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## 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



## November 19, 2017



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Welcome to Worship!

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### Gathering

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#### WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRAISE *Forever Mighty to Save God of All Splendor*

#### \*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Voice of Truth*

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

SERMON SEASON OF GENEROSITY:  
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OFFERING SONG *I Will Serve You*

#### CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION *Hungry*

FINAL BLESSING *Sanctuary*

\*CLOSING *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

\*Worshippers stand as able

## The Bulletin Board



Coffee Hour Today is hosted by

AGUM CHILDREN'S CENTER

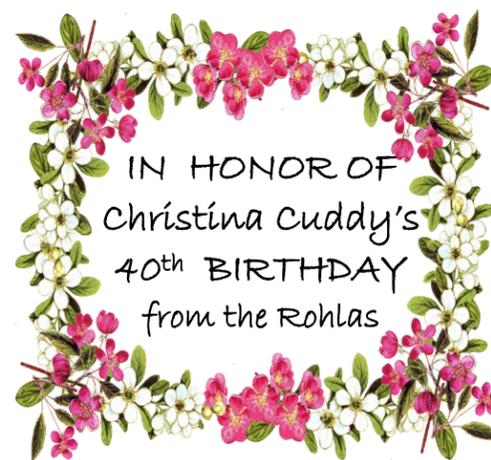
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Fiscal Year to Date **Budgeted regular giving:**

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#### OUR GIFTS

	Weekly Offerings	Budgeted:	\$4,830
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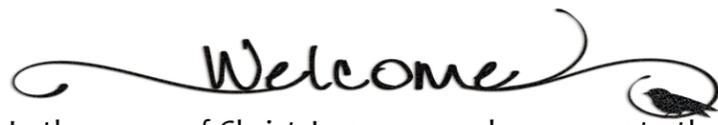
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#### CENTERING WORDS

“When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'”

~ Erma Bombeck

#### WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

#### PRELUDE

#### HANDBELL INTROIT

*A Mighty Fortress*

Arr. Douglas Wagner

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Open your eyes! Christ is in this room!

**Open my eyes? But it's Sunday morning!**

Open your ears! Christ is calling right now!

**What? Did somebody say something?**

Open your hearts! There are sisters and brothers who need you.

**Who, me? But I don't have any special talent.**

We are all talented, gifted children of God.

Look; listen; love.

**I lift up my eyes and see God all around.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
verses 1-4, 6

No. 92

#### OPENING PRAYER *(seated)*

God of light and love,

**help us to walk in your light  
and live in your love.**

**Open our eyes to see your face  
in everyone we meet.**

**Open our ears to hear your call  
as you speak and call us to serve.**

**Open our hearts to love the works of your hands,  
a world in need of your love.**

**Open our minds**

**to understand your word and your truth this day. Amen.**

#### HANDBELL ANTHEM

*Celebrate With Ringing*

Michael Mazzatenta

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Leonard Lutz

*Nursery care is available.  
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*

A TIME OF PRAYER

Congregational Prayer

HYMN *(remain seated)* *We, Thy People, Praise Thee* No. 67

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

SERMON SEASON OF GENEROSITY:  
*Always Generous*

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering  
Offertory *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* Arr. Ronald McMahon  
\*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

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

\*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* No. 102

BENEDICTION

Walk in the light of God's love.  
**We go in the spirit of hope.**  
Go forth with love for all.  
**We go with the love of God.**

POSTLUDE *Nan Dunket Alle Gott* Sigfrid Karg-Elert



\*Worshippers stand as able

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