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The **Chancel Flowers** are given by Gary Cantagallo, in memory of his wife, Candace.

The **Liturgist** for today is Leslie Edsall.

Prayer Concerns: Gary Cantagallo, on the recent passing of his wife Candace; the family of Fred Pract, on his recent passing; the family of Nancy Pract, on her recent passing; Carolkay Barré; George Vetter; Bill Vetter's granddaughter, as she recovers from a car accident; those in need of comfort or healing; those who are lonely and yearn for connection; those who work to advance justice and equity; and for us, to be open to a future in which we can be as you intend us to be.

This week:

Today: Celebrate Evelyn Holcombe's 100th birthday! Cake, coffee, and fellowship downstairs in the Assembly Room after worship.

After worship: Intergeneration Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary

Tuesday - Drop off food items to OLL for Family Promise

Wednesday, 6:30pm - Women's Association Dinner (Mosaico Restaurant)

Thursday 6:30pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal; **7:30pm:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Family Promise (FP) Project: CPC is partnering with Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL) to support the nutritional needs of local families served by FP. Together, we will provide supermarket gift cards, specific prepared foods, and specific grocery items. All items are included on the sign-up sheet (see E-news or contact Nancy Hoydich (908) 654-3676) and are due October 1.

Save the Dates:

October 8, 12:30pm - Women's Association "Manna with Marcus." Meet at CPC then depart for local restaurant for casual lunch and conversation.

October 9, 3:15pm - Women's Association Yoga & Strength in Assembly Room; all women are welcome! Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat.

October 13: We will be celebrating CPC's 70th Anniversary after worship. Your invitation and more details will be sent soon. Please do pencil in the date!

October 19: Fall Clean-up Day!



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September 29, 2024 Service for the Lord's Day 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *In the Garden* C.A.Miles

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT *As the Deer* M.J.Nystrom

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

In speaking, in silence, in movement, in stillness, God is with us.

God alone saves us. God alone helps us. God alone sets us on the path of peace.

Let us worship our Helper!

*OPENING HYMN #815 *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* W.H. Walter

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

God of grace, forgive us for our failure to speak out and speak up for the victims of violence in our midst and around the world. Open our ears and hearts to hold space for your voice to return to us: the voice of a better way of healing and hope for all people. Show us this faithful path and give us the courage to walk in it, even if for the very first time. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *I Love You, Lord* L.Klein

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI Henry W. Greatorex

PASSING OF PEACE

FAMILY TEACHING MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

If we are uncertain and weary, speak to us, O God. If we are grounded and hopeful, speak to us. If our faith feels solid and steady, speak to us, and if our faith feels shaky and tentative, speak to us. Keep speaking through your holy Word, O God, that we may find our voice in yours. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Esther 7:1-6, 9-10,9:20-11

ANTHEM *O Praise God in His Holiness* W.Lovelock

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:38-50

SERMON "Friendly Fire" Rev. Marcus C. Lambright

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* M.Luther

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Take My Life and Let It Be* H.A.C.Malan

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN # 606) Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #793 *O Christ, the Healer* P.P.Knapp

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE *Serve, I Will Serve You, Lord* C.Frayssé/ A.Bergése

POSTLUDE *We Bow Down* T.Paris

**Those who are able, please stand.*