

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Oct. 30 Worship at 10:00am
 Sun. Nov. 6 Church Retreat at 11:00 am

A.A. meets at Noon, Tues. & Thurs., and
 7:00pm Sunday.

By [Shantideva](#)

May I become at all times, both now and forever
 A protector of those without protection
 A guide for those who have lost their way
 A ship for those with oceans to cross
 A bridge for those with rivers to cross
 A sanctuary for those in danger
 A lamp for those without light
 A place of refuge for those who lack shelter
 And a servant to all in need
 For as long as space endures,
 And for as long as living beings remain,
 Until then may I, too, abide
 To dispel the misery of the world.

Birthdays

Karen Parker Oct. 4
 Denise Follansbee Oct. 26

Prayer List:

Missing SHS Student Wendy Oliver
 Clyde Blish, Cheryl Perron
 Bea Tebo's brother Scott & Tracy
 Dottie Blish, Pope
 Bea Tebo's sister-in-law Bea Tebo
 David Bunker, Our church
 Ruth Dextraze, Claremont
 Donna Ellsworth, Servicemen &
 Daniel Follansbee, women
 Maureen Kinson & Communities
 family upon the death of David affected by
 Terry Grigsby, war,
 Melissa Mason, violence,
 Our nation, natural
 disaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-A big thank you to all who filled out the survey!

-Light refreshments will be served after worship this Sunday. Please stay for some fall fellowship!

-We encourage you to sign up to serve as Sunday liturgist. See the sign-up sheet.

-Church Retreat- Please mark your calendars! All are welcome to our Visioning Retreat Luncheon facilitated by Maggie Monroe-Cassell. At 11 am on Sunday, November 6th we will meet, immediately following our Communion Service, to plan together. We will review the results of the survey, enjoy a meal together and hear from community members about mission needs. All voices are critical in this process as we move forward.

-Reminder: December 21st evening worship services. The Missions Committee has announced that a free-will offering will be taken that evening to benefit the Rural Outright program at TLC.

-Let us know of new prayer concerns. You can contact any of us on the committee or let the church office know of updates. Parish Care Committee members: Jean Allen, Donna Ellsworth, Nancy Miles, Karen Parker

-Halloween pencils with Christian messages will be given out for Hallowesta (Mon., Oct. 31, 3:30pm, in front of church), along with candy. Financial contributions for the pencils and donations of candy would be appreciated. Drop donations off by October 30th at the church. Volunteers, please contact Dorée Russell 603-477-4636.

<u>Weekly Total</u>		<u>October Monthly Total</u>	
Pledges	\$670.00	Pledges	\$1,010.00
Loose/Unpledged	\$ 84.00	Loose & Unpledged	\$307.00
Parish Auction	\$260.00	AA	\$299.00
Bakery Rent	\$700.00	Missions	\$40.00
	\$1,714.00	Parish Auction	\$260.00
		Bakery Rent	\$700.00
		Total	\$2,616.00

Attendance last week: 20 in Church on Sunday

Donations can now be given online via the church website: <http://fccclaremont.weebly.com/donate.html>

Look for the Donate Button:



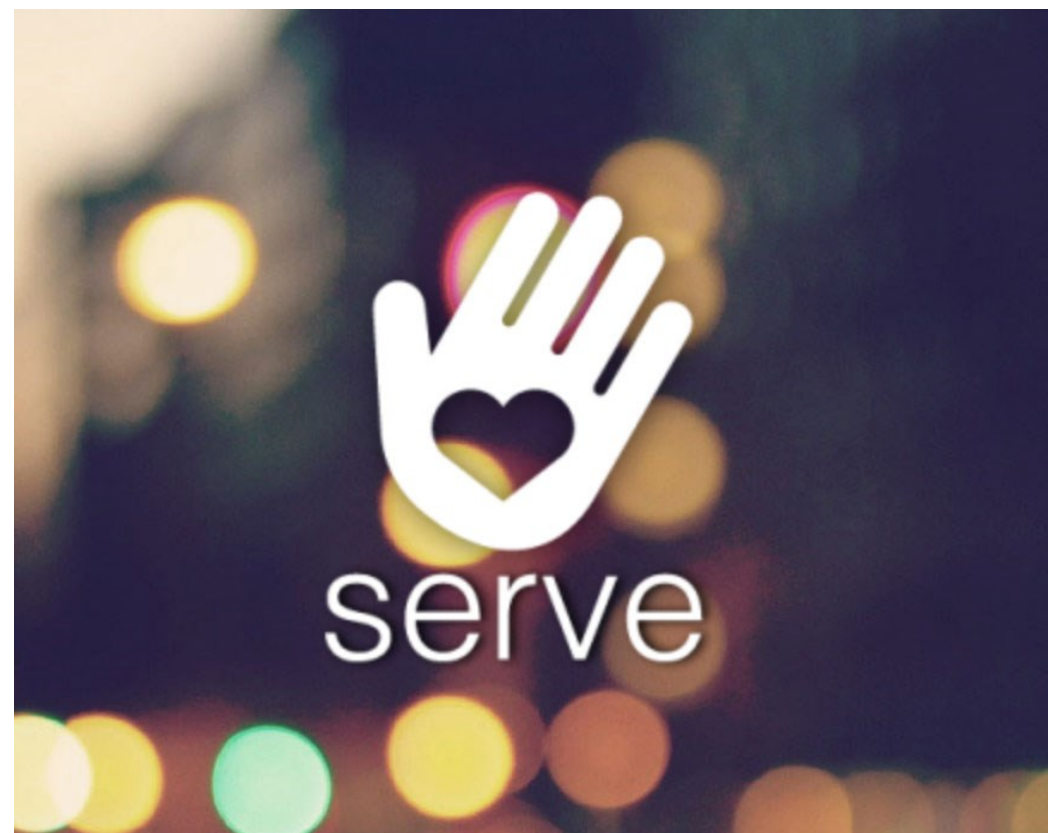
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Office Hours: Tues 8:30a.m.- 2:30p.m.

