

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

United Church of Christ – Rev. Jacoba Koppert

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PRELUDE Kelley Nielsen

WELCOME

**PRESENTATION - VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
for 2020 and 2021**

CALL TO WORSHIP

I am the church; you are the church.

We are the church together.

We depend on our seniors and long-time members;
they have done much over the years and even now
are finding new ways to serve.

We are the church together.

We depend on our children to help us hear the
stories of Jesus with the joy of song and dance.

We are the church together.

We depend on our youth and young families
who give us a fresh perspective, do mission in the
community, rake leaves, teach the children and are
ready add their quick legs at a moment's notice.

We are the church together.

We depend on our members who serve the church
on committees, help make decisions, take care of
our property, make music, raise money and give of
themselves so others are blessed.

We need each other to be the church.

We are the church together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ¹

**Lover of us all, we sometimes forget that you have
created us to be in community. The Body of Christ
you have put together has united us with people
who have different gifts and values. Sometimes,
our differences separate us and cause conflict.
Remind us that when we separate ourselves from
each other, we separate ourselves from you.
Encourage us to receive the gifts others offer,
aware that you gifted them. Remind us of our own
gifts, and the ways we may use them in
community. Make us mindful. Make us
compassionate. Help us to see you in one
another. In your name we pray, Amen.**

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON¹

Beloved in Christ, know that you are God's own
and that through divine love you are freed to begin
anew the work of living together in compassionate
community.

CHILDREN'S TIME "Team Work"

THE SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 12:4-27

⁴ There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are different ministries and the same Lord; ⁶ and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. ⁷ A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. ⁸ A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, ⁹ faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, ¹⁰ performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. ¹¹ All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

¹² Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. ¹³ We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Certainly the body isn't one part but many. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? ¹⁶ If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. ¹⁹ If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? ²⁰ But as it is, there are many

parts but one body. ²¹ So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." ²² Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. ²³ The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. ²⁴ The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor ²⁵ so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. ²⁷ You are the body of Christ and parts of each other.

MEDITATION

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

"You are the Body of Christ and Parts of Each Other"

HYMN #507 *"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"*
vs. 1 and 2

Come, all Christians, be committed
To the service of the Lord;
Make your lives for Him more fitted,
Tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into His courts with gladness,
Each His sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness,
Be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye,
They are gifts from God above;
To be used by Christians freely
To proclaim His wondrous love.

Come again to serve the Savior,
Tithes and off'rings with you bring.
In your work, with Him find favor,
And with joy His praises sing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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. Amen.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *"Make Me a Blessing"* Al Hailey
**Make me a blessing, touch me today.
Lord, please use me, in your own way.
Washed of your spirit, humble and low,
into your service, Lord, let me go.
Lord, take these hands; Lord take these feet
into the paths you bid me go
Lord, make my life complete.
Short is our time, Lord, help us to know
where we may serve you, then bid us go.
Make me a blessing, touch me, I pray;
Lord, please guide me, oh, Father, today.**

POSTLUDE

Kelley Nielsen

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Announcements

WELCOME - We welcome you to our service of worship!

We are glad that you have joined us in-person, through the internet or on the radio.
We pray that you will experience the love of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

RADIO BROADCAST

11 AM Sunday radio broadcast on WCCN 98.5FM and 1370AM

**This week's radio broadcast is sponsored anonymously
" In Praise and Thanksgiving of God our Father"**

- Coffee and Cupcakes TODAY – as we thank all who serve in the church and on behalf of the church in the community

- Tuesday, October 26th 1 PM Bible Study on the Letter of Ephesians
- Tuesday, October 26th 2 PM – Discussion of Afghan refugees relocation

- Saturday, October 30th 8:30 AM – Breakfast at St. Mary's for Change of Seasons
10 AM – Confirmation students leaf raking
- October 31st - Quarterly Meeting Next week immediately after worship
- November 7th - All Saints Day observed and Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Every Wednesday 6:30 PM – Working on Crafts for Holiday Fair at Carla Marty residence
- Anyone interested in tying quilts (no experience needed)- please contact Doris Bakker at 715-743-4215 home, or 715-613-3404 cell

To prepare for the quarterly meeting, October 31st-
A Proposed Revision to Constitution will be available on the back table

We highly recommend everyone attending services to wear a mask
and practice social distancing.

