



# FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**OCTOBER  
2020**

“ The LORD makes firm the steps  
of the one who delights in him;  
though he may stumble, he will  
not fall, for the LORD upholds  
him with his hand. ”

Psalm 37 : 23-24

SUNDAY

**WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

**11:00 am**

## AUTUMN: PRAISING GOD'S CREATION IN THE CHANGING COLORS

In “Hurrahing in Harvest” the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins revels in the marvelous elements of nature that herald the arrival of autumn. All his life, Father Hopkins discerned divine beauty in the beautiful things on earth, and autumn brings an abundance of them, many of them edible as well as nice to look at!

The poet, surveying the sheaves standing in a field and the wind-swept clouds in the blue sky, lifts up his heart and eyes: “Down all that glory ... to glean our Savior.” Father Hopkins, who lived in the 19th century, was a psalmist for his age. The biblical Psalms burst with the praises of God’s glory revealed in the natural world. Psalm 104 is a lengthy and lyrical paean to God as Creator of all things in the universe. It begins “Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord, my God, you are great indeed!” and continues for 35 verses to extol God’s work of creation, describing it in the most exquisite poetic language.

Psalm 96 invites the “sea and what fills it,” “all the trees of the forest” and other creatures to “rejoice before the Lord,” while in Psalm 98 “the rivers clap their hands” and “the mountains shout with them for joy” at the coming of the Lord.

In the U.S. we associate autumnal beauty with colorful foliage — nature’s own “last hurrah” before the quiet of winter takes hold. The Hebrew psalmists knew nothing of our fall foliage, but they did know about light.

As in all ancient civilizations before the ready availability of artificial light, light was a precious commodity. The psalmists use it as a metaphor for God's care for us. "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path" (Ps 119). "The Lord is my light and my salvation" (Ps 27).

Psalm 148 calls upon "sun and moon ... all shining stars" to praise the Lord, a call repeated in the great Canticle of Creation in the Book of Daniel. The New Testament continues the theme: the First Letter of John even tells us that "God is light" (1 Jn 1:5).

The varying qualities of sunlight reveal different aspects of the amazing variety of colors of the autumn leaves. Strong midday sunlight casts shadows, giving the trees a playful, dappled look. The rising and setting sun enhances the colors and throws the patterns on the trunks into relief. Sunlight muted by a cloud cover provides the even light beloved of photographers.

Eventually the leaves fall, forming a carpet of color on forest floors and suburban lawns and in city parks. The trees stand naked in the waning November light, which has its own bleak beauty, a calm as a prelude to nature's winter restfulness.

Our Creator God's own beauty is "past change" (Father Hopkins again, in a poem about spring!), yet in his unsurpassed goodness he reveals his beauty to us through nature in myriad ways.

And even as the last leaves fall, we see on the bare branches the tiny buds that will burst into fresh green growth in the spring — something to look forward to during the darkness of winter, which has its own shy but entrancing light.

Theologian Karl Rahner, writing of the human being's innate longing for God, called God the horizon on which the eyes of our soul are constantly fixed. Let us heed St. Peter, who calls us to be attentive to God's word "as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in (our) hearts" (2 Pt 1:19).



# Prayer Requests

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41 : 10

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To **ADD** or **REMOVE** names to :

- *Prayer Requests*
- *Newsletter Mailing*
- *Birthday/ Anniversary*

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AUTUMN

*By Erma Grove*



The mountain is a paisley print,  
Of browns and reds of gold;  
With here and there a touch of green,  
Rare beauty to behold.

The autumn sun plays hide and seek,  
With fleecy clouds serene;  
And purple shadows dance about,  
Across the lovely scene.

The air is filled with pungent smells,  
That only fall inspires;  
The spicy apple cider tang,  
The smoke from blazing fires.

Persimmons ripen now that frost,  
Has whitened earth each night;  
But bravely still fall flowers stand,  
And bloom in clusters bright.

It's fun to trample through the leaves,  
Along the gray stone wall;  
To pick the orange bittersweet,  
To hear the wild geese call.

The air is brisk, the steps are quick,  
The squirrels hurry too;  
To gather nuts for wintertime,  
Before the snow is due.

The farmer stores the golden corn,  
With soft brown fodder yields;  
In bins go apples red, or pears,  
And seeds for next year's fields.

These are the things autumn brings,  
The sights, the smells, the sounds;  
Let hearts o'erflow in gratitude,  
That God in love abounds.



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Thank you to **Jim Bostian** and **Bill Houck** for all that they do for the church grounds, inside and out!

Thank you to **Carole Houck** for weeding, watering and maintaining the flower beds.

Services have been going great! Thank you to the Pastors for taking care of the altar candles to help with distancing. Thank you to **all** for your offerings to help to keep the church going! Thank you to **all** for social distancing in seating and wearing masks during hymns.



We continue to participate in the collection of POP TABS from any aluminum can, including soda, soup, fruit, etc. This collection will support the Ronald McDonald House. Tim Waybright is raising awareness of this important cause and you can find more information online at RMHC.org and reading material in the arcade to take. Thank you to **ALL** who have brought in so many!

**BINGO**

Faith's Bingo which was scheduled for October 17, 2020 has been **cancelled**. New Bingo dates for 2021 are set for May 22 and December 4.



OCT 10 - STEVE STULL



The next Consistory Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12, at 7:00 pm.

# Encouragement Encouragement

As a group of frogs was traveling through the woods, two of them fell into a deep pit. When the other frogs crowded around the pit and saw how deep it was, they told the two frogs that there was no hope left for them.

However, the two frogs decided to ignore what the others were saying and they proceeded to try and jump out of the pit.

Despite their efforts, the group of frogs at the top of the pit were still saying that they should just give up. That they would never make it out.

Eventually, one of the frogs took heed to what the others were saying and he gave up, falling down to his death. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die.

He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?"

The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were *encouraging him* the entire time.

## ***Moral of the story:***

*People's words can have a big effect on other's lives. Think about what you say before it comes out of your mouth. It might just be the difference between life and death.*

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# Lord's Prayer Word Search

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N T A L K T D A N L H V O R P  
Y E V E I L E B N H P A E Z R  
T Y A R P B U H E Y E M N Q A  
I L I S T E N S C Y W A A D I  
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ANYTIME  
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BELIEVE  
COMMUNICATE  
DAILY  
EXAMPLE  
EYES  
FORGIVENESS  
HANDS

HEARS  
HEAVEN  
LISTENS  
POWER  
PRAISE  
PRAY  
SIMPLE  
TALK  
TEMPTATIONS

