

Order of Service

November 5, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Prelude "Melodie" Gluck

Welcome

Opening Prayer

We gather with joys and sorrows and memories of joy and sorrow. We gather from hope or habit, with happiness or heartbreak. We gather knowing every scuffed seat is a place a child sat and that every hymnal was held by someone singing. We gather, not only to remember, but to be present in this place of faith and to be supportive of one another. Amen.

Hymn No. 306 "For All the Saints"

Litany of Remembrance

Let us remember those who have gone before us.

For those who lit our lives with joy, for those who have touched us with tenderness, for those whose loss fills us with longing, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

Response for the remainder of the litany:

Holy God, within and among us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

Lighting of Candles

Unison Reading Psalm 23 (hymnal pg. 540)

Anthem "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Harry Rowe Shelley

Communion

Blessing and Distribution of Bread and Juice

Prayer of Thanks and the Prayer of Our Savior

Most gentle God, you have fed us this day with your sacred word and life-giving bread. May we continue to discern your calls in life, family, community, and in the movements of our hearts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for all people, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; now hear us as we pray the words that Jesus taught us, saying: 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.

Gospel Lesson

John 11:32-44

(pew bible pg. 1669-70)

Sermon

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Amazing God, we know there is nothing you cannot overcome. We confess to our profound need of your love, strength, and mercy. Too often, we come towards the moments of grief and sorrow resigned to the status quo. We anticipate the worst even when you are the provider of new life and new possibilities. We allow despair over the condition of our world to overwhelm us when you call us to follow you. Fortify us to live abundantly in your realm on earth. Transform us and breathe new life into us this day and every day. Amen.

Words of Affirmation

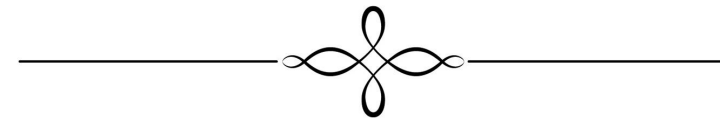
Offering

Hymn No. 182

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Blessing

Postlude



TCC's Holiday Fair is coming this Friday and Saturday, November 10-11!

Holiday Fair Set Up: All hands are needed to rearrange for the Fair following worship today!

Holiday Fair Sign Ups: Please help if you are able:

www.tccnorton.org/fair/#signup



Saints: Ruth Church, Don McKenney, Bob Middleton, Arnold Hinckley, Marie Holman,
Anthony Joseph Coyne

Violin: Florence Yu, Wheaton Class of '24

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Ways to Give:

- Place an offering in the plate near the door of the sanctuary.
- Give online via our TCC website: www.tccnorton.org/giving
- Use your mobile device by downloading the free Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app



TCC Prayers and Blessings:

The family and friends of Ruth Church, on her passing.

Jim Stewart; Becky McGrath; Karen Antonio; Pat Wedge; Mal Haskins;
Margaret Blake; Richie Chiasson; Lynne Haskins, sister of Melanie Stewart

To request an addition to TCC's Prayers and Blessings: www.tccnorton.org/ministries/#weekly

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Thank you for joining us today!

No matter who you are...

or where you are
on life's journey...

**YOU are
welcome here.**

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