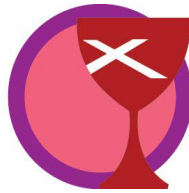


Midway Hills
Christian Church



October 13, 2024

11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

“Rather than mere apologetic or intellectual proofs, the writer of John brings testimony to the invitation that has always been the concern of the God of Israel: the redemption and reconciliation of all humanity and creation. For that reason, another chapter indicates we have not arrived at the end of the story. Resurrection appearances confirmed and Jesus’ Lordship confessed is an invitation, not a conclusion.” – Joy J. Moore

Order of Worship

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

Let us take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Amazing Grace

arr. Zach Unke

*Call to Worship

Rev. Don Manworren

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: A story of an unfettered love that changed the world.

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: A story of how we live and how we long to live.

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: Because we are forgetful people.

One: So may we remember who we are.

All: May we release the narratives that trap us.

One: May we reimagine this world to see what God sees.

All: And may we work toward restoration.

One: It's all that easy, and it's all that hard.

All: Let us worship holy God.

*Opening Hymn 518 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

BEGINNINGS

Dismissal for Children's Church

Children ages five through fifth grade may leave with the adult leaders for Children's Worship. They are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their parents.

The Community Responds

Prayers of the People

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering Moment

Harvest Festival

Megan Mercer

The Community Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

John 21:1-14

Rev. Don Manworren

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. (NRSVUE)

Después de esto Jesús se apareció de nuevo a sus discípulos, junto al lago de Tiberíades. Sucedió de esta manera: Estaban juntos Simón Pedro, Tomás, al que apodaban el Gemelo, Natanael, el de Caná de Galilea, los hijos de Zebedeo y otros dos discípulos. —Me voy a pescar —dijo Simón Pedro. —Nos vamos contigo —contestaron ellos. Salieron, pues, de allí y se embarcaron, pero esa noche no pescaron nada. Al despuntar el alba, Jesús se hizo presente en la orilla, pero los discípulos no se dieron cuenta de que era él. —Muchachos, ¿tienen algo de comer? —preguntó Jesús. —No —respondieron ellos. Entonces Jesús dijo: —Tiren la red a la derecha de la barca y pescarán algo. Así lo hicieron y era tal la cantidad de pescados que ya no podían sacar la red. —¡Es el Señor! —dijo a Pedro el discípulo a quien Jesús amaba. Tan pronto como Simón Pedro le oyó decir: «Es el Señor», se puso la ropa, pues estaba semidesnudo, y se tiró al agua. Los otros discípulos lo siguieron en la barca, arrastrando la red llena de pescados, pues estaban a escasos cien metros de la playa. Al desembarcar, vieron unas brasas con un pescado encima y un pan. —Traigan algunos de los pescados que acaban de sacar —dijo Jesús. Simón Pedro subió a bordo y arrastró hasta la playa la red, la cual estaba llena de pescados de buen tamaño. Eran ciento cincuenta y tres, pero a pesar de ser tantos la red no se rompió. —Vengan a desayunar —dijo Jesús. Ninguno de los discípulos se atrevía a preguntarle: «¿Quién eres tú?», porque sabían que era el Señor. Jesús se acercó, tomó el pan y se lo dio a ellos e hizo lo

mismo con el pescado. Esta fue la tercera vez que Jesús se apareció a sus discípulos después de haber resucitado. (NVI)

Special Music

Softly and Tenderly
Gary Springer, soloist

arr. Tammy Waldrop

Scripture Reading

Genesis 33:1-17

Rev. Laurie Anderson

Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother. But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. When Esau looked up and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." Then the maids drew near, they and their children, and bowed down; Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down; and finally Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor with my lord." But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." Jacob said, "No, please; if I find favor with you, then accept my present from my hand, for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God, since you have received me with such favor. Please accept my gift that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me and because I have everything I want." So he urged him, and he took it. Then Esau said, "Let us journey on our way, and I will go alongside you." But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are frail and that the flocks and herds, which are nursing, are a care to me, and if they are overdriven for one day, all the flocks will die. Let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and I will lead on slowly, according to the pace of the cattle that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir." So Esau said, "Let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "Why should my lord be so kind to me?" So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. But Jacob journeyed to Succoth and built himself a house and made booths for his cattle; therefore the place is called Succoth. (NRSVUE)

