

**Thanksgiving Sunday
November 19, 2023**

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY - All are welcome - loved for who you are, exactly as you are. If this is your first visit, please stay after worship so we can meet and say hello.

Please rise, either in body or in spirit at the places marked with an asterisk (*). For all other portions of the service, you may remain seated.

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Prelude

Choral Introit: *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord* (trad. Cameroon)

Welcome: #657 *This Is the Day*

Announcements

Invocation: unison

Creator God, you are life to us and holy is your name. Your new day will come, and your will be done, on earth as in heaven. We pray, give us this day our bread and forgive us our sins even as we forgive those who sin against us.

Strengthen us in our trials and deliver us from evil; for the power, the splendor and the fulfillment are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #101:** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

***Call To Worship:** responsive

L: Let us gather together in thanksgiving to God.

P: For God has made us and this earth which gives us nurture.

L: Let us gather together in gratitude for one another, for we are bearers of God's blessing of love in this community of faith we serve in God's name.

All: Let us praise God; let us join hands; let us reach out in care and courage so that the goodness of life may be for all God's children.

Psalm: 105 **UMH #828**

***Gloria Patri #70**

Passing the Peace

Celebrate Thanksgiving Food Offering

Ministry in Music: *For the Beauty of the Earth / God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

Joys & Concerns & God Moment

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Illumination: unison

Heavenly Father, creator and maker of us all, bless the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts. Grow within us Lord, teach us your ways and inspire us to live in your truth. Amen.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
page 205 N.T.

***Hymn #206:** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 page 28 N. T.
L. This is The Word of God, for the People of God.
P. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

***Hymn #2175:** *Together We Serve*
Offering

***Doxology** **UMH 94**

***Our Prayer of Dedication: unison**
God of Peace and plenty, we thank you for the beauty and abundance of our land and its

people. With these gifts, help us to respond with compassion to all those who need us. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Song: #2279: *The Trees of the Field*

Please remain seated during the Postlude.

Postlude

Offering: Please leave your offering in the plate as you leave or mail it. The Lord has given us so much, let us remember to return some to His church.

-Prayer List: Carol Brunelle, Beth Dietz, Jessica Guarnera, Dave Fanaras, Tim O'Donnell, Kathy Washburn, Lily Marion, Darlene Dout, Heidi Barta, Renata Cournoyer, Lucy Huegli, Bill Guarnera, Andrea Schlachter, Kelly & Steve Camp, Dulude Family, Dot Lambert & Family, Kevin McLaughlin, Bill Pead, Bill Beyer, Cathy Demers, Jerry Rubackin, Jim Anspach's Family - parents, Gene & Rene and Uncles Earl & Tom Anspach, Family of Doug Brooksbank, George Kiakis, Family of Adele Reynold, Family of Samantha Snopek, Family of Marion Winters, Mark Felsentreger

-Today after worship **Bake Sale** in Fellowship Hall to raise money for the Methodist Women's Mission Projects.

If you are in need of prayers or need to speak with a pastor
call 413 532-0500 or email.
e-mail: office@UMCSouthHadley.org
web site: UMCSouthHadley.org
Church office 413 532-0500 Leave a message.

Welcome to our church



United Methodist Church
of
Holyoke, South Hadley & Granby

Pastor Ira Cameron
Dr. Heather Reichgott, Minister of Music
Liturgist: Ann Felsentreger

Mark Your Calendar

Every Sunday after worship: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and...

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Join Pastor Ira in Fellowship Hall for coffee & conversation

Thursday: Have a blessed Thanksgiving - No choir

Sunday: Casseroles for Kate's Kitchen are due.

Choir rehearses after the service

November 28: 9:00 a.m. Join Pastor Ira in Fellowship Hall for coffee & conversation

November 30: 6:30 p.m. bells only

December 3: Choir rehearses after the service,

December 5: 6:00 p.m. **Council & Trustee** in Fellowship Hall & on Zoom

December 10: 9:00-noon **UWF workshop** before & after worship: Help make cards & a craft for our Friends at Home & put together White Christmas bags

9:15 Bell warm-up

December 17: 10:00 a.m. **Christmas music service**

December 24: **6:00 p.m. Candle Light Service**

No morning service.

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

UWF NEED MORE HATS, MITTENS, SCARVES

Yes, we will have a Christmas tree to hang the hats and mittens on. The hats, mittens & scarves will be used for the Secret Santa gifts and some are delivered to those in need. New are best but slightly used are welcome. All sizes are needed especially older youth. This small mission project has been going on in our church for what seems like forever and the children and adults who are cold appreciate the hats and mittens.

BE A SECRET SANTA – How can you help?

'Tis the time for the Secret Santa for Christmas program. We have children who will need gifts, and that means we need more people to shop and donate money too. Last year we helped 74 children have a happy Christmas. We already have **88** names this year. You can help by:

-Buying gifts for 1 or more children

-Donating money to help pay for gifts

There is a Wish Card for each child. Some want toys, some want clothes or boots. ***The 'wish cards' are available today!*** See Martha or Heather Hackett.

Your help is always welcome. If you have question or would like to help, talk to Ann 413-695-1212 or Martha.

If you know of a family who will go without gifts, give their information to Ann. Names and all information will be kept confidential.