

Hadwen Park Congregational Church, UCC

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November 14, 2021 10:00 am

25th Sunday after Pentecost

**rise in body or spirit*

Please shut off cell phones and refrain from texting as we worship God this hour.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP

from Touch Holiness

One: God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.

Many: **Thanks be to God**

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Many: **Thanks be to God**

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Many: **Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise**

PRAYER of INVOCATION

*GATHERING HYMN

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #12

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. "There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by God actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The LORD kills and brings to life; the Lord brings down to Sheol and raises up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich and brings low, and also exalts. God raises up the poor from the dust; and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them God has set the world. "God will guard the feet of the faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. The LORD! All adversaries shall be shattered;

the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; and will give strength and exalt the power of all anointed."

Leader: The Hebrew scripture for the Christian People.

People: **Amen!**

ANTHEM

HPC Choir

PRAYER of CONFESSION

from Touch Holiness

Glorious God of power and majesty, you bow down to hear our every sigh; deliver us from arrogance and empty vanities. Prevent us from trying to raise ourselves by lowering the position of others. Cast down our pride that we may grow in humility. Take away the barriers of self-defense; grant us the firm security that comes from trust in you and is built with neighborly cooperation and mutual respect. Lead us in the lowly steps of Jesus until we attain the end of a pure joy and eternal victory, through Christ, our servant and sovereign. Amen

SILENT INTROSPECTION

*ASCRIPTION of PRAISE

Vs 1 and 4) Glory, glory, hallelujah, I have laid my burdens down

Glory, glory, hallelujah, I have laid my burdens down

Vs 2) I feel like shouting, hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down (2x)

Vs 3) I am dancing, Merriam's dance now, since I laid my burdens down

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for God has looked with favor on the lowliness of this servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is God's name. God's mercy is for those who fear the Lord from generation to generation. God has shown strength with her arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. God has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. God has helped the servant Israel, in remembrance of mercy, according to the promise God made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Leader: **This is the Word of the Lord**

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Pastor Sarah

HYMN of the DAY

"My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise"

#106

PRAYER REQUESTS, PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

HPC Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, The Comforter
One God Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

***PARTING HYMN**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

#596

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**"One in love, one in friendship true,
one in hope, one in spirit too, one in faith that God will care for you,
until we meet together again."**



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**One Thanksgiving Gift Card given in loving memory
of Jamie Anne Cleveland.**

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Welcome to Hadwen Park Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ!

We believe that all people of every age, physical or mental ability, body image, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, social-economic background, family construct, and faith tradition are equal in the eyes of God and this congregation.

When entering our sanctuary, you will be greeted with a smile, an extended hand, and feel the love of Christ surrounding you.

Here you are a stranger, but once.

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