Cuando Jacob alzó la vista y vio que Esaú se acercaba con cuatrocientos hombres, repartió a los niños entre Lea, Raquel y las dos esclavas. Al frente de todos colocó a las criadas con sus hijos, luego a Lea con sus hijos y, por último, a Raquel con José. Jacob, por su parte, se adelantó a ellos, postrándose en tierra siete veces mientras se iba acercando a su hermano. Pero Esaú corrió a su encuentro y, echándole los brazos al cuello, lo abrazó y lo besó. Entonces los dos se pusieron a llorar. Luego Esaú alzó la vista y, al ver a las mujeres y a los niños, preguntó: —¿Quiénes son estos que te acompañan? —Son los hijos que Dios ha concedido a tu siervo —respondió Jacob. Las esclavas y sus hijos se acercaron y se postraron ante Esaú. Luego, Lea y sus hijos hicieron lo mismo y por último también se postraron José y Raquel. —¿Qué significan todas estas manadas que han salido a mi encuentro? —preguntó Esaú. —Intentaba que me trataras bien, mi señor —contestó Jacob. —Hermano mío —repuso Esaú—, ya tengo más que suficiente. Quédate con lo que te pertenece. —No, por favor —insistió Jacob—; si he logrado

que me trates bien, acepta este presente que te ofrezco. Ya que me has recibido tan bien, iver tu rostro es como ver a Dios mismo! Acéptame el regalo que te he traído. Dios ha sido muy bueno conmigo y tengo más de lo que necesito. Fue tanta la insistencia de Jacob que, finalmente, Esaú aceptó. Más tarde, Esaú le dijo: — Sigamos nuestro viaje, yo te acompañaré. Pero Jacob se disculpó: —Mi hermano y señor debe saber que los niños son todavía muy débiles, y que las ovejas y las vacas acaban de tener cría, y debo cuidarlas. Si les exijo demasiado, en un solo día se me puede morir todo el rebaño. Es mejor que mi señor se adelante a su siervo, que yo seguiré al paso de la manada y de los niños, hasta que nos encontremos en Seír. —Está bien —accedió Esaú—, pero permíteme dejarte algunos de mis hombres para que te acompañen. —¿Para qué te vas a molestar? —contestó Jacob—. Lo importante es que me has tratado bien. Aquel mismo día, Esaú regresó a Seír. Jacob, en cambio, se fue hacia Sucot, y allí se hizo una casa para él y cobertizos para su ganado. Por eso a ese lugar se le llamó Sucot. (NVI)

Sermon

“Restore”

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

Institution of the Table

Rev. Laurie Anderson

Communion Prayer

Carol John

Communion Hymn 419 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

Communion

Please eat the “bread” as it comes to you, recognizing your connection with Christ.
Please hold the “cup” until prompted by the minister. We will drink in unison.
Place empty cups in the receptacle on the left side of the hymnbook rack.

Passing of the Peace

Welcome New Members

The Community is Sent to Restore God’s World

***Closing Hymn 677** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*
(sing twice)

WORLD PEACE

***Benediction**

Rev. Laurie Anderson

***Benediction Hymn 433** *Blest Be the Tie*
That Binds

DENNIS

Postlude

Let There Be Peace on Earth

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

Prelude: *Amazing Grace*, arr. Zach Unke. ©2017 Augsburg Fortress (Wondrous Love, pg. 10)

Special Music: *Softly and Tenderly*, arr. Tammy Waldrop. ©2008 Triune Music.

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

You are invited to meet with the ministers after the service in the gathering area, or contact the church office any time.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

"Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus Christ, we welcome you into this expression of God's universal church. We meet you with love, we commit ourselves to your care, and we celebrate your presence in our congregation. Through the power of God's spirit, let us together do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, who strengthens us to serve one another."

