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## Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost – November 12, 2023

### THE GATHERING

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Chimes

Prelude

Debbie Watson

Welcome

Brooke Reid

Call to Worship

Brooke Reid

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

**People: The One who calls us,**

Leader: The One who equips us,

**People: The One who loves us without end.**

**All: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.**

*Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good". Used with permission.*

Opening Hymn

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

No. 606

***God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.***

***Skills and time are ours for pressing towards the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.***

***Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.***

***Treasure too you have entrusted, gain thru powers your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.***

Opening Prayer

Dr. Mark Bender

## THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading *John 13:1-15* Claire Baer

Children's Anthem *You Are Welcome Here* - Burrows  
Young Disciples Choir, Tommy Bullitt, solo; Chancel Choir; Mark Bullitt & Justin Smith, guitars

Blessing of Coats for Kids Claire Baer

Response: **Holy and loving God: your Son Jesus told us that whatever we do for the least of your children, we do for you. We present these coats, and pray that you bless them and the children who receive them. May the warmth of these coats reflect the warmth of your love, and may the children feel that love through these coats. In your Son's name we pray. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Brooke Reid

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Sermon *The Habit of Service* Dr. Mark Bender

## THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn *Jesu, Jesu* – vs. 1, 2, & 3 No. 600

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

***Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,***

***Master who acts as a slave to them.***

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

***Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race,***

***neighbors are near and far away.***

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

***These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;***

***all these are neighbors to us and you.***

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution John Cook

Prayers for the Bread & Cup Alan Freeman & Emily Wilson

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

*All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

Common Confession

**I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.**

## THE OFFERING

Blessing of the Thanksgiving Baskets Dr. Mark Bender

Moment for Mission Kim Ballard

Offertory *How Beautiful the Church of God* - Martin Chancel Choir

Doxology

No. 46

***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.***

Offertory Prayer

## THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

*Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant* – vs. 1, 2 & 4

No. 490

***Sister, let me be your servant, brother let me walk with you;  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.***

***We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow trav'lers on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.***

***When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together of great love and agony.***

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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### Memorials and Honors

In memory of David Gately given by Gary & Kim Ballard, Lynette Gill, Diana Costello, Mike & Diane Spiller, Dan & Carole Davis, Billy & Melody Jennings, Nick & Linda Gipson, Kerry & Sharon Roach, Craig & Sheila Reynolds, Judy Muir.

In memory of Ted Lauck given by Judy Muir.

**Sermon Notes**

1. A love feast

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2. The symbol of Jesus

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3. The laver

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4. The Christlike way of living

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5. Making visible

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# CALENDAR

Sunday, November 12 Blessing of the Coats & Thanksgiving Baskets / Thanksgiving Offering / Stewardship Campaign		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School / Journey Through Scripture (Parlor)	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
3:00 pm	Pickleball	Gym
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
5:15 pm	Membership Ministry Meeting	Room 222
5:45 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402
Monday, November 13		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00am-12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:00 am	YAS Music (M-W)	Room 300
1:00 pm	Ted Lauck's Graveside Service at Hampton Vaughn Crestview Memorial Park	1917 Archer City Hwy
4:00 pm	College Bible Study	Room 305
6:00 pm	Leadership Development Committee Meeting	Room 310
7:00pm	Legacy & Charitable Planning & Desserts	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Room 405
Tuesday, November 14		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting/Worship Planning	Room 310
12:00 pm	Evangelism Ministry Meeting	Room 310
5:30 pm	Outreach Ministry Meeting	Room 305
6:00 pm	Property Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life	Rooms 304, 306, 308
Wednesday, November 15		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
12:00 pm	Christian Women's Fellowship Group 2 Meeting	Room 405
12:00 pm	YAS Staff Meeting	Room 222
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	The Neighborhood Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	The Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-Grade 5)	Room 402
6:00 pm	Youth Bible Study (Grades 6-12)	Room 305
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, November 16		
10:00 am	YAS Thanksgiving Feast (Thurs. & Fri.)	Fellowship Hall
Friday, November 17		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
3:00 pm	CCF Thanksgiving Feast	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, November 18		
9:45 am	Thanksgiving Basket Delivery Day	North Parking Lot

## 2023 Thanksgiving Offering

The Thanksgiving Offering will benefit the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and will be received on Sundays, November 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Please give generously to this offering. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of our students and it makes a difference in the world.

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