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10:00 AM

"We are a community in Christ, called to act with love toward our neighbors."

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY THANKSGIVING SUNDAY TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(As we prepare for worship, we invite quiet contemplation of the Living God.)

**For those who are able, please stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT #177 (UCC-Red) "Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #12 (NCH-Black) "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

OPENING PRAYER (From Psalm 100, responsive)

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
**serve the Lord with gladness
and come before God's presence with a song.**
2 Know this: The Lord is God;
**who has made us, and we belong to God;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**
3 Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving;
go into God's courts with praise;
give thanks to God and call upon God's Name.
4 For the Lord is good;
with mercy everlasting;
and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

*SONG OF PRAISE #338 (UCC-red) (Gloria Patri)

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

GOD MOMENT

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
John 6:25-35

THE CHILD IN US ALL

(Teachers and classes leave for Church School)

SERMON

"Dedication and Gratitude"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

*HYMN #43 (UCC-Red)

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR GIFTS (Please send pledges & donations to the church via mail or use online giving.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

*SONG OF PRAISE HYMN #780 Doxology (NCH – Black)

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN #419 (NCH-Black)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #812 (NCH-Black) "Threefold Amen"

Amen, Amen, Amen

POSTLUDE

WE EXTEND THE HAND of Christian fellowship to all who have come to worship in this Welcoming, Open and Affirming congregation. May our prayers and the hearing of God's Word make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed.
If you are visiting for the first time, we welcome you.

To join our online live worship service for each Sunday at 10:00 A.M., go to the church website, www.fccuccspfdvt.org. Click on Worship on the black bar under the picture of the church. Click on the Facebook link. Click on the arrow of the live video.
Nursery care (up to 3 years old).

OUR THANKS to Jon Clinch and all who participated in our service this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Patti Kemp in honor of her sister's birthday.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE:

Those words can mean most anything. Would you or someone you know benefit from prayers, home visits, help with shopping, rides to appointments, prepared meals, food to help you over a hard time? If you have such a need, or know someone who does, please contact one of the Congregational Care co-chairs. Claire Trask at 886-7377.

PRAYER LIST

Ginny Blais	Marion Lerandean
Claire Hatch	John Mobus
Suerae and Jim Ballard	All others in need

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!

Nov. 20	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Nov. 24	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	
Nov. 26	Decorate the Church	9:00 AM
Nov. 27	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
PASTOR'S HOURS

Tues. & Wed. 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

STAFF

Pastor: Michael Mario
Administrative Assistant: Judy Lasell
Sexton: Todd Murray

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