

build your shared church. We disregard your sovereignty, and fail to give ourselves wholly to you. Forgive us. Help us to hear your voice, and walk in your ways, so that together we may show your love for all.

*Time for silent confession.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

\* PEACE RESPONSE:

Peace be with you, al - so with you.

Christ is our peace: peace - be with you.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME.

*Children who go to Godly Play can follow the teachers to their room. When you pick up your children at 11:20 am from the second floor Godly Play room, please sign them out or provide other pick up instructions.*

\* HYMN #367 "Come, Ye Thankful People" *St. George's Windsor*

THE POETS: Psalm 100 p. 552 OT

THE GOSPEL: Luke 5: 1-11 p. 62 NT

ANTHEM "All Things Bright and Beautiful" *John Rutter*

MESSAGE: "Life is about Life."

*"...they left everything and followed him."  
- Luke 5: 11b*

\* GLORIA PATRI

Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly  
Spi - rit: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is  
now, and will be for - ever. A men, A - men. A - men!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

AN INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP:

One: We are called to be generous and ready to share;

All: **thus taking hold of that which is truly life.**

OFFERTORY: *Larghetto C. Tournemire*

WE PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES TO GOD.

*On Stewardship Sunday every year, we welcome you to come forward with your weekly offering and a pledge, or promise, of giving in the coming year. We place all these gifts in the basket on the communion table—a gift back to our God, on the table which symbolizes God's gifts to us. If you are a visitor, please follow your heart without fear of judgment.*

*Some people may wish to bring forward their offering but pledge online, at <https://bit.ly/2023FPCIthaca> (also found on our website, [firstpresithaca.org](http://firstpresithaca.org)).*

*If you are unable to come forward, please put up your hand and an usher will come to receive your offering in the pew.*

\* RESPONSE: **Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them, your holy purpose to fulfill, tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.** *Toulon*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *from the Accra Confession*\*

**We believe in God, Creator and Sustainer of all life, who calls us as partners in the creation and redemption of the world. We live under the promise that Jesus Christ came so that all might have life in**

fullness. Guided and upheld by the Holy Spirit we open ourselves to the reality of the world.

We believe that God is sovereign over all creation. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

Therefore, we reject any claim of economic, political and military empire which subverts God's sovereignty over life and acts contrary to God's rule. We believe that God has made a covenant with all creation. The covenant is a gift of grace that is not for sale in the marketplace. God has brought into being an earth community based on the vision of justice and peace; all creation is blessed and included in this covenant.

Now we proclaim with passion that we will commit ourselves, our time and our energy to changing, renewing, and restoring the economy and the earth, choosing life so that we and our descendants might live.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOLLOWED BY 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\* HYMN #643: "Now Thank We All Our God" *Nun Danket*

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

*The purpose of this special Congregational Meeting is to elect officers to the Session and Board of Deacons. No other business may be conducted, and only members of the church may vote.*

*We do however welcome gladly those who stay, and will join in fellowship time once the brief meeting is done!*

PRAYER.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

INTRODUCTION OF NOMINEES. Elder Micah Beck

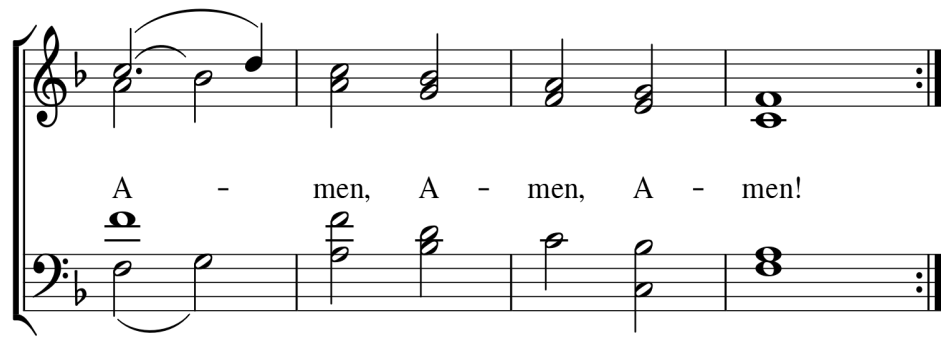
ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

CLOSING PRAYER.

