



Rockville United Church
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)/United Church of Christ
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 2025 ~ Hybrid Worship

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CELEBRATING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

GATHERING MUSIC

A Voice Is Heard

Watts/O'Brien

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

We will break forth into joyous song, and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord;

Make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together;

Let us join in the joyful song of creation.

*HYMN

To God Compose a Song of Joy

To God compose a song of joy; to God make melody,
Whose arm of strength does wondrous things whose hand brings victory!

Before the nations God reveals a just and righteous will,
Remembering in faithful love the house of Israel.

With trumpet, with the sounds of horns, with strings, yes with the lyre,
With voices praise the sovereign God a lusty joyous choir.

The God of justice comes to save; let earth make melody;
For God will judge with righteousness and rule with equity.

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION (unison)

God of wisdom, open your word to your people today, and open the hearts of your people to your Word. Let us receive the truth that your Spirit is speaking to the church, trusting that it will nourish and strengthen us. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CHORAL RESPONSE

Ruah

Fulmer

SCRIPTURE**Job 19:23-27**

The Inclusive Bible

If only all this were on paper! What a book it would make! If only my words were engraved forever in granite! For I know that my Redeemer lives—my Vindicator, who at the end will stand on the earth; and after I awake, though this body has been destroyed, without my flesh I will see God. I will see God with my own eyes—God, and no other! How my heart yearns within me!

WORD FOR CHILDRENAll Around Us

Ray Plante

By Xelena Gonzalez, illustrated by Adriana M. Garcia

Children (ages 3 years old through 5th grade) are invited to attend a Sunday School faith formation class. Following the Word for Children, children will dismiss with their teachers to the classrooms on the lower level, through the front side door of the sanctuary. Parents/guardians, please pick up children in their classroom following the worship service. Parents/guardians are welcome to accompany their child(ren) if they choose. Visitors are welcome.

Nursery care for infants through age 3 is available in the nursery on the lower level. Our nursery caregiver is Caitlin Vredenburg. Our nursery helper is Marian Coger.

ANTHEM***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning***

arr. Thomas

SCRIPTURE**Luke 20:27-38**

The Inclusive Bible

Some Sadducees—the ones who claim there is no resurrection—came forward to pose this question: “Teacher, Moses wrote that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife and no child, the brother should marry the woman now widowed, to raise up children with her. Let’s say that there were seven brothers. The first one married and died childless. The second brother then married the woman, then the third, and so on. All seven died without leaving her any children. Finally the woman herself died. At the resurrection, who will be her husband? Remember, seven married her.” Jesus said to them, “The children of this age marry each other, but those judged worthy of a place in the age to come and of the resurrection from the dead don’t take husbands or wives. They can no longer die, like the angels—they are children of God, since they are children of the resurrection. That the dead rise again was even demonstrated by Moses when, in the passage about the bush, he called the Most High ‘the God of Sarah and Abraham, and the God of Rebecca and Isaac, and the God of Leah and Rachel and Jacob.’ God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. All are alive to God.”

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *This Little Light of Mine*

African-American

SERMON

“I’ll See You Again”

Rev. Guy S. Johnson

***HYMN**

Giver of Life, Where’er They Be

O Lord of life, where’er they be, safe in Your own eternity,
Now live Your children gloriously. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All souls You call, both here or there, do rest within Your sheltering care;
One providence alike they share: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your Word is true, Your ways are just; above the chanted, “Dust to dust,”
Shall rise our song of grateful trust: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy are they in God who rest, no more by fear and doubt oppressed,
Living or dying, they are blest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TEACHES (in unison)

*Our Creator, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those that sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
Forever.
Amen.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*Please use the prayer card to write your prayer requests, and place the card in the offering plate. Online, please write your prayer requests in the chat.
We will share your prayers during the Prayers of the Congregation.*

Stewardship Story

Jed Johnson

Offertory

***Doxology** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (unison)

***O God, may the resources that are gathered here be a blessing to the world you so love.
Guard our paths and do not let our feet slip; keep us as the apple of your eye. Give us
wisdom and humility as we seek to be faithful stewards of all your good gifts. Amen.***

*HYMN

O Saviour, Let Me Walk with You

O Saviour, let me walk with you in earthly paths of service true;
Tell me your secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love.
Teach me the wayward feet to sway; and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience; let me be in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only you can give, with O savior, let me live.

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Thanks to our worship helpers today!

Liturgist: Lori Merrill

Digital Host: Dan Hockensmith

Welcome to Rockville United Church!

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We trust that you will find RUC to be a welcoming and engaging place to explore the life of faith within a community that honors each person's spiritual journey. We encourage you to ask questions, visit our website, and share your contact information at the welcome table near the front doors.

I hope to greet you personally following worship, and invite you to contact me.

Blessings,

Rev. Jennifer Knutsen

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Our complimentary Wi-Fi network is **RUC Mesh**. The password is **heavenly**.



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