		

**Gail Bates, Robert & Debi Ziobron, Robin Stickel, Martin Haut,
Rita Thorpe, Judy Potter, Andrea Chiappa, Mike & Tracy Sacrey
1995**

**Jonathan Daley, Gina Sopneski, Roger & Fern Tryon,
Dorothy DeMichael, Tamara Tabor, Clifford & Heidi Manning,
Shirley Rutan, Bev Coulter**

1996

**Nicole Larson Waz, Michael Peluso, Marilyn Beemer, Ron Garner,
Elizabeth Munsell, Annetta Sekula, Pam Visel
1997**

**Debbie Caulfield, Robert Larson, Scott & Donna Bowden,
Art & Laura Robbins, Carolyn Sheridan, Bill & Grace
Krick, Linda Guica Zimmel, Richard Bogart, Deb Brown,
Bill & Pat Damon, Maureen Hebert
1998**

**Peter Balisciano, Philip & Janet Klinck, Don & Kelley Frazier,
Bob & Lynn Butkus, Marjorie Russell, David & Carol Blifford,
Laurie Ericksson, Sue Knirsch**

1999

