

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

"When Memory Fades"

When memory fades, and recognition falters, when eyes we love grow dim, and minds, confused, speak to our souls of love that never alters; speak to our hearts, by pain and fear abuses. O God of life and healing peace, empower us with patient courage, by your grace infused. As frailness grows, and youthful strengths diminish in weary arms, which worked their earnest fill, your aging servants labor now to finish their earthly tasks, as fits your mercy's will. We grieve their waning, yet rejoice, believing your arms, unwearied, shall uphold us still. Within your spirit, goodness lives unfading. The past and future mingle into one. All joys remain, unshadowed light pervading. No valued deed will ever be undone. Your mind enfolds all finite acts and offerings. Held in your heart, our deathless life is won!



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 27, 2024

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PRELUDE "Shall We Gather at the River" (Traditional) Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Joel K. Boyd

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT

**Stand in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsively spoken*) Peggy Wright

Leader: As we gather for Worship, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us.

Congregation: **May the stories of God's faithfully departed resound in our hearts.**

Leader: May the God of every generation form us anew for this time in this community.

Congregation: **And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #382

***INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*in unison*) Peggy Wright

Lord God, we give You thanks and praise for the gift of life. Thank You for all those who have come before us in the faith and for the example they have set. Be with us by the Holy Spirit and bless us to continue our faith journey together as we pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place" #556

SUNDAY SCHOOL MOMENT Colleen Foster

(Children are released to Sunday School.)

ANTHEM "When Memory Fades" by Carl F. Schalk Sanctuary Choir
(see back page for lyrics)

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE (READING OF THE NECROLOGY) Rev. Joel K. Boyd
(see insert)

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL AMEN

BLESSING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Rock of Ages" #330
(in unison, remain seated)

***DOXOLOGY** (*sing in unison*) #563

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*OFFERING PRAYER

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20:26–28 | Page #22 NT Rev. Joel K. Boyd

Minister: This is the Gospel message of our Savior.

Congregation: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

SERMON SERIES *Leading Together*
SERMON TITLE "Humble Together" Rev. Joel K. Boyd

***SENDING HYMN** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" #308

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Joel K. Boyd

POSTLUDE "For All the Saints" arr. by Michael Helman Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Sanctuary Choir and Danny Reeves
TECHNICIAN: Scott Hokett | **GREETER:** Michele Fecht | **LITURGIST:** Peggy Wright

The flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given by Jody and Dave Scheller in loving memory of their daughter Sarah Di Pasquale and in memory of all those who Meadowbrook has lost this year.

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Reading of the Necrology
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