

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Stewardship Sunday

November 13, 2022 Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost 10:00am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Maria vanKalken, *organ*

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

Rev. Don Remick

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.
ALL: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.
ONE: Praise be to God who provides for us.
ALL: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.
ONE: Let us worship our good God:
ALL: With praise and thanksgiving!

* HYMN *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #454

CENTERING

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Good and faithful God, meet us in this place, in this hour, we pray. Comfort and confront us, delight and disturb us, exhort and expose us. Inspire us to generosity, fidelity and courage. Leave us not unchanged by having been in your company and in the company of your saints. Guard us from any wishful thinking that worship is just another hour in just another day. 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

PRAYER OF CONFESSON by Mari Castellanos

God of Grace, you have gifted us with a world of abundance; a land of plenty; a country where all can have enough. We come before you this day to thank you for this prosperity and to repent for those times we failed to share this wealth. God, we come before you to seek your forgiveness, even as we pray for your justice. Righteous God, Be with us this day Lord. Hear our prayers. Touch our hearts that we may be faithful witnesses and effective voices for justice.

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.

* HYMN

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

#374

LISTENING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Read by Dave Cross

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

ANTHEM

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace
Senior Choir

Moses Hogan

SERMON

“Under Rowing”

Rev. Don Remick

SILENT PRAYER

DEDICATION OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

OFFERTORY

INVITATION

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands arr. Margaret Bonds
Holly Cameron, *soprano*

- * 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 (please join in singing)

Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only
That makest me dwell in safety.

SENDING

- * HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* #238
- * BENEDICTION
- * RESPONSE (please join in singing) #334, verse 4
Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace. Amen

POSTLUDE Maria vanKalken, *organ*