



The Federated Church of Paxton

10:00 a.m. Worship Service



October 16th, 2011
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to our guests!

Please take a minute to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

Unison Song *"Holy, Holy, Holy" (4th verse only)* PH, #138

Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

Opening Prayer (*in unison*) *Exodus 33, 1 Thessalonians 1, Matthew 22*

Living God,

move among us and awaken us to your loving presence.

**When we lose our way and put our confidence in our possessions
and our wisdom, call us back to you.**

**Remind us that our very identity
is dependent on your abiding mercy.**

**Show us how to walk with steadfast faithfulness,
following the path of justice and goodness in our daily lives.**

**May our days be filled with joy and hope
as we share the good news of abundant life
that comes from following Jesus Christ.**

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Prelude *"Dunlap's Creek"* arr. Haan

***BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***Opening Hymn** *"Holy, Holy, Holy" (All verses)* PH, #138

***Call to Worship** (*responsively*) *Exodus 33, Psalm 99*

One: As we gather to worship you, Holy One,

All: show us your presence, O God.

One: As we join to pray at your footstool, Exalted One,

All: show us your ways, O God.

One: As we unite our voices to praise you, Lover of Justice,

All: show us your glory, O God.

One: As we tremble in the cleft of the rock,
silently awaiting you, Merciful One,

All: show us your goodness, O God.

One: Let the earth shake in your praise, Most High!

All: We extol your great and awesome name, ever-present God!

***Hymn** *"Rock of Ages"* FOG, #208

Youth Moment

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*) *Exodus 33, Matthew 22*

God of mercy, we place our trust in tangible things—

*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

**things we can see and touch—
and question whether you are really there.
Forgive us, Holy One, when we fail to recognize
that you are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize
your presence and your glory.
Help us when we lose our way, and forgive us when we forget
to whom we truly belong.
Lover of justice, open our eyes to see you;
open our ears to hear you; open our hearts to love you;
and open our hands to serve you.**

Response *“Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing” (Verse 3)* PH, #356

***Affirmation of Faith**

***Gloria Patri**

Preparing to Hear the Word (*in unison*)

**Let us think now on whatever is honorable and true,
on what is just and pure, on all that is pleasing and commendable,
excellent and worthy of praise. Let us hear the Word of God.**

Lectionary Scripture

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Anthem *“Nothing Can Separate Us”* Murray/True

Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

Message

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Response

Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures

Offertory *“Morning Has Broken”* arr. Jones

***Hymn** *“We Give Thee but Thine Own” (one verse)* PH, #428

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** *“Do Lord”* FOG, #52

***TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***Benediction** *1 Thessalonians 1*

Go from this place with the confidence that you are God’s beloved children. We go, to labor in love with all we meet.

Go out into the world with steadfast hope and joyous trust.

In God’s love, the Spirit’s power, and the presence of Christ, Amen.

***Postlude** *“Winchester New”* arr. Haan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, October 16th

Organ Recital ~ 3pm with Cake & Coffee to follow

Wednesday, October 19th

Confirmation~6pm / Choir Practice~7pm / Youth Group~7pm

Thursday, October 20th

Prayer Shawl Gathering at Deana Niewold's Home~6:30pm

Sunday, October 23rd

Heartland Health Care Service~1:30pm (Elder-Vicki)

Monday, October 24th

November Newsletter Deadline

***Lord, We ask thanksgiving, comfort, healing
and faith for these friends and family members***

Marcella Woodworth - bad knees; Lee Lampe;
Jeff Legener; Brent Lawrence; Bill Cofel; John Lateer

Homebound or in Nursing Homes

Sue Moore - c/o J. Schmidt, 511 Ridge Lane, Eureka, IL 61530
Donald Rhodes

Jani Fraim - Room 219, GC Hospital & Health Center

Wanda Larson - La Canada Care Facility, Tucson, AZ

Marcella Woodworth - Prairie Village, Rantoul

Eloise Shear at Gilman Nursing Home, Gilman

***For the month of October, please bring peanut butter, tuna,
tuna helper, juice & canned soup for the Food Pantry.***

As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

4th - John Goudy

7th - Deanne Silence

13th - Greg Niewold

14th - Mike Struss

19th - John & Delores Turner Ann.

21st - Steve Satterlee

22nd - Brian Funk

30th - Russ Taylor

October

Greeters

Liturgists

Ushers

Elders

Lateer, D. Niewold,
Satterlee