

Together we reach, transform, and equip people for a lifelong relationship with Christ.

Welcome To Worship

Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church

November 24, 2024 ~ 9:30 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: George Kirk

CALL TO WORSHIP: George Kirk

Dear Lord, we come to your temple today to lift up our thanks and praise.

For many of us, you have generously provided for our needs.

Others in our midst suffer from illness, financial problems, relationship stress, and other issues, and we pray You will help them.

As we are about to enter this holy season of Advent, fraught with its materialism, let us strive first for Your kingdom and Your righteousness.

Let us store up our treasures in heaven and always remember...

We believers have all been richly blessed with Your grace, a promise of an end to pain and suffering, and for a life eternal with You, dear Lord. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER: George Kirk

*HYMN:

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

Hymnal 694

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

PUBLIC READING OF THE SCRIPTURE: Jaqie Keady

Matthew 6: 25-33

Do Not Worry

²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

“We Thank You Lord“

Pastor Jeff

ANTHEM:

“Every Good Gift”

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Jeff

*OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY PRAISE Hymnal 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: George Kirk

Dear Lord, please bless those who here, and by other means, have generously given of the fruits of their labors. Help the leaders of this church and of the United Methodist denomination to use these funds wisely, while focused on the goal of making disciples for the transformation of the world

We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side,
all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still
our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

BENEDICTION: Pastor Jeff