BIENVENIDA CONGREGACIONAL

"Reafirmando nuestra propia fe en Jesucristo, les damos la bienvenida a esta expresión de la iglesia universal de Dios. Los recibimos con amor, nos comprometemos a su cuidado y celebramos su presencia en nuestra congregación. Mediante el poder del espíritu de Dios, hagamos juntos justicia, amemos la misericordia y caminemos humildemente con Dios, quien nos fortalece para servirnos unos a otros."

VISION STATEMENT

Midway Hills Christian Church seeks to **be inclusive, do justice and embrace diversity**. We are an Open and Affirming congregation, unified in our love for Jesus Christ and his teachings. We understand biblical shalom as a call to act for justice and to respect God's creation. We cherish the gift of life and support each other in our spiritual journey. Grounded in worship, Bible study, and prayer, we seek to be instruments of God's healing through efforts to eliminate poverty, injustice, hunger, and social issues that afflict our community locally and globally. We seek to transform our world as we build bridges across all barriers that divide God's people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

(See The Echo newsletter for details and more.)

MHCC Harvest Fest 2024 is Oct. 20, noon to 1:30 p.m. Free for the community!
We'll have a chili lunch, live music, silent auction and children's activities!

Monday Evening Book Study meets at 7:00 p.m.

Join us in person or online for a discussion of "The Making of Biblical Womanhood" by Beth Allison Barr. Find chapter dates and Zoom connection in The Echo.

Sunday Morning Class and Wednesday Bible Study take a break in October.

These groups will reconvene in November. See Rev. Deborah's Echo newsletter article for more information.

Interpretación en español proporcionada por el Colectivo Comal.

Si desea usar la interpretación simultánea, consulte al equipo de la mesa de sonido. O use este enlace para unirse al grupo de Whatsapp para escuchar. Por favor, silénciate.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JRxSth4JgjX0shCBm3gGo2>

Mark your calendar:

Thursdays on Zoom – All Church Prayer, 8:30 a.m.
Monday Evening Book Study – 7:00 p.m.
BreakThrough Task Force – October 16, 30, 7:00 p.m.
Men's Lunch Group – October 17, 1:00 p.m.
Staff Meeting – October 23, 10:00 a.m.
Board Meeting – October 27, 12:00 p.m.
BreakThrough Conversation – November 17, 12:00 p.m.

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JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Please pray for these in our church family:

John Wyatt, Emily Adams, Cathy Parker

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

Christy Horn's friend Kate Ryer; Frank & Millie Martin's son Carl & daughter-in-law Darryll; Megan Mercer's friends the Walters family; asylum guests past and present

Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Jayne & Chris Sparrer

Jeryl Crawford

Elaine Manworren

Peggy Dowdey

Robin Swindle

David Hammons' father, Don

Sympathy:

❖ to Christy Horn and family, on the death of her father in law, David Horn.

Let's celebrate with joy:

- Incoming refugees settling in Dallas
- Our guests/visitors in worship in sanctuary and online

Please pray for our city and state:

- Threat to the work of Annunciation House in El Paso
- Steps that erode our civil rights and safety
- Food scarcity

Please pray for our nation and world:

- 2024 Election
- Israel and Palestine – cease fire
- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine
- People in the path of hurricanes Helene and Milton and all who are suffering from climate disasters worldwide.
- All who need mental health services.
- Wildfires in Wyoming
- End gun violence, those impacted by mass shootings.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2024

Sunday

October 13

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday

October 14

Church office closed for Indigenous Peoples Day

- 7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Book Study, in person or online via Zoom

Tuesday

October 15

- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners (until 4:00) exterior gardens
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Wednesday

October 16

- 12:00 p.m. Christian Adult Fellowship (CAF) Lunch, community hall
- 7:00 p.m. BreakThrough Task Force, Zoom

Thursday

October 17

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer (until 9:00) online via Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. Men's Lunch Group, Garden Tea Room, 5330 Forest Lane, Dallas
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG, community hall

Saturday

October 19

Refugee Resettlement Donation Pickup Day

Sunday

October 20

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Harvest Festival (until 1:30) community hall

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