

Service of Worship

Central St. Matthew United Church of Christ

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 21, 2021

At the *, all who are able, please stand. Congregation responses are in bold type.

Ringling of the Bells

Piano Prelude

“We Gather Together”

Lighting of the Candles

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Brockett

Introit

“Song of Thanksgiving”

Malcom Archer

Call to Worship

Norman Robinson

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before Him with thanksgiving
And extol Him with music and song.
For the LORD is the great God,
The great King above all gods.
In His hand are the depths of the earth,
And the mountain peaks belong to Him.

*The Opening Hymn

“Come, O Thankful People, Come”

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*The Invocation

Give us, our Father, a sense of Your presence as we gather now for worship. Grant us gratitude as we remember Your goodness, penitence as we remember our sins, and joy as we remember Your love. Enable us to lift up our hearts in humble prayer and fervent praise, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Ministry Moment

Leticia Casildo

Familias Unidas En Accion

The Choir Anthem

“Harvest Blessings”

Vernon Hoyle

The Reading of the Scriptures

The Old Testament

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The Gospel

John 6:25-35

**This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Sermon (All children are invited to come forward as all sing) Pastor Brockett

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.**

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

Holy God, You have given us many good gifts. Today we thank You for all of them, but we also confess that sometimes we love those gifts more than we love You. We confess wanting more and more things: food, clothes, toys, and money. Forgive us for not being content and thankful. Forgive our selfishness. Help us to love You more than everything else. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Silent confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hear these words from Christ: “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, go forth in the power of the Almighty, who forgives you and loves you. Amen.

*Passing of The Peace

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Sentence

Revelation 5:12

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

*The Pulpit Hymn

“Give Thanks”

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The Sermon

“Remember What God Has Done”

Rev. Philip K. Brockett

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Call to Communion

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Bread and Cup

If you are watching online, please use whatever elements you have available.

All are welcome at the table!

*Hymn of Praise

“I Will Bless Thee, O Lord”

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Carrying of the Light into the World

Acolyte

*Parting Hymn (Please join in the Circle of Friendship) “Bind Us Together”
**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.
There is only one God, there is only one King. There is only one body.
That is why we sing. Bind us together...**

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Nun danket alle Gott”

J. Walther

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.



CENTRAL ST MATTHEW
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bringing New Orleans Together

Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

“Remember What God Has Done”

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10:00 a.m.



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