October 30, 2022



Sunday Worship

October 30, 2022

Guest Minister: Reverend Dr. Mellen Kennedy

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Katie Parker Ames

LITURGIST:

***NOTE – Those who are able may stand for items marked with an asterisk**

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, CONCERNS

MUSICAL INTROIT

Katie Parker Ames

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(RESPONSIVELY, FROM FOR THE INWARD JOURNEY BY HOWARD THURMAN):

Leader: In the quietness of this place, surrounded by the all-pervading Presence of God, our heart whispers:

People: Keep fresh before us the moments of our High Resolve,

Leader: That in fair weather or in foul, in good times or in tempests, in the days of darkness we remember,

People: Keep fresh before us the moments of our High Resolve,

Leader: When the foes are nameless or familiar, we may not forget that to which our lives are committed.

People: Keep fresh before us the moments of our high resolve.

***OPENING HYMN (insert #1) New Century Hymnal #386**

"The Church's One Foundation"

***INVOCATION (unison)**

"Here, God, your servants are gathered to listen to You. May we not ask ourselves what the world needs. Instead, may we ask ourselves what makes us come alive, and then have the courage to go do it. Because what the world needs, Gracious God, is people who have come alive in You!" (inspired by the words of Howard Thurman)

***GLORIA (insert #2) Pilgrim Hymnal #513**

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

(seated) **CONFESSION (unison)**

Leader: God, Open unto us—light for our darkness.

People: Open unto us—courage for our fear.

Leader: Open unto us—hope for our despair.

People: Open unto us—peace for our turmoil.

Leader: Open unto us—joy for our sorrow.

People: Open unto us—strength for our weakness.

Leader: Open unto us—wisdom for our confusion.

People: Open unto us—forgiveness for our sins.

Leader: Open unto us—tenderness for our toughness.

People: Open unto us—love for our hates.

Leader: Open unto us—Thy Self for our self.

People: Lord, Lord, open unto us!

~ inspired by a meditation of Howard Thurman

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God sent Jesus not to judge us, but to save us. God accepts both our courage and our fears. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Dare to accept the gift of new beginnings!

(seated) **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Katie Parker Ames

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD (OFFERING PLATES REMAIN STATIONARY)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION (insert #3) Pilgrim Hymnal #515**

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of new life, you teach us that our faith is forgiving and for giving. Inspire us to expand faith in generous offerings and loving service. Receive these gifts, we pray, as signs of our desire to serve well in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:11-13

MESSAGE

"Keeping Fresh Before Us Our High Resolve: A New Look at All Saints Day"

Those who have gone before us and lived with faith, strength and courage in troubling times are both a solace and a challenge for us. Saints have a minor position in the Protestant tradition, and at the same time, turning to their example can be a source of great inspiration. Let's take a bracing journey with some modern day saints whose message is particularly relevant today. If You have a favorite saint, please feel free to bring an image or a story.

CLOSING HYMN (insert #4) New Century Hymnal #177

"God of Change and Glory"

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE (insert #5) New Century Hymnal #82**

"Go, My Children"

***POSTLUDE**

Katie Parker Ames