

Participating in Worship Today

Piano:	Julie von Eschen
Song Leaders:	Steve & Kelly Brumm
Greeter:	Florence Beutler
Ushers:	Leon & Julie McGregor
Reader:	Barbara Schmidt
Audio Tech:	Alan Ferguson
Communion Bread:	Margy Murray
Serving Communion:	Leon & Julie McGregor
Dishwashers:	Phil & Pat Leavenworth
Ministers:	All the people
Pastor:	Brad Brookins

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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 sins,

As we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen

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Imagine what God can do with the living...

The most practical thing is not to weep but to act and to have faith in God's assistance and grace in our trying to do God's will.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel



Mt Vernon Zwingli United Church of Christ
24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2017

Greeting

Silence

Lamentations 3:26

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Prelude

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

Bringing in the Light

1st Song

The Lighthouse

2nd Song

Pennies from Heaven

*** The Call**

Holy God, you call us to a high standard—to love you with our whole heart, mind and strength. It is hard for us to love what we cannot see, hear or touch. By your grace, grant us the trust that gives birth to love. You call us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. It is hard to love those we do not know and those we do fear. By your grace make *your* love flow through us to the world around us. Day by day lead us in the way of Jesus we pray, Amen.

*** The Promise**

Anyone, which means everyone, who is in Christ has become a new creation. The old is finished and gone. Everything has become new. By God's grace we are called, forgiven and made whole...

Thanks be to God!

Breathe on me Breath of God; fill me with life anew – that I may love what you do love and do what you would do.

What's Happening

Offering

What is Heavy Turns to Spirit

Carrie Newcomer

What is hard and heavy turns to spirit.

It cannot help but eventually

Become like a cup of ink...

Offertory

Give Thanks

*** Response**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

*** Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Open our eyes. Open our hearts. Open our hands. Help us to see the world as it is, without fear or worry, and to work for the world you envision, in faith, hope and love. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37. 1-6

3rd Song

River Where Mercy Flows

2nd Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37. 7

Sermon

The Table

We are invited

Sit at the Welcome Table

Our Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray...

*** Hymn**

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

*** Benediction**

May the road rise up to meet you...

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Please remember with your prayers, cards, and calls:

Beecher Daniels, awaiting more test results and the beginning of treatment.
Donna & Roger Stoll
Winnie Losenegger dealing with continuing back pain
Justine Schmid's grandson diagnosed with cancer

Serving in Worship on November 26, 2017

Greeter: Beecher Daniels & Joan Sharp
Ushers: Beecher Daniels & Joan Sharp
Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson
Reader: Palmer Haynes
Communion Bread: Tisha Brown
Serving Communion: Tisha Brown & Mary Penninga
Dishwashers: Hale/Murray/Daniels/Sharp
Coffee Hour: POTLUCK!!

Please remember we are signing up 4 people to wash dishes after Sunday brunch each week. If you can help, get your name on the signup sheet. Thanks.

Every Body Yoga meets in the fellowship hall at noon on Saturdays and at the Energy Center in Mt Horeb on Mondays at 9:30. Everyone is welcome!

Waffle Church is tonight from 5-6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your kids, grandkids and their friends. Have fun and enjoy the exquisite taste of scratch made waffles with real butter, real maple syrup, real fruit, real whipped cream and the pleasure of real conversation. See Mary Penninga if you have questions.

Congregational Meeting Notice There will be a formal Meeting of the Congregation following the worship service on Sunday, November 26, to vote on the proposed changes to our church constitution. Watch your email for the final draft of the document we will be voting on. If you have any questions please call Moderator Karen Fletcher (845-6067) or call the church office (832-6677)

The Community Clothes Closet Blanket Drive starts this Sunday and runs through November. All new or gently used blankets are needed but there is a special need this year for 4ft X 6ft throw blankets. Bring your donations to church and we will stack them on the chancel. Talk to Lori Burns, our CCC Liaison if you have any questions. Thank you.

Thanks to everyone who contributed fruit and nuts to our gift baskets this year. Your generosity is much appreciated.
Mt Vernon Caregivers

We will be collecting new and gently used toys (and cash donations) for the Verona FFA "Share a Toy" program over the next few weeks. Please place your gifts in the box on the chancel or your money gift in the offering plate with "Share a Toy" on the memo line. Thank you for being so generous. See Judy Edwards if you have any questions.

Reminder from our chief pipe organ fan: There will be a free Carol Sing at Overture Hall in Madison on Monday, November 27, with Principal Organist for the Madison Symphony Orchestra, Greg Zelek. The "Mighty Klais" pipe organ was custom built for Overture Hall and is a joy to behold!

If you who are interested in attending as a group, please let me know. Perhaps we could car pool and maybe stop for a bite to eat on the way. The Carol Sing will last for about one hour. It is a great way to kick off the holiday season, and you can't beat the price!
Alan Ferguson

What is Heavy Turns to Spirit

What is hard and heavy turns to spirit.
It cannot help but eventually
Become like a cup of ink
That is poured out into the ocean.
I do not doubt that for a time
The ink darkens the water,
Obscures and displaces the light,
Leaching out its tendrils
Staining what it touches.
But eventually,
Finally,
The ink must break down into its smallest elements.
And even the stains become only faint shadows
Barely noticeable to the outer eye.

This does not belittle the awful impact of a cup full of shadow.
It is only to say, that in an ocean of goodness,
In an expanse of health and light,
A cup full of dark can only prevail for so long,
Until it is overcome and transformed back into spirit,
Back into its smallest elements,
Received into the body,
To be made whole
And healed.

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