

today

- Flowers:** The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Joyce Tullock in loving memory of her daughter Melody Crandell.
- Lay Reader:** Rebecca Taber-Conover
- Acolytes:** Lucas Davis and Cameron Swan
- Ushers:** Dave Allen, Cheryl Langin, Steve Langin, Omer Yalincak
- Greeters:** Side: Mary and David Gridley
Tower: McClung Family

11/4/2018 Worship Attendance:

8:00 – 22; 9:00 – 78; 10:30 – 128; Total = 228

Church School Attendance: 46

Total Attendance: 274

Our Pastor – Gene Ott

Music Director – Bridget Scarlato

Organist – Kari Miller

Contemporary Music Director – Dorothy Cowles

A Stephen Ministry Church

(See back of announcements for a full staff listing)

Worship

Simsbury United Methodist Church



*“Oh, but
The Widow...”*

*“We make a living by
what we get, but we
make a life by what
we give.”*

–Winston Churchill

**10:30 a.m.
Nov. 11, 2018**



11.11.18 Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude | *A Little More Faith in Jesus*, Spiritual, arr. John W. Work III

◇**Call to Worship**

One: Unless we love each other as God loves us,

All: we serve only in part.

One: Unless we seek justice for everyone,

All: we welcome only in part.

One: Unless we praise God with our whole self,

All: we worship only in part.

One: Come let us worship God with body, mind, and spirit.

◇**Opening Hymn** | *This is My Song* #437

◇**Opening Prayer** | (unison)

Great healer, lover of our souls: Bless this sacred time set apart for worship and praise. May this space be different from the places we left to come here. May this space be a glimpse of your coming kin-dom and a foretaste of your glory. Lead all who are vulnerable to places of sanctuary where life may be sustained and hope may be found. Strengthen us to serve you in all we say, in all we do, in all we give. Amen.

Special Music | *Ode to Joy* by Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Dan R. Edwards | Wesley Ringers

A Time for Children

First Lesson | Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17

Second Lesson | Mark 12:38–44

Message | “*Oh, but the Widow...*” Pastor Gene Ott

◇**Hymn of Response** | *What Gift Can We Bring* #87

Pastoral Prayer

Giving Savior, we bring to you the situations, places, people, and things that stop us from sleeping and cloud our thoughts ...(moment of silence).

We bring to you the things that cause us to smile involuntarily and make water pool in the corners of our eyes ...(moment of silence).

Receive our prayers and, whenever possible, help us to go deeper. Grant us the wisdom and compassion to develop a heightened awareness of the situations around us, ever mindful of how others might be experiencing the same situation differently and why. We join these prayers together in the prayer that Jesus taught us...

The Lord’s Prayer | Blue Hymnal #895

Offertory Music | *The Road Home*, “Prospect” tune from *Southern Harmony*, adapted by Stephen Paulus

◇**Presentation of Gifts/Doxology** #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

◇**Prayer of Dedication**

God, in your great commonwealth, love is the highest currency. Please accept these gifts as a love offering towards the work of your kin-dom here on earth. Amen.

◇**Closing Hymn** | *Wounded World that Cries for Healing* TFWS #2177

◇**Benediction**

The people of God are revolutionary, countercultural, rebellion leaders! Go with God, creating new paths where there once were none. Go with Jesus, breaking down walls and systems that exclude and oppress. Go with the Spirit, resisting any force that tries to keep you down. Amen!

◇**Benediction Response**

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you alway. Celebrate and share the joy, celebrate new life. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you alway.

◇**Postlude** | *Military Anthem Medley*, arr. George Petkaitis

**The congregation is invited to stand and join in singing the postlude with the Chancel Choir. Please see Insert.*

◇ *please stand as you are able*