



**Sunday, November 10, 2013**  
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# WE GATHER

**Opening Voluntary**

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

arr. John Leavitt

## **Call to Worship**

The Lord our God overflows with loving kindness,  
and is close to all who call on the Holy One's name!

**We praise and bless God's holy name forever.**

The Lord our Great God is glorious beyond our imagination,  
yet God hears our cries for help!

**We praise and bless God's holy name forever.**

The Lord our God is worthy to be honored by every generation,  
and by people of every age!

**We come in worship and praise of God's holy name. Amen.**

## **Gathering Prayer**

Holy God, you have commanded us to not be afraid and assured us of your presence. In the midst of trials and joys, sorrows and dreams, may we know your presence and rejoice. Grant us courage, O God, to take delight in your spirit in all times and in all places. Grant us faith, O God, to see the myriad of ways you give life. Grant us hope, O God, to participate in your work in the world. Grant us love, O God, to welcome, respond, and act with compassion in all we say and do. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn 267**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

## **\*Call to Confession**

The psalmist assures us that the Lord is near to all who call on God in truth. So with that assurance of God's presence, God's steadfast love, and God's overwhelming mercy, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

(Unison)

Holy God, we come before you a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored, yet again, your assured presence. We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters. In the name of independence, we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We have called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places. Forgive us. You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now. Amen.

Hymn 578

*O Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie eleison)*

ORE' PORIAJU' VEREKO'

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

The psalmist declares that God hears the cry of the beloved and saves them.

Be assured: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Praise the Lord, and bless God's holy name forever.**

**\*Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

**\*Joyful Response Hymn 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD

**WE PROCLAIM**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Anthem**

*Hallelujah, Amen* from *Judas Maccabeus*

G.F. Handel

*Hallelujah, Amen! O Judah, rejoice, in songs divine.  
With cherubim and seraphim harmonious join. Hallelujah, Amen!*

*Children are always welcome in worship at Faith Des Peres. Nursery Care (ages 4 & under), Sunday School (Kindergarten-4th Grade), and Tweens Class (Grades 5-6) are available at this time.*

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 20: 27-38

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

## **WE RESPOND**

**\*Hymn 234**

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

ST. KEVIN

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Silent Prayer**

**Prayers of Petition** (congregation responds “Lord, hear our prayers.”)

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

*Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and 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 to God** (*Please sign the friendship pad.*)

**Offertory Anthem**

*I Thank You, Lord*

Joseph M. Martin

**\*Dedication of Gifts**

“Doxology”

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

(Unison)

For the gifts offered this day and every day, we give thanks, O God. Make us good stewards of all you have entrusted to our care. May these gifts be used to serve your beloved creation, to sustain your children in all they say and do, and to build up your kingdom throughout the earth. Amen.

**WE ARE SENT**

**\*News of the Church**

**\*Closing Hymn 363**

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

DARWALL'S 148TH

**\*Benediction**

**\*Closing Voluntary**

*Trumpet Tune*

Douglas E. Wagner

**WE WELCOME YOU TO FAITH DES PERES FOR WORSHIP!**

Following the Closing Voluntary please join us for refreshments.

**Remember in Prayers:**

Helen Barks  
Pat Cleeland  
Joanna Gerst  
Toy & Jerry Kircher  
Mackenzie Prophete  
Mallorie Prophete  
Jasmine Reece  
Sam Taylor

**With Appreciation to:**

Barb Abbett, Elizabeth Pribor, and  
Dorcas Case, *worship team*  
Jim Baker *liturgist*  
Stephanie Newcomb, *last week's liturgist*  
Leslie Barnes, *refreshments*  
Cameron White, *cantor*

# TOGETHER AT FAITH DES PERES

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## The Butterfly Effect

The butterfly effect is a theory that states that a butterfly can flap its wings and set air molecules in motion that, in turn, will move other air molecules—which will then move additional air molecules—eventually becoming able to influence weather patterns on the other side of the planet.

**The butterfly effect.** It's a wonderful image for *All Saints' Sunday*, because it's a reminder that our actions and words shape other people and the world in which we live. And, it's a reminder that we have all felt the brush of butterfly wings with our saints, who made a difference in our lives.

Last Sunday, worshippers were invited to write the names of their saints on butterflies that adorned the sanctuary. If you were not able to join us, take some time today to remember and honor your saint. Whose wings have brushed you and made a difference in your life?

## Feeding the Flock

Last Sunday we collected TWO WAGONS full of food for Circle of Concern! The kids were so happy to see food going into the wagon as they pulled it through church! What a great lesson to them about helping others in need! As a reminder, food collection will occur on the first Sunday of every month, coinciding with communion Sunday. **Current critical needs include: peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, canned milk, canned fruit, canned meats (chili, canned stew, canned chicken, canned ham, etc.), canned fish, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, bar soap.** You may also donate at any time by leaving food items in the Gathering Space. Thank you for helping others in need!

