

# November 13, 2022

## Dedication of Stewardship Pledges

### PRELUDES

*Reflection on "Lord, Revive Us"*  
*Theme and Variations*

*David Paxton*  
*Johann Pachelbel*

### WELCOME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #544

*Bless the Lord*                      *Bless the Lord (Taizé)*  
***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.***  
***Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is in his Holy Temple,

**All: Let all the Earth keep silence before him.**

One: God is our refuge and strength,

**All: Let all of us worship in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

### \*GATHERING SONG #402

*How Lovely, Lord*  
*(verse 1)*

*Merle's Tune*

***How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place; my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace. The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest; and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.***

*(verse 2)*

***In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day is better than a thousand if I from you stray. I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.***

*(verse 3)*

***A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High; you shower us with blessings; no good will you deny. The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go, and from their life shall rivers of blessings overflow.***

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins:

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## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have missed the mark: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in failing to respond to your voice. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*(Moment of Silent Reflection)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God who is full of compassion and steadfast love cleanses and teaches us, so that we might be restored and renewed through the Spirit.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE #695

*Change My Heart, O God*                      *Change My Heart*  
**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**  
**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

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## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (from Jude 2)

One: May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## WORD

## UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Eternal Wisdom, from generation to generation you teach your people the way to live. Through words that are ancient, you speak your living Word. Teach us now all that we need to honor you and walk in your way with honest and humble hearts. Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Micah 5:2-5a, 6:6-8*

**5** <sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, <sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight rulers.

\*Please stand as you are able.

**6** <sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

## **CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Simple Gifts*

*arr. by Marie Pooler*

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

*Luke 10:25-37*

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup> He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” <sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

## **THE MESSAGE**

*“The World-Famous Story about Paying”*

*Reverend Dr. Rollin Steele “Chip”*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

## **WITNESS**

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available in the narthex for making monetary donations.*

## **OFFERTORY**

*Priere*

*Gerald Peterson*

**\*DOXOLOGY #647**      *Give Thanks*      *Give Thanks*  
***Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks.***

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**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING/PLEDGES**

**\*SENDING SONG #694**      *Great God of Every Blessing*      *Aurelia*  
*(verse 1)*

***Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you?***

***Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.***  
*(verse 2)*

***Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.***  
*(verse 3)*

***Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church. For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.***

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      *Love Has Come*      *Maher*

**POSTLUDE**      *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*      *John Innes*

\*Please stand as you are able.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **"Guest" Preacher – Rev. Dr. Rollin "Chip" Steele**

Please welcome to the pulpit this morning Rev. Dr. Rollin "Chip" Steele, the Parish Associate at Valley and minister member (honorably retired) of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve.

### **Sunday, November 13 – Stewardship Commitment Sunday**



This morning, during worship, we will receive and bless the pledges offered in preparation for 2023. During the offertory, please bring your completed pledge cards to place in the basket in the front of the sanctuary. Please, also, feel free to mail or bring your completed pledge cards to the church as soon as possible. Additional cards can be found on the table in the narthex. Thank you for your faithful giving and in advance for returning these 2023 pledges.

## Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:  
**Friday, November 18** (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)  
**Saturday, November 19** (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

## Community Meal

Continuing this month, we will be engaging in our community meal program on Tuesday, November 15: preparing dinners to be available for pick-up or delivery. These meals are our gift to the community: to anyone who is in need of the food or the love that goes into making it.

**The menu for the November 15th meal is: baked lasagna, green salad, garlic bread, dessert.**

If you are interested in helping, we will be cooking meals from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; assembling from 3-5 p.m.; and distributing / delivering from 4-6 p.m. In addition, if you would like to bake a pie at home, they can be delivered by 10 a.m. on November 15th. Sign up on the church website for the meal or to volunteer.

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

**Sunday, November 20, 5:00 p.m.**

**Chagrin Valley Council of Churches**



We invite you to an ecumenical worship service of Thanksgiving at Valley. The service will include a special offering to benefit the Geauga Hunger Task Force and our local food banks.

A joint choir will perform two choral selections: “*Simple Gifts*” by Pooler and “*A Time For all Things*” by Wagner. If you would like to sing, practice will be held that Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.

## CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items in November to help stock the shelves at the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center in preparation for Thanksgiving:



**Cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, canned turkey gravy, Stove Top stuffing mix, cooking oil, mayo, butter, celery, white potatoes, onions, eggs, sweet relish, brownie mix, whole turkey.**

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

## Health and Safety Protocols

With the return to in-person worship services, we ask you to follow these guidelines:

- Windows may be open or fans turned on to provide appropriate air circulation.
- When inside the church building, face coverings are optional based on personal comfort level.
  - Socially distance as able in the pews and sanctuary.
  - If you are not feeling well today, please stay home.
- At this time, we will not be the offering plate or holding hands for the benediction at the close of the service.
- After the worship service has concluded, we ask that you move outside for any extended conversations.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Any changes to these protocols will be shared in advance of Sunday gatherings.

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