

***The First Church of Christ in Marblehead  
Old North Church, United Church of Christ  
An Open and Affirming Congregation***

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**October 30, 2022**

**Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost**

**10:00am**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

Maria vanKalken, *organ*

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

Rev. Don Remick

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: People of faith, we are God's children.

**ALL:** **We are God's family, God's own flesh and blood.**

ONE: We are God's heirs, God's legacy.

**ALL:** **We are beloved and redeemed, chosen and called.**

ONE: We have nothing to fear, for in Christ, God's love is poured out upon us.

**ALL:** **Let our lives proclaim the truth that God is love and perfect love casts out fear.**

\* HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

#7

**CENTERING**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

You, gracious God, are love itself, and perfect love casts out fear. Come to us in merciful patience, we pray, to love us from fear to trust, from anger to grace, from doubt to faith. Love us from our self-centeredness to hearts that willingly give themselves in selfless sacrifice and service. Love us out of our scarcity to hearts overflowing with generosity. Love us from brokenness to wholeness, from resentments and forgiveness withheld to forgiveness freely offered just as it has been freely offered to us. Come to us, Lord, overwhelming us with your love that we might love as you first loved us. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**LORD'S 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 and ever. Amen

## PRAAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, like a loving father and caring mother, you watch over us and beckon us to follow the right path. But we get stuck: stopped by our fear of trying something new, trapped by our memories of past failures, caught in a web of conflicting choices, halted by the clamor of many voices. We know the distress of worry and the blur of tears. Like staring at an empty page, we feel trapped and hesitant.

Free us, O God, to follow with joyful steps, to hear clearly your directions, to be bold in our loving, courageous in our caring and brave in our speaking. Through our Lord, Jesus. Amen.

## SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \* CHORAL RESPONSE

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Spirit One,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen, Amen.

## MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Karen Kilty

### \* HYMN

*How Can We Name a Love*

#409

## LISTENING

## HEBREW LESSON

Isaiah 35: 1-4      Read by Bonnie MacDonald

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

## EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 4: 13-19

Read by Rev. Don Remick

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.

## ANTHEM

## *His Voice as the Sound*

arr. Parker/Shaw

## Senior Choir

## SERMON

## “Fear Not”

Rev. Don Remick

## SILENT PRAYER

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## RESPONDING

## OFFERTORY

## INVITATION

## PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

*Laudate Dominum* (from *Vesperae solennes de confessore*, K. 339) W.A. Mozart  
Rebecca Hains, soprano; Senior Choir

\* DOXOLOGY: #45 (Please note the text)

**Praise God, for love we all may share;  
Praise God, for beauty everywhere.  
Praise God, for hope of good to be.  
Praise God for truth that makes us free. Amen.**

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## SENDING

\* HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* #477

## \* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE (please join in singing) #351

**Go now in peace, go now in peace, go now in peace,  
We'll meet here again, we'll meet here again, go now in peace.  
*Shalom chaverim, shalom chaverim. Shalom, shalom.  
Lehitraot, lehitraot, shalom, shalom.***

## POSTLUDE

Maria vanKalken, *organ*