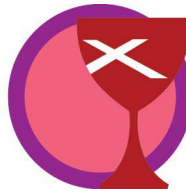


Midway Hills
Christian Church



October 20, 2024

11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"It takes courage to be kind." – Maya Angelou

Order of Worship

Twenty-second 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

*Servant Medley: The Servant Song
and Make Me a Servant*

arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship (in unison)

Jose Gonzalez

**Dios de la Misericordia,
te pedimos que te acerques mas,
porque somos un mundo dividido,
y no estamos seguros de nuestro equilibrio en este momento.
Tranquilizanos e invítenos
"hacer a los demás" de maneras que edifiquen
tu reino en la tierra como lo es en el cielo.
Oramos esto en el nombre de Jesús, el Centro Que Sostiene,
y en el poder del Espíritu Que Transforma.**

God of Mercy,
we ask you to come mighty close,
for we are a divided world,
and we are not sure of our footing in this moment.
Steady us, and invite us
to "do unto others" in ways that build up
your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.
We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center That Holds,
and in the power of the Spirit That Transforms.

*Opening Hymn 73 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

WELLESLEY

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. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

Responsive Hymn 523

Live in Charity
(sing twice)

UBI CARITAS

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

Silent Auction
Disciples Mission Fund

Joan Holland

The Community Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 6:31-36

Kathy Leslie

Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, 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 himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (NRSVUE)

Traten a los demás tal y como quieren que ellos los traten a ustedes. »¿Qué mérito tienen ustedes al amar solamente a quienes los aman? Aun los pecadores lo hacen así.¿Y qué mérito tienen ustedes al hacer bien a quienes les hacen bien? Aun los pecadores actúan así.¿Y qué mérito tienen ustedes al dar prestado a quienes pueden corresponderles? Aun los pecadores se prestan entre sí, esperando recibir el mismo trato. Ustedes, por el contrario, amen a sus enemigos, háganles bien y denles prestado sin esperar nada a cambio. Así tendrán una gran recompensa y serán hijos del Altísimo, porque él es bondadoso con los ingratos y malvados. Sean compasivos, así como su Padre es compasivo. (NVI)

Special Music

Try a Little Kindness

arr. Jeff Crouse

Sermon

"Kindness"

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

Frank Martin

Communion Hymn 424

*I'm Gonna Eat
at the Welcome Table
(verses 1, 3, 4)*

WELCOME TABLE

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 668** *For the Healing of the Nations* CWM RHONDDA

***Benediction** Rev. Laurie Anderson

***Benediction Hymn 614** *I'm Gonna Live So* I'M GONNA LIVE
God Can Use Me
(verses 1 and 3)

Postlude *Lean on Me* arr. Jeff Crouse

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

Thank you for our guest musicians:
Peggy Honea - Bass
Randy Linberg - Drums

Prelude: *Servant Medley: The Servant Song and Make Me a Servant*, arr. Mark Hayes. ©2000 Genevox. (Glory, Honor, and Praise, pg. 65)

Special Music: *Try a Little Kindness*, arr. Jeff Crouse. ©2024 Jeff Crouse.

Postlude: *Lean on Me*, arr. Jeff Crouse. ©2024 Jeff Crouse.

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.

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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!

MHCC Board meets next Sunday, October 27 after morning worship.

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.

Staff Meeting – October 23, 10:00 a.m.

Nominating Committee – October 23, 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – October 27, 12:00 p.m.

BreakThrough Task Force – October 30, 7:00 p.m.

Staff Meeting – November 13, 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 20, 2024

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

Monday

October 21

- 9:00 a.m. Butterfield Gourmet (until 4:00) kitchen
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Book Study, in person or online via Zoom

Tuesday

October 22

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

Wednesday

October 23

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, conference room
- 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee (Zoom only)

Thursday

October 24

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer (until 9:00) online via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG, community hall

Friday

October 25

Christian Church in the Southwest (CCSW) Regional Assembly, Amarillo, Texas

Saturday

October 26

Christian Church in the Southwest (CCSW) Regional Assembly, Amarillo, Texas

Sunday

October 27

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Board Meeting, community hall

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