



## Kent United Church of Christ

*AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL, and W.I.S.E. CONGREGATION*

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**November 19, 2023**

PRELUDE

*For Me to Live is Jesus*

J. Pachelbel, arr. P.L. Harris

GREETING

Rev. Amy Gopp, senior minister

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #419

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pam Quellhorst, liturgist

Holy One, you have been our God from generation to generation.

Before the universe exploded and the earth was without form, you have been with us.

**Creator, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.**

We enter your presence to worship and praise your holy name.

**Mighty One, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.**

Teach us to count the days with joy and appreciation for your marvelous works and steadfast love.

**Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.**

**Let us worship with thanksgiving!**

\*INVOCATION

Pam Quellhorst

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

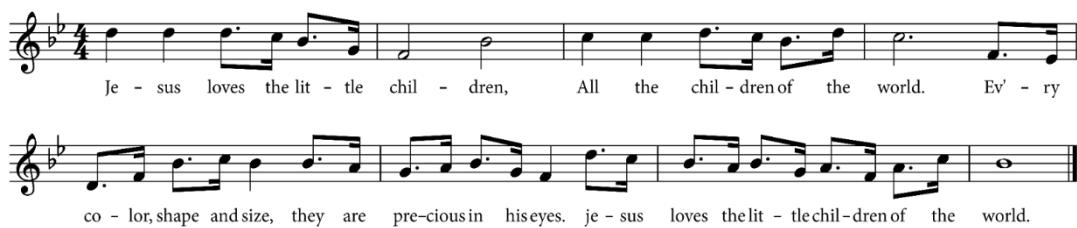
Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Amy

*"Jesus Loves the Little Children" is sung to bless the children.*



Je - sus loves the lit - tle chil - dren, All the chil - dren of the world. Ev' - ry  
co - lor, shape and size, they are pre-cious in hiseyes. je - sus loves the lit - tlechil-dren of the world.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Kai and Alder Johnson

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Colossians 3:15-17 (NIV)

Here ends the reading from God's word.

**Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.**

SERMON

*ThanksLiving*

Pastor Amy

ANTHEM

*We Gather Together*

Handbell Choir

arr. Kenny McChesney

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Amy

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Creator  
who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom,  
and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #376 *God, We Thank You for Our People*

HOLY MANNA

MOMENT FOR CREATION

Al Barber, green team

INVITATION TO GIVE AND RECEIVE

Crystal Shanley, stewardship

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Pastor Amy

\*CLOSING HYMN #423

*Great Is Your Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

POSTLUDE

*Jesus Shall Reign*

arr. Anna Laura Page



***Our service has ended. Now our service begins.  
You are the Body of Christ, and the whole world awaits you.***

*The flowers today are an offering from Muriel Breyley. Muriel and Cal are celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

## BAPTISMAL SERVICE

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

#### Welcome and Invitation

One: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

**All: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.**

One: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

#### Questions of the Candidates

##### \*Congregational Assent

One: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

**All: We promise our love, support and care.**

##### \*Affirmation of Faith

One: Let us unite with the church in all times and places. Do you believe in God?

**All: I believe in God.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit**

One: Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### Baptism

#### Prayer for the Baptized

One: We give thanks, O Holy One, Mother and Father of all the faithful, for and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and accompany these new members of the body of Christ.

**All: Give to the newly baptized: strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.**



Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7:00pm

*Kent United Church of Christ*

1400 East Main Street at Horning Road in Kent

Please join us, one and all, for a community service of thanksgiving to God!

There will be a reception after the worship service.

*Please bring a canned good or other non-perishable item for Kent Social Services.*

*Monetary offerings will also be received for Kent Social Services.*

*Childcare provided.*

Participating Churches and Organizations:

Christ Episcopal Church

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Portage County NAACP

Trinity Lutheran Church

United Christian Ministries

United Methodist Church of Kent

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

Kent United Church of Christ

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