## Welcome to Brownback’s

### United Church of Christ

640 Ridge Road

Spring City, Pennsylvania



**24th Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 15, 2020 10 a.m.**

**Welcome**

*We are glad you’re here to worship with us today.*

*May this be for you a time of refreshment and renewal.*

PRELUDE Breathe arr. Hayes

*Please use this time for quiet meditation before worship.*

*During the Service, the people will make the responses in the* ***bold*** *print.*

CALL TO WORSHIP\* *(from Isaiah 6:1-8)*

 Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God of hosts,

 The whole earth is full of God’s glory.

 **Woe, we cry out, for we are not worthy,**

 **We are people of unclean lips**.

 Yet God holds the coal to our lips,

 God makes us worthy to speak.

 **When God asks, “Whom shall I send?”**

 **We say, “Send us, for we will go in Your name.”**

 Send us, O God, to speak Your truth,

 Send us, to live into Your ways.

HYMN 31 I Sing the Almighty Power of God ELLACOMBE

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

 Holy God, we join in the company of the Saints and Christians around this world,

 as we come before you and them in the name of Christ.

 **Our arrival is one of a work in progress,**

 **as we know our efforts by themselves, will never be enough**.

 O God we pray that we can look upward to You,

 for wisdom, direction and care for all.

 **Injustices around this world, are seemingly everywhere**.

 There are no boundaries that injustice will not pass through.

 The world needs all of us,

 to learn to pray and to act accordingly to your steadfast love.

 **Besieged by racism, the deep-seated hatred for others only because of a different pigment of their skin, also appears throughout this country and many communities**.

 We pray O God, that we can together with you,

 be the change that is so needed.

 **May our love for you, shine on whomever we cross**.

 **As we repent of our actions,**

 **our words and our deeds that have fallen short,**

 **we pray for forgiveness this day. Amen**.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, 13)

A LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A READING FROM PSALM 90:1-8, 12

 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
**Before the mountains were brought forth,
 or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
  from everlasting to everlasting you are God**.

You turn us back to dust,
  and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”
**For a thousand years in your sight
 are like yesterday when it is past,**
 **or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
 like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
  in the evening it fades and withers.

**For we are consumed by your anger;
  by your wrath we are overwhelmed**.
You have set our iniquities before you,
  our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

 **So teach us to count our days
  that we may gain a wise heart**.

SPECIAL MUSIC\* The Blessing

 *Worship Ensemble*

A WORD FOR ALL AGES

*A virtual time to gather with Pastor Mark.*

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON Opportunities and Convictions Rev. Mark L. Stryjak

HYMN 457 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DEDICATION OF GOOD SAMARITAN SHOEBOXES

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN 34 OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God of wisdom,

 **we ask that this, our gifts in response to Your love and care, is what is needed this day.**

**We ask and pray that these resources flow with justice and love for all people and that we continually learn what it means to be generous in your name. Amen**

BENEDICTION AND CHIMES

POSTLUDE Jesus Shall Reign arr. Tornquist

*As this service comes to an end, our service now begins!*

*Peace be with all of you!*

\**\* Liturgy created/adapted by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org.*

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**Happening at Brownback’s Church**

**Events**

**CONFIRMATION** meets every Sunday at 11:15 a.m. on Zoom.

**NOMINATIONS** will take place on Sunday, December 6 after the Worship Service. Stay tuned for how you can participate both at church and from home. Voting will then occur on Sunday, December 20 after church.

**Rehearsals**

**WORSHIP ENSEMBLE** rehearses today at 11 a.m.

**CHANCEL HANDBELLS** will rehearse on Thursday at 7 p.m.

**Help Needed**

**LIVESTREAMING HELP** is needed on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM to help set up the audio/visual equipment for the service. No tech experience needed! Please contact Kaitlin Iezzi if you are able to help.

**INTERESTED IN BEING A LECTOR?** Please consider signing up for this important job! Contact the church office if you would like to learn how you can lector from home. The online sign-up sheet can be found on the church’s website.

**200 CANS OF CORN** are being collected for the Pottstown Cluster’s Annual Holiday Food Program that supports local families at Christmas. If you’d like to help, canned corn can be dropped off in the lobby through November 29.

**Other Notes**

**A THANKFUL TREE** is displayed in the lobby, waiting to be filled with colorful leaves representing all the things we are thankful for this season. Please help us fill it by writing something your are thankful for and adding your leaf to the tree.

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are located on the back table of Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your envelope on a Sunday morning, or arrange another time with the church office.

**IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST** please contact Pastor Mark at mark.stryjak@comcast.net or 484-938-7397.

**ONLINE GIVING** continues to be available. On the Home page of the church website (www.brownbackschurch.org), click the button titled "Click for Online Giving" to set up one-time or recurring donations. See Kaitlin Iezzi with any questions.

**PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR PAPER AND PLASTIC BAGS.** Boxes are labeled and located under the back table in the Fellowship Hall for your bag donations, which are needed by the Food Pantry.



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