

St. John's

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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DOGMA:

WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE, AND WHY WE BELIEVE IT
The Last Things

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

** indicates that the congregation rise in body or in spirit*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*A time for prayer & meditation, and/or greeting our fellow worshipers.
Please silence cell phones, and be respectful of those around you.
At 10am we will stand to sing Part of the Family (inside cover of Hymnal)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come,
welcomes you to this place.
As one body, with one voice,
we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom,
counsel, knowledge, and joy.

ALL: Amen. So be it.

* HYMN #721

Come Ye Thankful People Come

1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrows grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear,
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home,
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to your final harvest home,
gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in your presence to abide.
Come, with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace...

[silent prayer and personal confession]

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE**

ONE: ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

ONE: The Peace of Christ be with you

ALL: And also with you.

[we share signs of Christ's peace with one another]

*** 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.*

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 13:11-14; 14:4,9-13

ONE: ... This is the Word of The LORD.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The End

1. O day of God, draw nigh in
 2. Bring to our trou - bled minds, un -
 3. Bring jus - tice to our land, that
 4. Bring to our world of strife thy
 5. O day of God, draw nigh as

3
 beau - ty and in power; come with thy time - less
 cer - tain and a - fraid, the qui - et of a
 all may dwell se - cure, and fine - ly build for
 sov - ereign word of peace, that war may haunt the
 at cre - a - tion's birth; let there be light a -

6
 judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
 stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
 days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
 earth no more, and des - o - la - tion cease.
 gain, and set thy judg - ments on the earth.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967 (part 3) (unison)**

It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists God's will and disrupts creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in humanity and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

ALL: We pray for peace in every nation—that people will turn their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and study war no more.

ONE: Pray for the peace of the church.

ALL: We pray for peace in Christ's body— put an end to fear and fighting, and help us to proclaim in word and action the good news of salvation to all.

ONE: Pray for the peace of this community.

ALL: We pray for peace in this place—for safety in our homes and streets, for the prosperity of our neighbors, and for the health of family and friends.

ONE: ... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who teaches us to pray, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
in - cline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all Creatures here below
Praise God above all heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

* HYMN #536

Through The Darkness Of The Ages

1 Through the darkness of the ages,
through the sorrows of the days,
strength of weary generations,
lifting hearts in hope and praise,
light in darkness, joy in sorrow,
presence to allay all fears,
Jesus, you have kept your promise,
faithful through two thousand years.

2 Bounty of two thousand harvests,
beauty of two thousand springs;
He who framed the times and seasons
has vouchsafed us greater things.
Word of God who spoke creation
speaks forgiveness, speaks to save,
gathers still his ransomed people
in the life he freely gave.

3 Countless flowers have bloomed
and withered,
countless noons are sealed in night,
shattered thrones and fallen empires,
realms and riches lost from sight.
Christ, your kingdom still increases
as the centuries unfold.
Grain that fell to earth and perished
has brought forth ten thousand-fold.

4 Master, we shall sing your praises,
man of sorrows, God of power,
for the measured march of seasons
shall at last bring in the hour
when, as lightning leaps the heavens,
you return to lead us home.
You have promised, "I am coming."
Swiftly, our Lord Jesus, come.

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION** *To take each moment
and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me*

*** POSTLUDE**

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LEADING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Minister	Rev. Will Norman
Liturgist	
Head Usher	Jane Martin
Organist	Carolyn Reiff
Pianist	Pamela Prater
Greeters	Jim & Carol Neilson
Coffee Hosts	Sally Reed, Noreen Chase

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Faye Brannan, Paula Castles, Sammie Collins,
Anna Germeshausen, Claudette Johnson,
Martha Kessler, Leni Maas, Pete Martin,
Al Massa, Dathion Ruiz, Jane Siefertman,
Doug Smith, Mary Ann Stewart,
Helene Tidball, Leroy Watson,
For the caregivers within our community,
Those serving in the military, their families,
Local, national, and international leaders,
All who suffer persecution around the world.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Worship 1:15 pm, *St. John's Village
Chapel*

TUESDAY

Altar Light Deadline Noon
Adult Fellowship 5:30 p.m., *Social
Hall*

WEDNESDAY

Potluck & Adult Study 5:30 p.m.,
Social Hall

THURSDAY

Choir Practice 6:30 pm *Sanctuary*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Shoe Boxes

School supplies are on sale right now, so see Marilyn to make your financial contribution for their purchase.

Social Hall supplies

Please make a financial contribution for Social Hall supplies, either in an envelope marked for that purpose in the offering plate, or in the office.

Talk to Carolyn Reiff if you have any questions.

Hygiene items for 4th & Hope

We are collecting hygiene supplies for 4th & Hope in the Narthex.

Talk to Carolyn Reiff if you have any questions.

Yolo Youth Collective (YYC)

This last 2 meetings of the month will focus on service, at the Yolo County Fair; see your Altar Light for details.

Beer and Hymns

will be Tuesday, August 22nd, at 7:00 p.m., tentatively scheduled for The Burger Saloon.

Movie Night

August 25th come watch *Interstellar*. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., Social Hall

Fall Sermon Series,

“Come Out My People,” will begin Sunday, August 27th.

New Potluck and Adult Study Series Will Begin

Meeting at the regular time and place, Wednesday evenings at 5:30 in the Social Hall, the new series, The Great Courses: Judaism, will begin Wednesday, September 6th.

Memorial Chairs

Remember, a memorial chair in is a very nice way to commemorate or honor our family members and friends. Forms and pens are in the sorter on the table in the narthex.