

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Introit** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**Call to Worship (after John 15:1-8)**

One: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**All: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

One: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

**All: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, and prolific.**

One: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

**All: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

One: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**All: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Hymn Sequence** "Crown Him King of Kings" #44  
,"Crown Him with Many Crowns" #45

**\*Gathering Prayer: Almighty God, grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri** #813  
*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.*

**Scripture Lessons: John 15:1-8** pg. 878

One: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. All: Alleluia!

One: He has defeated the powers of death. All: Alleluia!

One: Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing. All: Alleluia!

One: He has the words of eternal life. All: Alleluia!

**Sermon** "Jesus Scissorhands"

Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff

**Moment of Silence**

**\*Hymn of Response** "O How I Love Jesus" #92

**Joys and Concerns**

**Song** "Cares Chorus" (seated) #627

*I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

**Doxology** #815

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above the heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Dedication of the Offering**

**Announcements**

**\*Song:** "Love Lifted Me" #508

**\*Benediction**

**+Postlude**

**\* Please rise in body or spirit.**

**+ All are warmly invited to enjoy fellowship after the service.**

**Altar Flowers:** Given by Cookie Stojak in honor of the gals from Mitchell's lunch.

**Welcoming Deacons:** Shawn Tycz and Theresa Reeves

**Reading Deacon:** Lindsey Joy

**Ushers today:** Jane Palmer and Bonnie Palmer

**WELCOME:** Third Church welcomes you to worship on this Sunday morning. If you are visiting with us, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering plate. Please join us for Coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

**Don't forget the outreach box. Bring a can of food to church each Sunday. Our collection goes to help meet the needs of the food shelves of Amazing Grace.**

#### **Upcoming Events**

4/28 Standing Comm 11:30AM

Tag Sale Drop off 11-1

Troop Meeting 4PM

4/30 Girl Scouts 5:30PM

5/1 Bible Study 10AM

NA Meeting 5:45PM

Flywheelers 7:30PM

5/3 Tai Chi 10AM

Tag Sale 4-6PM

5/4 Missions Tag Sale 8-12PM

5/5 Music Meeting 11:30AM

#### **Congregational Care**

If you know of any concern or a member or friend who needs a visit, please contact the office via email or note.

If you would like special prayers for anyone, please contact Kim Kennedy.

#### **Bible Study**

Wednesday with Pastor Daniel at 10AM

Saturday with Collin Kennedy 10AM

#### **Prayers**

**All prayer concerns will be listed for four weeks. After that time, let us know if you want your request to remain on our list.**

\*Please pray for Randy's parents, both are in critical condition.

\*Please pray for Martha, she is having knee replacement surgery.

\*Please pray for Elaine, she is having shoulder surgery.

\*Please pray for Joanne M., she is experiencing health issues.

\*Please pray for Dianna Dixey, she is diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

\*Please pray for Doreen, she is having recovery issues.

\*Please pray for Al and Carol.

\*Please pray for Gladys, mother of Leslie Hassmann, who has been experiencing serious health issues over the last few months.

\*Please pray for Larry who is experiencing serious health issues. Pray for Joy also.

\*Please pray for Sherri, niece to the Joys, struggling with ALS.

\*Please pray for Ann, friend of Corrine, continuing cancer treatment.

\*Please pray for Susan Clark who is experiencing health challenges.

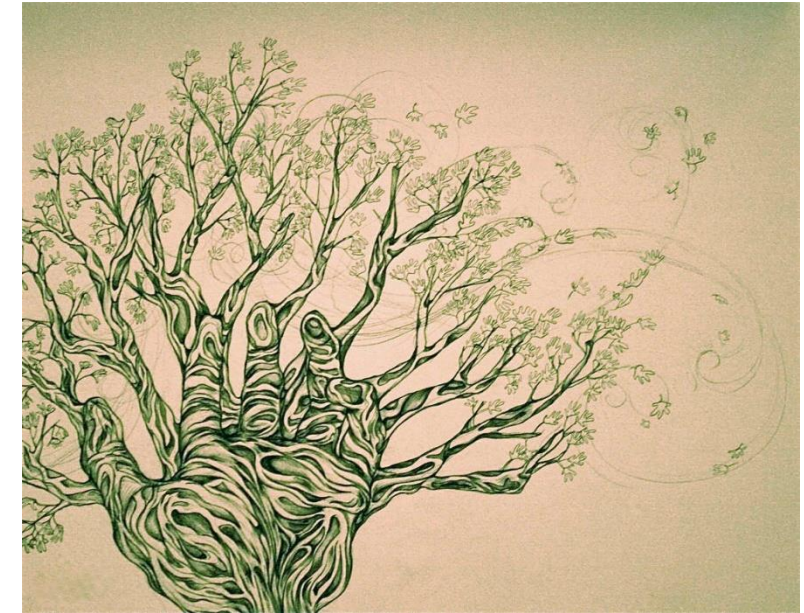
#### **Remember our shut-ins with prayer:**

Betty Behn, Autumn Lake Healthcare & Rehab, Middletown, Lynda Andrew at home, Walt Manthay, at home, Don Keathley at home.

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