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10:00 A.M.



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PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the journey of life, to a hope and a future, our God calls us to a life rooted in faith.

PEOPLE: We join together in worship and praise, to show love and faith for a true and faithful God.

Leader: Let us rejoice dear friends, in the God of our hope and our salvation

PEOPLE: We rejoice in you, O God. For all that you have done, all that you are, and all that you have promised. Let us worship together now, in praise and with thanksgiving!

*HYMN *Worship & Rejoice* #50

Great is the Lord

CALL TO CONFESSION

1st Corinthians 10:13 tells us "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

God is with us in our plight. God hears our cries that come from desperation, pain, and anxiety. May God forgive us every shortcoming, even when we fall short on faith. God forgives even the broken impulses of our hearts that come out of our struggles. May he forgive us and change us to more resemble Christ in all things.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, We see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere, yet despair of ever stopping them. We see oppression and injustice and persecution, but fail to raise our voices in prophetic protest. We have become a pessimistic people. Help us believe in the vision of a peaceable kin-dom, in your promise of a new heaven and new earth. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*from Ephesians 2*)

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead in our sins, made us alive together in Christ. By his surpassing grace we have been saved!

Thanks be to God!

EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary, for you*

Worship & Rejoice # 687

All Things are Yours

Worship & Rejoice # 448

In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful

WE HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING: 1ST THESSALONIANS 5:18

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

SERMON: "GIVE THANKS"

Pastor Ben

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND SPIRIT

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Worship & Rejoice #359* Give Thanks

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

**SONG OF DEDICATION Worship & Rejoice #34*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CLOSING HYMN Worship & Rejoice # 507*

A Mighty Fortress is our God

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION*

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!

Today we will continue to explore 'Not the Way It's Supposed to Be' – a study of people in a fallen world. Doug Lauffenburger is leading our Sunday school class where we will be taking a look at the first chapters of the bible and explore what we really believe and their implications.

CHOIR!

If you would like to be a part of the choir, we are meeting again next week at 9AM!

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Grieving family & friends of John Coulter and others who have passed on recently
- Prayer that Steve Rogers will be able to hire another personal care attendant.
- Judy Butler
- Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- Pray for the end of civil war in Cameroon.
- Those battling cancer.
- Racism and violence in our country.
- The coronavirus outbreaks worldwide, those grieving and sick.
- Those battling terminal illness.

Need a Name Tag?

If you would like to have a name tag made, please fill out the sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please make sure you print your name clearly. Thank you!

Childcare Help Needed

If you would like to volunteer to help with childcare or Godly Play sessions during Sunday worship, please contact Lorraine Li at coordinator@fupc-cambridge.org. Thank you!

Dunkin or Starbucks Gift Cards, and Candy/Chocolate. Thank you for your help!

Income Update for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

	GFM	Target	Surplus/(Deficit)	% of Budget
September	\$16,391	\$21,512	(\$5,121)	76%
FYTD	\$43,512	\$64,536	(\$21,024)	67%

The remaining mortgage balance is \$141,652
Capital campaign fund balance: \$13,718

Advent Devotions

A great way to prepare for Christmas is by taking time by taking time each day to reflect on scripture and what this season is all about. If you currently aren't doing daily devotions or typically use another resource, please consider trying the devotionals provided in the back of the sanctuary this Advent! They are free and provided with the hope that you might grow in your faith in the days leading up to Christmas.

December 3rd 3pm: John Coulter's Memorial Service

Saturday, December 3rd we will share a memorial service for John Coulter. We will take time to reflect on his life and look to the hope we have in Christ. Please keep John's family and friends in prayer through this difficult time.

Route One Ministry Christmas Bags By December 4th

We are partnering with an outreach that is focused on sharing hope and a way out to women trapped in the sex industry, supporting them when they want to leave the industry. We are putting together Christmas bags to communicate to them that they are being thought of and prayed over. Please bring your items to the church by December 4th. We will gather Dec. 11 to assemble Christmas gift bags for the women. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary (or email Pastor Ben: Ben@FUPC-Cambridge.org if you would like to contribute! We are looking for new items of the following: Mittens/Gloves, Winter Hats, Hardcover Journals, Nice Pens, \$10