

## **CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, USA and the United Methodist Church

The Rev. Dr. Terrence O'Neill, Summer Guest Speaker  
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September 17, 2023

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **Announcements**

#### **\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!

**People: Let us lift up our hearts to God!**

Leader: With what shall we come before the Lord, and bow ourselves before God on high?

**People: God has showed you 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?**

**\*Opening Hymn: #352 "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord..."**  
(Red Hymnal)

**\*Affirmation of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed"**

(In Unison): I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of

sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

**\*The Gloria: #70 Red Hymnal**

**Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3: 8-12**

**The Baptisms of Simon and Matthew Fritts**

***Congregational Response:***

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care Simon Burch and Matthew Paul, whom we this day recognize as members of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God the Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

**Congregation: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Simon and Matthew will be surrounded by steadfast love, so that they may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the ways that lead to life eternal.**

Pastor: Let us pray...

**Hymn of Celebration: #2233 "Where Children Belong"**  
Small Black Hymnal

**A Blessing of the "Backpacks"**

**Young Disciples' Time**

**Choral Anthem**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Silent Prayer**

**Our Lord's Prayer (In Unison): Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin**

against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

### **Recognition of Our Offerings**

#### **\*Collective Prayer of Dedication (In Unison):**

All that we have, we have from you, Creator and preserver of humanity; accept these gifts which we now bring before you; and help us to make the whole of life an offering and every thought a prayer. We would seal this our worship in a renewed consecration of ourselves and our coming days to your service and to be the stewards of your earth and our relations through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **\*A Doxology #95 Red Hymnal**

#### **\* Hymn of Preparation:**

#2162 "Grace Alone" (Small Black Hymnal)

#### **Gospel Reading: Mark 12: 41-44**

#### **The Morning Message: "Called to Be Stewards"**

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#### **\*Closing Hymn: #354 "I Surrender All" (Red Hymnal)**

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Postlude**

***\*Congregation invited to stand if able***

***How to make your contribution:*** Offerings may be placed in our "Offering Box" at the rear of the sanctuary, or mailed to Church of Christ Uniting; PO Box 896; Richfield Springs, NY 13439.