

# CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.



### PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

#### CENTERING PRAYER

All I want, Jesus, is more and more to abandon everything to You. The more I go on, the more I realize I don't know where I am going. Lead me and take complete control of me. *Doce me facere voluntatem tuam quia Deuse meus es tu. Teach me to do thy will, for You are my God.* - Thomas Merton

**MUSICAL MEDITATIONS**

Bryant Hand

## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bennett Brown

### PRELUDE

Hymn to Joy  
Dawn McCord, organ

Wayne Wold

### CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.

**This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.**

This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.

**This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.**

This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!

**This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love!**

### HYMN

Soon and Very Soon  
Devon Hill and Mimi Gentry, songleaders

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

Bennett Brown

When we remember all the mistakes we have made, all the careless words we have spoken, all the contempt we have given to those around us, we have trouble looking God in the eye. But God gazes at us with mercy and love, waiting to forgive us, even as we hesitate to speak of the brokenness of our hearts. Join me as we pray, saying:

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bennett Brown

Again we must confess, Master of the Universe, our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful once again of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall once again, keeping company with our old friend, sin. Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we fill ourselves once again, with scorn for the poor choices they make. Have mercy, Journeying God, have mercy on us. Once again open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. - *A period of silent reflection follows - Amen*

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

Rev. Michael Moore

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Servant. The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

The liturgy was written by Pastor Michael's friend and colleague, Thom M. Shuman. It can be found in his book, *Playing Hopscotch in Heaven* © 2013

## **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE:**

Psalm 90:1-12

Rev. Michael Moore

This is the Word of the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!

### **ANTHEM**

Lost Without You  
Zay Warren, bass

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### **GOSPEL READING:**

Matthew 25:14-30

Rev. Michael Moore

This is the Word of the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!

### **SERMON**

Lord, Teach Us to Fully Live Our Lives

Rev. Michael Moore

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(When you hear Lord in your mercy, please respond by saying: hear our prayer)

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

### WORD OF GRACE AND THANKSGIVING

Rev. Michael Moore

God's love is revealed in those who seek to be faithful in sharing their gifts, so the hungry might be fed, so the lonely might be comforted, so the forgotten will be remembered, so our sisters and brothers might know God's grace and love in their lives. Amen.

## FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

### HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past  
Devon Hill and Mimi Gentry, songleaders

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### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

There is a Higher Throne  
Leslie Goldsmith, piano

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## **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Pastor: Rev. Michael Moore

Music Director and Organist: Dawn McCord

Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith

Liturgist: Bennett Brown

Sound Technician: Bryant Hand

Musical Meditations: Mary Anne Taylor and Bryant Hand

Handbell Director: Brianna Cunningham

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Christian sympathy is extended to Denise Robinson and her family on the death of her Brother-in-law, Bobby Camp, Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Denise and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
<b>Monday, November 16</b>		
<b>Tuesday, November 17</b>		
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Disciple Fast Tracks- The Prophets	
<b>Wednesday, November 18</b>		
<b>Thursday, November 19</b>		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach Team
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
6:30 p.m.	Wine and the Word Circle	
<b>Friday, November 20</b>		
<b>Saturday, November 21</b>		
<b>Sunday, November 22</b>		
9:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	
11:00 a.m.	Streaming Worship Service	Worship Team
* For more information on any of these events, please contact the church office, or an elder serving on the appropriate leadership team.		
<b>Session Members:</b> Jay Horsley (Admin), Mimi Gentry (Communications), Mary Anne Taylor (Worship), Dena Wilson (Fellowship & Worship), Chase Robinson (Stewardship & Finance), Carolyn Aycock (Stewardship & Finance), Pat Sheffield (Member Care), Jared Price (Christian Ed.), Jackie Warren (Buildings & Grounds), Jeb Brown (Buildings & Grounds), Patti Stewart (Outreach), and Jeff Branyon (Outreach)		