November 17, 2019 11:00 am

WEST CENTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE  *Voluntary in G* Leon Roques, Old French Carol

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are always in wonder of all your works.

People: By thy hand nothing is impossible.

Leader: Your church is the body of Christ.

People: Give to it people of courage and faith.

Leader: Give to it those who are diligent in worship.

People: Bring forth love like a beacon of truth.

All: We go guided by the knowledge of whose hand we hold.

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, from whom all goodness flows; quiet my thirst for those things that would not bring glory to your name or joy to your heart. Stifle my desire for power and privilege. Cleanse my thoughts that tend to discourage. Grant that my ears may be closed to discord and open to opportunities to serve you. We are so aware that we have not always honored you in word or deed. Allow me, Lord, to walk in your light, to act in your strength, to think in your wisdom, to speak in your truth, to live in your love. We humbly ask these in light of your life-giving mercy. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER CHORAL RESPONSE

UNISON WORDS OF AFFIRMATION Psalm 23:6

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

MUSIC MEDITATION Henry Smart, 1850

Faint not, fear not, God is near thee Though thou dost forget His love, Bring thy sorrows, He will hear thee, From His heav’nly throne above. Often as thou hast offended, Blessings still thy life doth cheer. Tho with thorns the flow’rs are blended, Faint not, fear not, God is near.

Robyn O’Brien, soprano; Andrea Nwoke, alto

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THE RESPONSIVE READING Canticle 9 Page 2 of Today’s readings

*The Pastor and the congregation will read alternate verses. All will read the final verse.*

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

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\*THE GOSPEL WITNESS Luke 21: 5-19 Page 3 Today’s readings

SERMON Rev. Dr. Kris Watson

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 392 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors) CHORAL RESPONSE

THE CALL FOR THE OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING (from Mass in G) Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

Lo, my Shepherd’s hand divine, Want shall nevermore be mine. When I faint with summer’s heat, He shall lead my weary feet To the streams that still and slow Through the verdant meadows flow.

\*RESPONSE (sung by all)

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. Amen.

\*DEDICATION

COMMUNION

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 447 *Lead On, O King Eternal*

UNISON BENEDICTION *(Please be seated.)*

Please join you see the in where you see the bold print.

The cross, we will take it. The Gospel, we will live it.

The bread, we will break it. The love, we will give it.

The pain, we will bear it. The light, we will cherish it.

The joy, we will share it. The darkness, God shall perish it. Amen.

POSTLUDE  *Festal March (from Rinaldo)* George Frederic Handel

\**Please stand, as you are able and comfortable standing.*

After worship you are invited to join us for coffee hour in Bodge Lounge hosted this week by the Board of Hospitality.

A coffee Hour sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board.

*Please take a look, and sign up. Many Sundays are open.*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/3/ Rick Macerata.11/6 Lisa Furey, 11/15: Hayley Moreno, 11/19 Lauren Lou 11/24 Paula Parson

Covenant of Care

Paula Parson Trish Jamison Amanda & Jesse Wilson Tech. Sgt. Timothy Peters

Ann Jamison Nancy Schaefer Ted St. Angelo Trish Looney Paul Collarile

Vynetta Ross Scott Johnson Kathleen McQueen, Sister of Peggy Looney

Daniel Johnson, Brother of Scott Johnson and Son of Charlotte Johnson

Robert Graves, Brother of Rev. Ervin Graves

Dr. Charles Binder, Father of Richard Binder

Roger Mancini, Friend of Jeanette Johnson

Cindi Barna, Friend of the Mitchell Family

Liz Tobler, friend of the Mitchell Family

West Center Church Calendar

Worship is on Sunday at 11:00am. Church School is also at 11:00am.

Sun. Nov. 17 Trustee meeting, 10am, Deacons Meeting at 12:30pm in the Library

Sunday. November 24 Thanksgiving Dinner, West Center , Thur. Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day, December 1: First Sunday in Advent

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