

The Gayton Kirk

November 16, 2025

11 AM Service



"Wanderer Above the Sea of Fog" by Caspar David Friedrich

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

RINGING THE HOUR

Marney Titmus

PRELUDE

Margaret Storti, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

Be still, and know that I am God.

We come seeking Your presence, Lord.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Come, let us seek God's will through prayer and meditation.

We gather to draw near to God. Let us worship the Lord!

HYMN # 688

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
(We will sing verses 1,3, and 5)

Margaret Storti, piano

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sally Wambold

Gracious and merciful God, We come before You, acknowledging our need for Your presence and guidance. Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Reveal to us the places where we have strayed from You. We confess that we have not always been honest with ourselves or with You. We have harbored resentment, acted selfishly, and hurt others through our words and actions. We have been quick to justify ourselves and slow to admit when we are wrong.

Forgive us, Lord. Create in us clean hearts and renew right spirits within us. Help us to be still and know that You are God. Grant us the wisdom to know Your will and the strength to carry it out. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

Lord, hear now the confessions that silence draws from our hearts...

IMAGINATIVE WORD

Barbara Crump

“Crossing a Creek” by Martha Courtot

crossing a creek requires 3 things:

a certain serenity of mind, bare feet, and a sure trust that the snake we know
slides silently underwater just beyond our vision

will choose to ignore the flesh that cuts through its territory and we *will* pass through

some people think crossing a creek is easy, but I say this—

all crossings are hard, whether creeks, mountains, or into other lives
and we must always believe in the snakes at our feet just out of our vision
and we must practice believing
we *will* come through.

Psalm 46: 1-10

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 139: 23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Matthew 6: 9-10

Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Step 10: "Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

Step 11: "Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out."

SERMON

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

HYMN # 29

“O God, You Search Me”

Margaret Storti, piano

CALL TO OFFERING

Lily Titmus

We are invited to respond to God with our time, talents, and money. Your offering can be placed in the offering plate along with prayer concerns written on the card attached to the bulletin.

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Margaret Storti, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lily Titmus

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God, we give You thanks for Your endless grace and steadfast love. You are the light that shines in our darkness, the peace that calms our troubled souls. You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to walk beside us to teach us to pray, to show us Your will, and to reveal the depth of Your love for all people.

We offer You praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of Your love, Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.

Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we glorify Your holy name.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: Tracy Fedke, b. 1975 arr: Koiné

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en - ly hosts.

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Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na! —

Ho-san - na! Ho-san-na in the high - est! Ho-san - na! —

Ho-san - na! — Bless-ed is he who comes! Bless-ed is he who comes!

— Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! —

Pastor continues in prayer

Hear us now as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

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.

COMMUNION IS SHARED

You are invited to come forward to receive a piece of gluten-free bread and a cup of juice. We are invited to drink the cup together after all are served.

COMMUNION HYMN # 427

“Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart”

Margaret Storti, piano

HYMN # 286

“Breathe on me, Breath of God”

Margaret Storti, piano

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Rev. Mary Kay Scott

POSTLUDE

Margaret Storti, piano

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