Thanksgiving Joint Worship Service

 November 20, 2016

Welcome Keith Howard

Call to Worship and Salutation Nate Hornfeld

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Pastor: Blow the trumpet in Zion!  Sound the alarm on God’s holy mountain. Call all the people together—young and old.

**People: For the day of the Lord is coming, a day unlike any other.**

Pastor: Even now, God says, return to me with all your heart; change your life, not just your clothes.

**People: Let us return to our God, and to God’s ways. For our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and full of compassion and mercy.**

(From Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17)

Hymn #100

Corporate Confession of Sin Andrew Moody

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**Gracious Father, I confess that I am blind to my sin and its consequences.  Even when I am willing to call my sins “mistakes” and offer weak “I’m sorry” statements, I remain blind to pain and troubles I bring to my family, my neighbors, and my church with my willful demands for personal happiness and the building up of my “kingdom of me.”  O Spirit show me the dirt on my hands and strip the fig leaves from my heart; grant me such repentance that Jesus’ cross looms large and your grace becomes the refreshing water of life for me once more so that I abound in thanksgiving.**

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Andrew Moody

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus our Lord, take heart; be at peace.  You have not committed any sin, nor will you ever, for which the blood of Jesus has not fully paid!  For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. But Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. He has sanctified us by offering his body on the cross, once for all. Let us therefore celebrate the festival!   (From Hebrews 10:4, 10; 1 Corinthians 5:7)

Hymn #55

Sharing in Thanksgiving Congregation

Hymn #51(SONGBOOK)

Sermon Daniel Mollenkopf

Philippians 4:4-7

***Joy and Peace***

Hymn #179

Benediction Keith Howard