## Join Us at the Adult Discussion Group next Sunday, November 17th

Joe Marting will be the speaker on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. You may be aware that Joe, who recently retired after some 30 years as Pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church, has been worshipping with us. Joe, with his wife Lindsay and various members of their family, have been sitting near the rear of the sanctuary on the lectern side. If you have not met him yet, you will have an opportunity on November 17<sup>th</sup>, when he will lead the Adult Discussion Group. Joe has a long-time interest in Missouri history, and in particular Missouri Civil War history. His topic on the 17<sup>th</sup> will be "Confessions of an Old Confederate." You don't want to miss this opportunity!

## **Kids, invite your friends to join us in Sunday School!**

Held every Sunday from 10:40-11:30, except December 1 and January 5, when we celebrate communion and children attend worship for the entire service. Nursery care for children under kindergarten age is available 10:00-12:00 with a trained, professional caregiver. **Note: A special class for Tweens (grades 4-6) meets TODAY!**

## **Poinsettia Sales**

Please sign up in the Gathering Space by Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> if you would like to purchase a Christmas poinsettia. Plants may be given in honor or in memory of loved ones. We will order 6.5" pot poinsettias in red, pink and white. The cost per plant is \$10. Make checks payable to *Faith Des Peres* and designate "Christmas Poinsettias" in the subject line. Plants will decorate the Sanctuary from December 8<sup>th</sup> through the December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service, after which you should plan to take them with you to decorate your own home.

## **Christmas Giving Tree Kickoff Sunday, November 24th**

Help us make Christmas a reality for those who otherwise may think it impossible. By taking an ornament from the Christmas Tree beginning **Sunday, November 24th**, you will be supporting a family at Lydia's House or South Side Day Nursery. Email Elizabeth Pribor at [efpribor@gmail.com](mailto:efpribor@gmail.com) with questions.

## **Annual Gingerbread House Party**

Come decorate a gingerbread house on **Saturday, December 7th** from 10am-noon! This event is geared toward kids but all ages are welcome to decorate a house (or to help). Invite friends to join us in Fellowship Hall for a fun morning together. Please sign up in the Gathering Space by December 1st so we know how many houses to prepare. The cost is \$13 per house.

## **Electronic Giving**

As a reminder, Faith Des Peres offers online giving for anyone who wants to make payments to the annual stewardship campaign and/or the capital campaign electronically. Electronic payments are also accepted for special offerings like One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas giving, Janet Boyer Music Fund, and other designated gifts. For more

## **New Photos**

Check the church website's **Photo Gallery** for newly-posted photos of the October Women's Retreat at Rockhaven Ecozoic Center and Fall-A-Palooza at the Old Meeting House. [www.FaithDesPeres.org/pictures-of-recent-events/](http://www.FaithDesPeres.org/pictures-of-recent-events/)

## About the Music

Judea was occupied by the Seleucids (a dynasty of Greek kings) during the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BCE. The Greek rulers forced the Jewish people to disobey Jewish religious laws and worship Greek gods instead of the LORD. Some Jews did comply with the Greeks, but others refused to worship foreign gods. One such man was Judas Maccabeus. He led the revolt against the Greeks and is remembered as one of the greatest warriors in Jewish history. Following his victories over the Greeks, worship in the Temple was restored.

The story is recorded in an Apocryphal book found in some versions of the Bible. “Then Judas and his brothers and all the assembly of Israel determined that every year at that season the days of dedication of the altar should be observed with joy and gladness for eight days, beginning with the twenty-fifth day of the month of Chislev.”(1 Maccabees 4:59, NRSV). Thus the celebration of Hanukkah was established.

*Hallelujah, Amen* is the final chorus in *Judas Maccabeus*, composed by George Frederic Handel in 1746. Handel (1685-1759) is considered one of the greatest composers of choral music in classical music history.

### THE WEEK'S CALENDAR:

<b>Sun, 11/10</b>	<i>Adult Discussion Group does not meet today.</i>	
	9:15 am	<b>Coffee with Pastor Annie</b>
	10:00 am-noon	<b>Childcare</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Worship</b>
	10:45 am	<b>Sunday School and Tweens Class</b>
	11:30 am	<b>Coffee and Fellowship</b>
<b>Mon, 11/11</b>	5:30 pm	<b>Tai Chi</b>
<b>Wed, 11/13</b>	4:00 pm	<b>Endowment Committee</b>
	7:15 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thur, 11/14</b>	6:15 pm	<b>Finance Committee</b>
<b>Sun, 11/17</b>	9:00 am	<b>Adult Discussion Group: “Confessions...”</b>
	10:00 am-noon	<b>Childcare</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Worship</b>
	10:45 am	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<i>Tweens Class does not meet today.</i>	
	11:30 am	<b>Coffee and Fellowship</b>

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