

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

November 4, 2018
11:00 am



Sermon:

"Don't Tell Me
To Turn My Back On You"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Ruth 1:1-18

Anthem:

The Lord is My Shepherd
— Rutter

Deacons: *Lynda Tweel, Jennifer Wagoner, Jim Moore, Ray Gaines, Martha Ballenger, Michelle Proffitt, Raynell Stokes, Sarah Buchanan, Wellford Tiller

Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Arlene Propst, Will Wagoner, Ewing Minor

Children's Church: Amanda Ohlms, Lindsay Marshall

Ushers for November: Ian Pallini, Ed Barker, Melvin & Mildred Spicer, Ron Tweel

Medical On-Call: Sally Chewning

The Word

October 30, 2018
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*Sanctuary Choir
and
Jubilate Collegiate Choir
present:*

Requiem

composed by John Rutter

Sunday, November 4, 2:00 pm
with Barbara Taylor Moore, organist
Pam Beasley and Laura Martindale, soloists
and
Orchestra members from the Charlottesville/University Orchestra

Potato & Salad Bar Luncheon following worship.
No cost for the meal, but donations will be accepted for the
Jubilate 2019 Spring Tour
to assist Hurricane Florence relief efforts.

On Watch

Focusing on Christ in a Politicized World

A few years ago, it seemed possible to discuss world events alongside the light of Christ. It seemed possible to do this without affiliating with any political party or ideology. Today, even the words we use to describe some current events can be ascribed to one political party or partisan cause. Talking about the news without being political is a profound challenge.

One key element to discussing the news without politicizing the conversation is framing. How do we frame the conversation? Do we put each part of the story in a dichotomy of right and wrong? For example, when we hear about a group of people traveling toward the United States, do we see people in need? Do we see a threat? Invaders? The wrong solution to a global problem of poverty? Some other way?

At a recent gathering of the Center for Healthy Churches, someone told me a story. A minister described Mary and Joseph as illegal immigrants. People felt outrage at the apparent connection with a contemporary issue and fired

the minister. Setting aside the congregational overreaction, both the minister and the people brought baggage into the episode. What could have been a keen exegetical moment and a learning opportunity for everyone became a fractured relationship.

Instead of bringing our preconceived notions to each conversation, we can all profit from the reminder to hold everything up in the light of Christ. It might sound cliché, but we can ask, "What would Jesus do?" Or, we can pick up Scott Spencer's book *What Did Jesus Do?* Answering this question might change how we frame the news. It might even help us depoliticize some events and listen to one another.

With the November elections next week, each day will bring challenges to remain focused on Christ and not on partisan politics. Let us be agents of transformation and reflect the light of Christ.

Peace,
~ Matt

**Daylight Saving Time
Ends
This Sunday!**

**SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK 1 HOUR.**

HARVEST LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 18,
following worship

*We will celebrate the
holiday season and
give thanks for
Sue Walton's
years of service.*

RSVP
by November 2
email
or 434.293.5106



Words From Will:

After worship on Sunday, UBC's Bereavement Team met for a training session about helping others in times of grief. (This is an excellent group, by the way, and they're open to new members if you'd like to participate!) One of the topics that kept resurfacing

was the power of silence—simply being present.

A few hours later, I heard this message repeated in a quite different context. Congregation Beth Israel invited local clergy to join their congregation for a Service of Remembrance to mourn the horrible shooting in Pittsburg. Rabbi

Tom began the service by noting that when mourners sit shiva after a death, visitors often remain silent for a long while after they arrive, for words are inadequate.

The service at the synagogue was profound and sorrowful. We prayed for

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Concerns

Jim Sivley — At Home

Sympathy

Betty Bromwell passed away on Sunday, October 21. Her family has suggested that your expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to University Baptist Church in her honor.

Audio Team Request

The Audio Team needs volunteers to work the sound board during Sunday morning worship services. Please contact Robby Gough for more information or to volunteer. Training is available, and team members serve once every 4-5 weeks.

Collections for FCCW

(Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women)

DUE BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Hygiene Kits

- 1 individually-wrapped toothbrush
- 1 (6-oz.) tube of toothpaste
- 1 (2.6) solid deodorant stick (No spray or roll-on)
- 1 (15-oz.) bottle of lotion
- 1 (15-oz.) bottle of shampoo

Place all items in a one-gallon Zip-Loc bag or bring individual items.

NO SUBSTITUTIONS! NO ADDITIONS!

Greeting Cards, Stationery, Stamps

- Greeting cards for all occasions, including Hanukkah and Christmas (no foil on card or envelope)
- Writing paper, envelopes
- “Forever” postage stamps (Do not affix stamps to envelopes)
- Wooden pencils (unsharpened)

Words From Will *continued*

grieving families and for the survivors traumatized by the attack. We listened to the names of those who were killed. Many in the room were tearful. Many wondered if they are safe. Since August 12, 2017, CBI has already hired armed security guards at all times, at great expense.

Yet, in the midst of the sorrow was a deeper reality of hope, solidarity, and resilience. We read and chanted ancient prayers and Scripture. We sang moving, beautiful songs: “Let there be love and understanding among us. Let peace and friendship be our shelter from life’s storms.” We experienced together the presence and faithfulness of God our Creator, even now.

I was deeply moved by this service and grateful for the invitation to attend. We as a church stand with our Jewish brothers and sisters against hatred and violence, and I invite you to join me in holding them in prayer.

Wednesday, October 31

NO SUPPER
 NO PROGRAM
 NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

Halloween

Wednesday, November 7

5:00 Supper: Rotisserie chicken, Mixed vegetables

6:00 Program: “Missions: Partnerships”

**Wednesday Night Topics
 Fall 2018**

- 11/7 “Missions: Partnerships”
- 11/14 “Missions: Projects” ▲
- 11/21 No Program (*Thanksgiving*)
- 11/28 Service of Remembrance



NOTE:

There are several activity and time changes in this week's calendar.

WEDNESDAY, October 31

- 10:00 PBJ Bible Study
- No** Supper
- No** Activities
- No** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 1

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, November 3

10:00 Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, November 4

- 8:30 Church Council Meeting
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 9:45 ESOL Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:15 Potato/Salad Bar Luncheon
- 2:00 Sanctuary Choir & Jubilate present Rutter's *Requiem*
- 6:00 Real Life - Youth

MONDAY, November 5

10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood

TUESDAY, November 6

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 10:00 Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, November 7

- 10:00 PBJ Bible Study
- 5:30 Supper (Rotisserie chicken)
- 6:00 “Missions: Partnerships”
- 6:00 Children's Activities
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