\* BENEDICTION.

\* CONGREGATIONAL AMEN:

A - men, A - men.



POSTLUDE: "Nun danket alle Gott" S. Karg-Elert

*Please join us for fellowship time in the narthex following the service - serving snacks and coffee, but most of all friendship.*

\* Unlike most of our unison confessions, the *Accra Confession* has not been adopted by the PC(USA) specifically, but is a confession of the World Council of Churches to which we belong, and connects us to our global roots as the church of Christ.

### IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- **Special Congregational Meeting!** Today's special congregational meeting is for the sole purpose of electing officers, who will begin their time of service in January, 2023.
- **If you prefer to pledge online,** you can follow the link from the church website or go directly to: <https://bit.ly/2023FPCIthaca>.
- **There is no Adult Education class today or next Sunday.**
- **Church Office Thanksgiving Schedule:** We will be here Monday and Tuesday of this week, but are closed from Wednesday, November 23 through Friday, November 25.
- **The Christmas season** reminds us of times when we read beautiful picture books of the Nativity with our families. Bring one of your favorites to share with all of us. Display of items in the Narthex will run from November 27th through the Christmas season. Bring books by Nov. 27th to the church office or contact Phil Courtney.
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Set aside the afternoon of November 27th for our annual Hanging of the Greens Party! Beginning at 3:00 pm we will decorate the church, inside and out. Decorating will be followed by a soup supper and a dedication of the freshly adorned sanctuary. We will have activities for the children, so bring the whole family.

**Announcements continue on the back of the bulletin insert!**

### CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
 9:00 am Youth Group  
 9:30am-12:30pm Nursery  
 10:00 am Worship and Children's Church (Godly Play) and a Special Congregational Meeting  
 11:20 am Fellowship Time  
 11:30 am Youth Choir—Choir room, lower level  
 5:00 pm Living Hope Fellowship

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21:**  
 7:00 pm Monday Evening Study Group (Zoom)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22:**  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Dodds)  
 7:00 pm Contra Dance Music—3rd Floor

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23: OFFICE CLOSED**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24: OFFICE CLOSED—HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**  
 6:30 pm Community Game Night—Dodds

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25. OFFICE CLOSED**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26.**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 9:30am-12:30pm Nursery  
 10:00 am Worship and Children's Church (Godly Play)  
 11:00 am Fellowship Time  
  
 3:00 pm **THE HANGING OF THE GREENS!**  
 5:00 pm Living Hope Fellowship

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Following Christ's teachings, we are fully inclusive in membership and leadership.

A congregation proud to be PC(USA).



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022:

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY

"The only right stewardship is that which is tested by the rule of love."  
-John Calvin.

### PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

*This service is being livestreamed! You can view services on our website.*

*Wearing a mask is optional, however we ask that you continue to monitor yourself and your family for symptoms and follow public guidelines.*

*Please write your name in the Friendship Pad, and if you need a nametag, put a star next to your name and one will be waiting for you in the narthex.*

PRELUDE: Nun danket alle Gott J. S. Bach / arr. Virgil Fox

WELCOME: Rev. Kirianne E. Weaver

\* CALL TO WORSHIP: Liturgist: James Nagy

One: When we give alms, we do not sound a trumpet before us;  
**All: we are not looking for others' praise.**  
 One: Those who do have already received their reward.  
**All: But, when we give, we do not let our left hand know what our right hand is doing.**  
 One: Let us give humbly and without personal acclaim —  
**All: and our Father, who sees what is done in secret, will give us our reward.**

*Our acolyte today is Moo Eh Soe Mya Soe*

\* HYMN #336: "We Gather Together" Kremser

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Rev. Cindy Weaver

**Sovereign God and ruler of all creation, you sent Jesus to visit us with the truth: that you alone are the Lord of life. Even so, we follow our own truth: which places our comfort above that of others, cares for our wants more than your creation, nurtures our own security over that of all your children, and builds up our own homes before we**

\* Sitting or standing is a matter of custom and preference but not a requirement. You are invited to participate in whatever way makes you most comfortable.