

# Welcome to Worship Today!

Sunday, October 3, 2021



## • Church Life Snapshot •

*Echo Hill's funeral committee served for the reception after Bob Kopp's celebration of life on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Shown above are Bev Slager, Pam Spratte, Linda Haehlen, and Judy Worley.*

### Worship Schedule

#### **Sunday:**

10:00 am: Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair  
Combined Worship-Sanctuary

#### **Wednesday:**

7:00 pm: Worship on Wednesday  
(held virtually via Zoom)

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am - Noon

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## Worship is...

*Joyful. Spirit-filled. Thoughtful. Welcoming.*

**Restrooms:** Located next to the church office as you come in from the parking lot on the west end of the building.

**Large Print Hymnals (words only):** Available on the back table.

**Hand Sanitizer & Wipes:** Available for those who need them.

**Questions?** Please feel free to ask an usher for assistance!

### Connection Card *(please note changes)*

In your bulletin is a green connection card. We ask that you complete the card and drop it in the offering plate. If you have a specific person, group, or event for which you'd like us to join with you in prayer, place this prayer request on the back of the connection card. This can be for a concern in your life or your health, or for a concern you have for someone else, or for a joyous event.

#### Welcome to Worship! Connection Card

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Best Contact Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if changes in contact information	
If 1st- or 2nd-time guest, how did you hear about the church?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Church website <input type="checkbox"/> Church member <input type="checkbox"/> Event <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Are you a: <input type="checkbox"/> 1st-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> Member/regular attendee	

# Order of Worship – October 3, 2021

*Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair Presbyterian Churches*

## Gather for Worship -----

Prelude

“Friends”

Welcome

\*Hymn #614

“Great are You, Lord”

\*Pass the Peace

## Prepare for Worship -----

### Call to Worship (*Psalm 8*)

Leader: God, brilliant Lord, yours is a household name. Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you; toddlers shout the songs. They drown out enemy talk, and silence atheist babble. I look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous, your handmade sky-jewelry, moon and stars mounted in their settings. Then I look at my micro-self and wonder, why do you bother with us? Why take a second look our way?

All: **Yet we’ve so narrowly missed being gods, bright with Eden’s dawn light. You put us in charge of your handcrafted world, repeated to us your Genesis-charge; made us stewards of sheep and cattle, even animals out in the wild, birds flying and fish swimming, whales singing in the ocean deeps. God, brilliant Lord, your name echoes around the world.**

### Unison Prayer of Confession

All: **Holy God, look upon us with your mercy. Your trust in us to create and re-create in this world you have given us often goes unnoticed, as we go about doing what we want with your resources. We treat the earth as if it is ours to enjoy with no thought of preserving its beauty and wonder for other generations to appreciate and give thanks. We are casual in the way we treat each other and willing to love only those who love us in return. Your Word calls us to change. Give us this moment to think about how the change you want to make in us could change what is happening in our world today. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus; hear our prayers now as we pray in silence...**

*(moment of silence for personal confession)*

### Words of Assurance (*Hebrews 10:23*)

Leader: “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”

\*Response #581

“Glory be to the Father”

## Proclaiming God's Word -----

Prayer for Illumination #452

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

Scripture

Genesis 2:15-24 and Mark 10:2-16

Message

"Jesus – Truth Teller" – The Rev. Dr. Dennis E. Morey

Hymn of Response #508

"Come to the Table"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

## Responding to God's Word -----

Announcements

Call to Dedication

Leader: Because God has loved us and believes in us, we bring tithes and offerings to express our love for God and our trust in what God is doing in our personal lives and in the world today.

All: **We give to the Kingdom of God.**

Offertory

"Living Hope" – Margaret Morey

\*Congregational Response #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

All: Holy God, in our world, we like to buy quality merchandise and we are willing to pay a little more when we know we are buying a good product; it will last longer and serve us better. We bring tithes and offerings not because we are purchasing a quality product, but because we are responding to your amazing love, given to us so freely in Jesus Christ. His life, death, and resurrection brought us the opportunity to know you. That love comes to us because it is your chosen nature to love. Accept our offerings as our thanks, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

## Leave to Serve God's People -----

\*Closing Hymn #306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

"I'll Fly Away"

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# Life at Echo Hill for the Week of October 3

**Usher for Oct. 3:** Bess Naujoks

**Communion Server for Oct. 3:** Bess Naujoks

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**Thanks to Linda Kipp** for providing treats for fellowship this morning!

Please contact the church office if you'd like to provide treats for a future Sunday. Echo Hill is providing treats in October and Calvin-Sinclair will provide for November. If you don't feel like baking, remember that Hy-Vee is just over on Mt. Vernon Road!

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**The October/November/December issue of *These Days*** (daily devotional) is now available. Free copies are located on the table just outside the church office. If you can't make it to the church, please call the office and we'll mail you a copy.

## Gleanings from Jim White

"For books are more than books, they are the life, the very heart and core of ages past, the reason why men lived, and died, the essence and quintessence of their lives." – *Amy Lowell*

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Communion

**9:00 AM:** Bible Study-Room #1

**10:00 AM:** Worship-Sanctuary

**12:30 PM:** Church of Pentecost-Fellowship Hall

Monday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**9:00 AM:** Bible Study at Genee Coles' Home

**9:00 AM-12:00 PM:** Sewing Group-Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**9:30 AM:** Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall

**5:00 PM:** Deacons Meeting-Room #1

**7:00 PM:** Cedar Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines

Wednesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**7:00 PM:** Worship on Wednesday (Via Zoom)

Thursday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**6:00 PM:** Worker Bees

Friday: Office Hours: 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

## Thank You from Olivet



Dear Echo Hill, words cannot express the appreciation and gratitude for your recent donation of \$50 to Olivet Neighborhood Mission's Food Pantry! Your donation will help many of our neighbors in need!

In 2020, nearly 40,000 individuals/families were served by our food pantry and clothing closet. We are one of the largest food pantries in Linn County with nearly 11,000 food boxes distributed in 2020 (feeding an average of 3,000 people per month). We distributed over 855,431 pounds worth of food during 2020.

We so appreciate your support – you play an essential part in allowing us to continue our stewardship and growth in service for our community. On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and the adults, children, and seniors we serve, thank you for investing in Olivet Mission.

*With gratitude,*  
*Julie Palmer, Director, Olivet Neighborhood Mission*

## October Food Bank Donations for Olivet



Please consider making a monetary donation to support our food banks, instead of bringing items to the church. The food banks can purchase food at a lower cost and more efficiently than we can purchase. The food bank we're supporting in October is Olivet Neighborhood Mission. If you'd like to contribute, simply leave your donation in the office, or mail it to church, with a notation on the memo line for "food bank." Make your checks out to "Echo Hill Church" and we'll send one check at the end of the month to the food bank. Thank you for your support of these organizations.