

Grace Devotion

Week of November 16, 2025

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:4-9 NRSVUE)

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## Blessings of Peace!

This week, may the peace of God, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Let us pause this week to notice the blessings in our lives. I am thankful for the ways that each of you reflect God's love in your own community. As we continue to incorporate movement and community in our worship, I offer you these two activities for the week. I hope you enjoy these activities and feel free to find a friend to join you. *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."* (Matthew 18:20 NRSVUE)

### STATION #8

#### A Candle of Peace

Light a candle of peace and place it in the basket.

- Share a prayer or a thought of a place of situation that is in need of peace.
- It can be personal, local, or world-wide

### STATION #9

#### Mandala of Rejoicing

A mandala is a circular design used for reflection and meditation, symbolizing wholeness, harmony, and the interconnectedness of life.

- Color this mandala as you reflect on the joy in your life and the blessings you are thankful for.
- As you add color, think about ways joy shows up in your life or how you share joy with others.

**Prayer: God of joy and peace, We come to You today and every day with grateful hearts. Help us notice Your presence in the small moments in our lives. May each experience we share, bring us closer to You. Fill us with Your Spirit as we offer our prayers, our thanks, and our open hearts. May we share Your grace with everyone we meet, bringing each person and ourselves, closer to You. Amen**

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy



November 16, 2025

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome/Announcements

Westminster Chimes and Prelude

\*\*+ “Confidence”

#60

\*\* Call to Worship

Lector: Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, rejoice!

**Congregation: We will rejoice and lift our hearts in gratitude and praise.**

Lector: Let your kindness flow from you to all you meet.

**Congregation: We gather full of peace and hope.**

Lector: Bring your worries, your joys, your prayers, and your thanks to God.

**Congregation: Let us celebrate God’s presence and share the joy and peace we have received.**

**\*\* Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)**  
**God of joy and peace, We come to You today and every day with grateful hearts. Help us notice Your presence in the small moments in our lives. May each experience we share, bring us closer to You. Fill us with Your Spirit as we offer our prayers, our thanks, and our open hearts. May we share Your grace with everyone we meet, bringing each person and ourselves, closer to You. Amen**

**\*\* Sharing the Peace of Christ**

\*\*° Hymn: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

#52

Joys and Concerns  
Praying for Others  
Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of Our Gifts

\*\* Offertory Response: “We Give Thee But Thine Own”  
#620 (v1)

\*\* Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

° Hymn: “Rock of Ages”

#204

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 65:17-25

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: “Rejoicing in What’s Becoming”

~One or two stations

\*\*+ “The 99”

#10

\*\* Final Blessing

\*\* “A Choral Benediction”

Postlude

\*\* Please stand, if you are able.

+ Black contemporary folder

° Blue hymnal

## Announcements

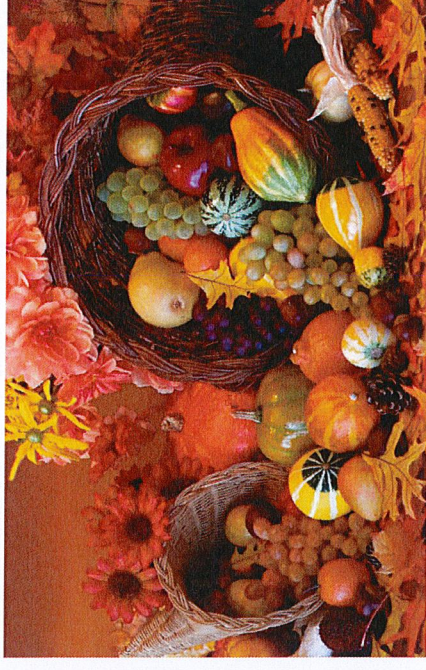
We give thanks for everyone who helped with the contributions to our Fruit Cocktail drive. We exceeded our goal and are able to help over 800 families in the Hanover area enjoy a Thanksgiving meal this holiday!

## Upcoming Events

- Women's Ministries in Person, is cancelled on November 26<sup>th</sup>
- Annual Meeting, November 16<sup>th</sup>, following worship
- Thanksgiving Evening Service, November 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM with Trinity UCC Hanover & Trinity UCC Gettysburg @ Grace UCC

## Upcoming Meetings

- Pastoral Relations, November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM
- Worship & Music, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:45 PM
- Faith Formation, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM



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**Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:**

Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector -

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Usher – Susan Dienes and Joleen Fennell



### Isaiah 65

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# Thanksgiving Day

## Word Search

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the  
vocabulary words  
in the grid. Look  
for them in all  
directions including  
backwards and  
diagonally.

COLONY  
CORNUCOPIA  
CRANBERRIES  
FALL  
FAMILY  
FEAST  
GOBBLE  
GRATITUDE  
GRAVY  
HARVEST  
HOLIDAY  
MAIZE  
MAYFLOWER  
MILES STANDISH  
NEW WORLD  
NOVEMBER  
PILGRIMS  
PLYMOUTH  
PUMPKIN PIE  
PURITANS  
SQUASH  
STUFFING  
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