

## November 15 - UP & COMING NEWS & SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

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**Live Zoom Sunday Worship:** *If you would like to join our Live Zoom Worship Service click on the link below at 10am on Sunday morning:*

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6222869817?pwd=ejFYVytrTlk3aW1kK01aWE1LeUJpZz09>

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

This Sunday, November 17, is Stewardship Sunday. This is the time when pledges will be blessed; and therefore, all are encouraged to plan to attend worship or to please mail your pledge to the church so it can be included in our prayers and dedication.

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

#### Sunday, November 17

10:00 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY WORSHIP  
& CHRISTIAN ED  
RECOGNITION OF 50+ YEAR MEMBERS

#### Tuesday, November 19

6:00 p.m.

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

#### Wednesday, November 20

6:30 p.m.

Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting

#### Thursday, November 21

4:30 p.m.

Fiddle Orchestra Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

#### Sunday, November 24

10:00 a.m.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY WORSHIP  
& CHRISTIAN ED

### **PLEASE SUBSCRIBE**

Don't forget to subscribe to our **YouTube** channel to keep up on our latest services and to view past services and events. Please click on the following link to subscribe:

<https://youtube.com/c/FirstChurchHadley>

You may also watch our worship service later in the week on **Hadley Media Public Channel 191**.

Follow us on **Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchHadley>

Please share this email! Invite your family and friends to join us. If folks would like to get this weekly announcement, just send a quick note to [rooster@firstchurchhadley.com](mailto:rooster@firstchurchhadley.com).

If you would like to post an event in the weekly Friday email blast, please submit it by Wednesday of that week. If you do not want to receive these emails, please let us know and we will remove your name from our list.

### **PASTOR OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Peter Stilla is currently offering office hours on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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The Rev. Peter Stilla  
Michael Stancill  
Ken Parker

Minister  
Music Director  
Deacon

## **TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **November 17, 2024**

#### **PRELUDE**

“We Are an Offering”

Dwight Liles,  
setting by Carol Wahl  
Scottish

“The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)”  
traditional adapted by John L. Bell,  
setting by Mark Hayes

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

John S. Dixon

#### **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Ken Parker

#### **INTROIT**

“How Great Thou Art”  
Ring of Joy

arr. Michael Helman

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth.

**People: We sing to the Lord, bless God’s name, and proclaim God’s salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s works among all the people.

**People: For great is God, greatly to be praised, to be revered over all gods.** Leader:  
For the gods of the people are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

**All: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice, and let us give thanks to God’s holy name! Amen.**

\* OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

O God, who called the peacemakers thy children, we ask thee that as you sent thy Son to be the prince of peace on Earth, so thou will keep our hearts and minds in his peace, and make us to love and defend the same. Guide the counsels of all our leaders and governors in equity and steadfastness, so that unity and peace is established among our people, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

\* GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:32-37 (p. 112)  
Luke 12:29-34 (p. 69)

Ken Parker

TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Shannon Stilla

HONORING OUR 50+ YEAR MEMBERS

Today we honor those who have been faithful members  
of our church for 50 years or more:

Virginia Koehler	75 years	Steven Barstow	56 years
Tom West	71 years	Chip Parsons	56 years
Shirley Parsons	65 years	Matthew Parsons	56 years
Judy Stone	65 years	Betty Thayer	55 years
Janet Barstow	57 years	John Allen	51 years
James Barstow	56 years		

OUR PRAYER OF THANKS

Leader: When there was a need, you came forward.

**People: And so we thank you.**

Leader: In the nighttime or daytime, on weekends and even in the coldest, darkest part of the year, you helped.

**People: And so we thank you.**

Leader: Elected and duly appointed, or quietly, anonymously, and unbidden, you did what needed doing.

**People: And so we thank you.**

Leader: Sometimes with the help of many, and for other times you worked alone.

**People: And so we thank you.**

Leader: You gave your time, talent and even your treasure for the life of the congregation.

**All: And so we thank you, your families and loved ones. For all things great and small you have given this congregation over the past 50 or more years, and we take time today to recognize, thank and honor you. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

“Take My Gifts”

Shirley Elena Murray

**SERMON**

“The Spirit of Stewardship”

Rev. Peter Stilla

\* **HYMN**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**MORNING OFFERING**

Invitation

Offertory

“Here I Am, Lord”

Daniel L. Schutte,  
arranged by Jack Schrader

565 **God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

*Robert L. Edwards, 1961; alt.*

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
2 Skills and time are ours for serv - ing, that your will on  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your  
4 Lend your joy to all our giv - ing, let it light our

end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's  
earth be done: All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the  
grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the  
pil - grim way; From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to

shat - tered door: Gift - ed by you, we turn to you  
Church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor,  
gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands in - shar - ing  
gen - erous day. Then when years on earth are o - ver,

of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall  
lest we strive for self a - lone; born with tal - ents,  
as we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing,  
and we've lived our hu - man span, God, ful - fill be -

*Robert L. Edwards, an ordained United Church of Christ minister, has served several churches in Connecticut. He wrote this text for a composition of The Hymn Society, and it was subsequently published in Ten New Stewardship Hymns in 1961.*

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN 87.8.7.D.  
*Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797*  
Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

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\* Doxology

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

\* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

**Accept, O God, these offerings which thy people make unto thee; and grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper under thy guidance, to the glory of thy name, and through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

\* **CLOSING HYMN**                      **“Take My Life and Let It Be”**                                              **#404**

\* **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                                              **“Presto”**                                              George Frederick Handel

*We invite you to reflect on this worship service and prepare  
for the week ahead as you enjoy our postlude music.*