

Postlude

“Sonata in C” Handel [1585-1759]

Zoe Vandermeer

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**Happy Birthday to you blessed children of God born in October:**

Donald Hayes 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Martha McMahon 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Julie Noto 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Marilyn Fuller 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Sarah Taranto 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Martin McMahon 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Ralph Williams III 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Art Carlson 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Terri Hudak 18<sup>th</sup>

Jamie Baldwin 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Jean Lord 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Sue Ford, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Kelly O’Rourke 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Sue O’Rourke 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Roger Nagle 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Gabrielle Gaynor 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Tommy Gaynor 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Tyler Poeti 30<sup>th</sup>

Ashley Williams 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Charles Chapin 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Christopher Birsen 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Nicholas Birsen 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Cody Ferlow 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Michaela Hastings 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Mary Mazza 31<sup>st</sup>



image: “Educating the Rich on the Globe” ~ Otterness, Tom, 1952-

***The Service of Worship***

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 Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

***Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 9:30am***

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.*

*Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!*

*Whatever your gender, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.*

**\* The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

***Italicized Bold print*** invites congregational response in unison.

**†** Means you are invited to stand if able and comfortable.

**ENTRANCE & PRAISE**

Prelude

“Sonata in G minor” Domenico Zipoli[1688-1726]

Zoe Vandermeer

Welcome & News

*[Please refer to the bulletin insert for “Our Life in Community” news, and do share it with your family and friends.]*

**† Opening Hymn #398**

“Jesus Calls Us O’er The Tumult” [v.v. 1-3]

GALILEE

**† Call to Worship**

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

***Let us worship God***

In the name the Christ. ***Amen!***

**Hymn #398**

"Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult" [v.v. 4-5]

GALILEE

**Prayers of the People**

In peace, we pray to You, LORD God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

*for our families, friends and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, our country, and the world;

*for all who work for justice, freedom and peace.*

For the just and proper use of Your creation;

*for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*for those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*for all who proclaim the gospel, and for all seek the truth.*

For the United Methodist Church around the world,

for Bishop Middleton, for our DS Rev. Kieffer,

and for our lay leaders, lay servants, lay speakers, chairs, team leaders,

and for all who volunteer and hold office in this congregation;

and all of our visitors and partners in ministry at large;

*for all who serve God in the church.*

For our own needs, and for others for whom You have called us to pray.

*[be encouraged to lift your silent prayer]*

Hear us, Lord

**for Your mercy is great.**

We thank You, LORD, for all the blessings of life.

*[be encouraged to lift your silent prayer]*

We exalt You, O God our Loving Creator;

*and praise Your name for ever and ever.*

We give thanks for all those who have died in the peace of Christ,

and for the promise of Your eternal kingdom.

*[be encouraged to lift your silent prayer]*

In Christ you have called us to eternal glory;

*to You be praise for even and ever. Amen.***Prayer of Joy**

"Do LORD, Remember Me"

NM Handbell Choir

✠ **Hymn of Praise #473**

"Lead Me, LORD"

LEAD ME, LORD

**PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE****Prayer for Illumination**

Bob Hoburg

*God of all who are cast down,**You call us to seek good and to meet oppression with justice.**Teach us to find salvation in the emptying of ourselves for the sake of those in need,**so that goodness may prevail and Your kin-dom come in Jesus Christ. Amen.*✠ **Gospel Reading**

"Mark 10:17-31" [NRSV]

Bob Hoburg

The Word of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.***Children's Message**

"A Camel Through The eye of a Needle?"

Pastor Alex

*[Congregation Sings "Jesus Loves Me" as children proceed to Sunday School.]***Hebrew Bible Reading**

"Job 23:1-9, 16-17"

**Reflecting on God's Message**

"Let It Go"

Pastor Alex

✠ **Hymn of Response #399**

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

MESSIAH

**Invitation to Offering****Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

Anthem selection by Zoe Vandermeer

✠ **Doxology #95**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**Praise God, all creatures here below;**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***GOING FORTH**✠ **Closing Hymn #402**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

**Commission, Benediction & Passing of the Peace**

Go now in the confidence of people who have found mercy.

Let go of what holds you back from investing everything you have

and everything you are in God's vision.

And may God be in your heart and in everything you do;

May Christ Jesus reward your faithfulness a hundredfold;

and may the Holy Spirit be your help in time of need.

*We go in peace to love, serve and celebrate God's grace.*