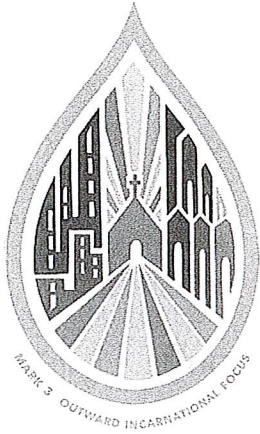


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Outward Incarnational Focus vs. inward institutional survival; closed communities of assimilation/exclusion



"The gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it." (MATT. 7:14)

- Outward exploration, awareness, and focus on neighbors and neighborhood.
- Beyond relationship with those of similar existence, the incarnate Christ dwells among the lowly and least, the stranger and the suffering, the marginalized and majority.
- Missional focus on where Christ is already living and present, and calling us to dwell.

Vital Congregations Initiative

Are you curious about Vital Congregations and what these markers of vitality are? Do you ever want to talk about the sermon? Here is an opportunity to do both of these and to explore together in discussion who we are and who we want to be.

Why call it a "talk back?" The answer to that is fun and simple! In many ways the sermon is a chance for God and the Preacher to talk and the people to listen; but as the congregation it might feel like you don't have an opportunity to respond to everything. This is your opportunity to "talk-back" to Pastor Nick, Clay, or other VCI team members about what VCI is all about, what is being stirred within you, and ask questions in a different way.

We want everyone to engage in this material as much as possible, because we believe the more we engage the content of VCI the greater the vitality will be for everyone. Grab a cup of coffee and join us after Sunday worship in the Sanctuary, or by ZOOM with Clay on Monday eves.

Upcoming Dates:

In-person, Sundays after worship: Nov. 14, 21

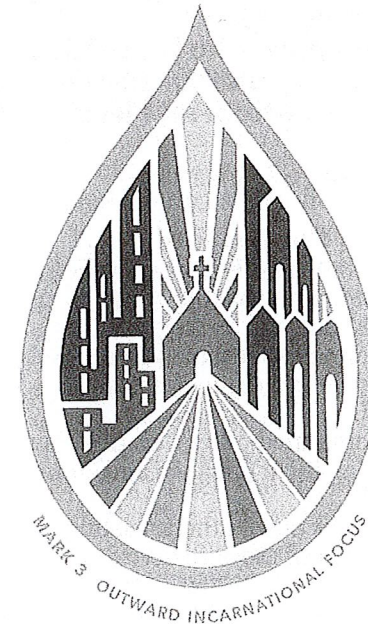
ZOOM, Mondays 7-8pm: Nov. 15, 22

Meeting ID: 881 0880 7850 Passcode: 206152

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Order of Worship **November 14, 2021, 10am**
25th Sunday after Pentecost *Please stand if you are able.

Prelude “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” arr. by Lloyd Larson

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?

The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.

We have gathered to praise our gracious God.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

***Opening Hymn GTG#462** (insert) “I Love to Tell the Story”

Responsive Prayer of Confession

When we have afflicted others, whether by our own power or by our silent support of systems that oppress, enslave, and crush,
break us, Lord.

When we have perplexed others and purposely confused them for our own gain or driven them to despair,
break us, Lord.

When we have persecuted others, casting them out of our community, leaving them forsaken and alone,
break us, Lord.

When we have struck down others, casting stones on their dreams and hopes until they are destroyed,
break us, Lord.

Then broken, we carry in our bodies the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our bodies;
make us, Lord.

With the power that belongs only to you, make us into your treasure;
make us, Lord.

We are the clay, and you are the potter. We are the work of your hands;
make us, Lord.

Do not be exceedingly angry and do not remember our iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Make us, Lord, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

“With everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your redeemer. I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

***Gloria Patri #579**

“Glory Be to the Father”

Moment for All Ages

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46

The Judgment of the Nations

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 40 And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’

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44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Luke 6:27-36

Love for Enemies

27 "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Sermon "Do Good and Expect Nothing in Return "

Song of Response #525 "Here I Am, Lord"

Offering
***Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication:**

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Lord, that you have fed us with your Word. Grateful for your gifts and mindful of the communion of your saints, we offer to you our prayers for all people. God of compassion, we remember before you the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying, prisoners and all who are lonely, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all others who suffer from whatever their sufferings may be called.

[Silence]

O God the Creator, we pray for all nations and peoples. Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding that divide your creatures; increase in us the recognition that we are all your children.

[Silence]

O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggle upon the earth. Have mercy on its weakness, bring to an end its unhappy divisions, and scatter its fears. Look also upon the ministry of your church. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith, and inspire its witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth.

[Silence]

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit's blessing to your children here present. Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Savior, who has taught us to pray:

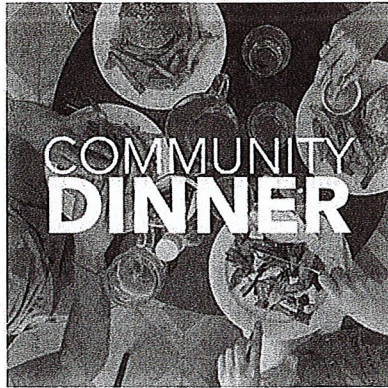
**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn #429** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

***Benediction**

Go in peace as the reaffirmed church of Jesus Christ.
We go to be his body in a broken world.
May the grace of God and the love of Christ go with you. Amen.

Postlude "How Firm a Foundation", arr. by Michael Burkhardt



Community Dinners have begun again at church and are held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of the month from 5-6:30 pm!

Take-out meals will be available for people who call the church at 585-924-2289, during the Community Dinner time. Dinners will be brought out to your car.

Upcoming November dates: 20th (Goulash),
27th (Spaghetti Carbonara)

Musical Volunteers Needed!



We are looking for people who are willing to **share their musical talents** during the Community Dinners! If you are able to share your talents during the dinners,

please call, text or email Karen Hansen:
585-703-7432 / Karenhansen7@hotmail.com

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 14

10:00 am	Worship
11:15 am	Coffee Hour
11:15 am	VCI Sermon Series "talk-back"
3:30 pm	Girl Scouts
7:30 pm	A.A. & Al Anon

Monday, November 15

6:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
7:00 pm	Session Meeting
7:00 pm	VCI Sermon Series "talk-back"- ZOOM

Tuesday, November 16

10:00 am	Free Panera
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Friday, November 19

7:00 pm	A.A. Meeting
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Saturday, November 20

12-3:00 pm	Youth Group- serve dinner @ Comm. Ministry
5-6:30 pm	Community Dinner

Fall Office Hours

Office: Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm

Thank you to these members who are helping with worship today-
Liturgist: Heather McAdoo
Greeters: Kelly Fisher & Nancy Fisher

I Love To Tell The Story (Eaton Square)

(as published by Word Music / Integrity Music)

Words by
Arabella Katherine Hankey

Music by
William Gustavus Fischer

VERSE

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a -
2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it
3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re -
4. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it

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love. I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true. It
dreams. I love to tell the sto - ry; it did so much for me, and
sweet. I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the
rest. And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'twill

CHORUS

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that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

18 G G/B C G

sto - ry! 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry to

21 G/B C G/D D7 G

tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and His love.