
Reign of Christ Sunday

November 26, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Rheta Jenks, Liturgist

One: Sing joyful songs to the LORD!

All: Praise the mighty rock where we are safe.

One: Come to worship him with thankful hearts and songs of praise.

All: The LORD is the greatest God, King over all other gods.

One: God holds the deepest part of the earth in his hands; the mountain peaks also belong to him.

All: The ocean is the Lord's because he made it, and with his own hands he formed the dry land.

One: Bow down and worship the LORD our Creator!

All: The LORD is our God, and we are his people, the sheep he takes care of in his own pasture.

One: Listen to God's voice today!

*HYMN #482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

*HYMN #367 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

... **Our Father in heaven, your name is Holy. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, in the same way, we forgive those who have done wrong to us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Yours' is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Pastor

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #428 "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (vs 1)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for everything you have given us. Once again, we acknowledge how richly blessed we are, we give you thanks for all you have given us to share and enjoy.

This morning we return a portion of that bounty as a demonstration of our gratitude and to share with others who have not received nearly as much as we have. Be pleased, we pray, to bless these gifts and us in your holy service. Amen.

*HYMN #358 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

- **Today's Usher:** Andrea Ducharme
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Bea Boak
- **Choir Practice:** will be held at 9:15 each Sunday morning before Worship.
- **Holiday Open House:** Please join us on Sat. Dec. 16 at 2 - 4 p.m. for a holiday celebration with music, carols and treats. If you play an instrument, please bring it with you and a plate of sweet or savory treats to share!



Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Anthonia Todd

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**First Presbyterian Church
 Baldwinsville, NY**

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Identity Statement

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

If we say we have not sinned, then either we are not paying attention or we are self-deluded. The simple truth is, the good we want to do, we often fail to do, and the bad things that we would rather not do end up being the very things we do.

At the same time, it is important to understand that sin is what we do and not who we are. Yet, it is essential that we acknowledge our failures and ask to be forgiven. Let us join together in the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Liturgist

Eternal Creator, our world is in a mess, and it seems to be spiraling more out of control day by day. As we look around we see people doing unspeakable things to one another and we wonder why you permit it. At the same time, we look at those people and we know that we are part of the "good guys," and we give you thanks.

It is just, in our quieter moments we know ourselves to be one of them, the sinners. We know we are not who we are supposed to be, and we are not doing what we have been instructed to do.

We know that like them, we have to ask for help and forgiveness. Hear our prayers and forgive our sin. Enable us to be the people you have called us to be.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Gloria Patri #579

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share signs of peace with one another.

WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 34.11-24
red Bible p.1048, black Bible p.803

Liturgist

MUSICAL OFFERING

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25.31-46
red Bible p. 1207, black Bible p. 29

Pastor

SERMON "WHEN?"

Rev. Dr. N. Scott Cupp

WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

Liturgist

C-67: 9.21-23

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to men and women, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, or fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

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Biographical Sketch

Rev. Dr. N. Scott Cupp is a native New Yorker, who grew up in Williamson (outside of Rochester) and went to School in Canton and then Denver, Louisville, and Chicago. He received his Doctorate, from McCormick Seminary, in Congregational Transformation.

Scott had been Head of Staff of four churches. His first church was in a suburb of Youngstown, OH, and then in Nashville, TN, and then in suburban Philadelphia. He served the Synod of the NE as an Associate for Church Development. After leaving the Synod he served as an Interim Pastor in Howlett Hill, Rochester, and Seneca Falls. In 2011 he went to New Jersey to serve as an Interim Pastor and ended up serving as the Head of Staff there until he retired.

He is known in the Syracuse area for his involvement in cooperative ministries with Robinson, Taunton, and Howlett Hill. Since returning to Syracuse in retirement he has served as a guest Worship Leader for numerous churches throughout the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse and Susquehanna Valley.

Scott recently published a book entitled “Come and See for Yourself – The Gospel-as if for the First Time.” It is a retelling of the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke into a continuous story.

He has been married to his wife Tonia for forty-three years. They have three grown children – Matthew, Nicholas, and Cassandra. Scott and Tonia live in Manlius along with Nicholas, and a dog.

**Thank you to Rev. Dr. N. Scott Cupp
for leading Worship today!**