53rd Annual Cornwall Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service



Tuesday November 24, 2020 7:30 PM Zoom Service Greeting......Rev. Patricia Calahan, Cornwall Presbyterian Church

Moment of Silence......Elizabeth Pozo, Cornwall Society of Friends, Quakers

Hymn: "We Gather Together".....Ruthanne Schempf, Cornwall Presbyterian Church

Hebraic Call to Worship Introduction......Sally Faith Dorfman Sirota, Temple Beth Jacob

Sounding of Ram's Horn (Shofar).....Rabbi Douglas Kohn, Temple Beth Jacob

Call to Worship......Rev. Karina Feliz, Cornwall/Mountainville United Methodist Churches

Psalm 100, A Psalm of thanksgiving.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands.

² Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing!

RESPONSE: The Lord is good; his love endures forever.

³ Know that the Lord, who made us, is God. We are Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.

RESPONSE: The Lord is good; his love endures forever.

 ⁴ Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!
Give thanks and bless God's name.

RESPONSE: The Lord is good; his love endures forever.

⁵ For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, God's faithfulness to all generations.

RESPONSE: The Lord is good; his love endures forever.

Posting of Flag/Pledge of Allegiance.....Bethlehem Boy Scout Troop 118

Civil Proclamations......Richard Randazzo, Cornwall Town Supervisor

Brendan Coyne, Mayor of Cornwall-On-Hudson

Thanksgiving Litany......Rev. Martha Carlson, Bethlehem Presbyterian Church First Presbyterian Church of Washingtonville

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

(adapted from "The Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer" publ. Westminster/John Knox Press 1993)

Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose love is everlasting. Come, let us praise God joyfully. Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

We thank you, Lord God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

We thank you, Lord God.

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

We thank you, Lord God.

For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love;

We thank you, Lord God.

For family; for living together and eating together; for new ways of being together this year; for family amusements and family pleasures;

We thank you, Lord God.

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

We thank you, Lord God.

For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;

We thank you, Lord God.

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

We thank you, Lord God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

We thank you, Lord God.

For the interfaith community; for mutual respect and understanding; for religious freedom in our land;

We thank you, Lord God.

For your gifts of faith and love; which prompt our grateful worship;

We thank you, Lord God.

We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good. God's love is everlasting.

We thank you, Lord God.

Amen.

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee".....Linda Parrette, Cornwall United Methodist Church

Hebrew Bible Reading......Rev. Suzanne Toro, St. John's Episcopal Church

Psalm 34

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ² My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. ³ O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. ⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. ⁵ Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. ⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble. ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. ⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

New Testament Reading......Father Rees Doughty, St. Marianne Cope Parish

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was entering a village, ten lepers met [him]. They stood at a distance from him ¹³ and raised their

voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" ¹⁴ And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. ¹⁵ And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Thanksgiving Message Ministry Rev. Richard Witt, Rural and Migrant Ministry
Call for the Offering Patricia Calahan, Cornwall Presbyterian Church
Offertory: "My Country 'Tis of Thee"Elsa Cameron, bells, Cornwall Presbyterian Church
Dedication of OfferingsRev. Ross Topliff, Cornwall/Mountainville United Methodist Churches
Closing Hymn: "Farewell, Good Friends!"Rutanne Schempf, Cornwall Presbyterian Church
Benediction Pastor Patricia Calahan, Cornwall Presbyterian Church
PostludeRuthanne Schempf, Cornwall Presbyterian Church

Happy Thanksgiving!

The beneficiary of tonight's service is Rural and Migrant Ministry. Rural and Migrant Ministry (RMM) is a multi-faith, state-wide organization, with four worker education centers across the State, Created in 1981 by five faith bodies, RMM works for the creation of a just rural New York State through: 1) Nurturing leadership, 2) Standing with the disenfranchised farmworkers and rural workers, 3)Changing unjust systems. You can find out more about RMM and can make donations on their website: www.ruralmigrantministry.org.

The planning committee for tonight's service included: Brendan Coyne, Rev. Suzanne Toro, Rev. Patricia Calahan, Rev. Karina Feliz, Rev. Martha Carlson, Elizabeth Pozo, Sally Faith Dorfman Sirota, Linda Parrette, Michael Falco. They would like to thank Rebecca Kashinski for filming and editing the video for this service.

Mountainville United Methodist Church will host the 54th Annual Cornwall Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service next year.