

Shalom United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Gathering to Worship God

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

People: Worship God with gladness.

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing.

People: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name,

People: For God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn "Give Thanks" On Screen

Opening Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Special Music "You Have Shown Us" Richard Thompson

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:14-30

Message "In Christ's Glory" Pastor Peter

Responding to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Going to Serve God

*Hymn "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" On Screen

*Benediction

Closing Song "Shalom To You" On Screen

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46, NRSV

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Announcements

- You can sponsor a Bible for one of our 3-year-old preschoolers for \$7. Talk to Sandy Bohl for more information.
- Poinsettia orders are due this week. They cost \$6 each.
- Interested in a mid-week Bible study? Join Pastor Peter for an Advent Bible Study beginning Tuesday, December 1st at 11 am.

Helpful information:

- **To help protect our health and safety**, masks are required in the church building. Please maintain appropriate social distance at all times. You can find hand sanitizer and extra masks on stand near the Sanctuary doors.
- **Children of all ages are welcome in worship!** Due to health and safety measures, we are currently not providing nursery care. We have activity bags for children available.
- **We are currently not “passing the plate”**. You can place your donation in the offering plate near the Sanctuary doors. You can give online by visiting: www.shalomumc.org/give
- **Fill out a connection card** to request prayer, mark your attendance, share contact information, or indicate your interest in taking a next step in faith. Place it in the offering plate when complete.
- **You can use the QR Code** at the bottom of this page to fill out a connection card, give online, or visit our website and social media.

Leading in Worship:

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Welcome to Shalom!

If you are new to this community of faith, we want to extend a warm welcome to today! If you've been around for years, we're glad to see you again. We've adjusted many of our practices during this time to help keep everyone safe and healthy – you can find some of that information on the back of the bulletin, on our website, or ask Pastor Peter if you have any questions. We hope that you are able to experience God's grace and feel God's presence here in this place as we worship and offer our praise to God.

Sermon Series Info: “Getting Ready”

As another church calendar year comes to an end, we prepare for this end and new beginning by turning to Matthew 25. This chapter helps us to consider what it means to be ready for Christ's return, and urges us to ask ourselves a few questions: 1) Are we listening for the cry at midnight and are we ready to respond when we hear it? 2) Are we getting to work and ready to enter into the joy of our Lord? 3) Do we understand Jesus' call to love and serve others as an invitation rather than a duty or obligation? The way we answer these questions determines how and where we are able to see God's blessings, grace, and love poured out into this world – the world God created, and the world that awaits Jesus' return to his throne in glory.