SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 15, 2026 ~ 10:30am

Rev. Gail Doktor &
guest Tivvi Pare, Horton Center Executive Director
& NHCUCC Christian Education Specialist

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC *Sharon Novak*

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted by Christine Longhurst from Romans 8:26-27, The Message*

One: We've gathered in the presence of God
to offer our praise and our prayers.
People: We come before God with confidence,
knowing that even when we can't find the words,
One: God's own Spirit is right here with us,
praying in us and for us,
People: Giving shape to our wordless hopes and longings,
and pleading for us before the throne of grace.
All: Let us come with joy to offer our worship
to God who knows and loves us all.

SONG** ***Sanctuary *Sharon Novak*

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER *(New Zealand Version)*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and
Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of
the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created
beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. *Amen.*

— NOVEMBERING —

PLACING ***Names of Beloved***

Deacons pass out tags. People write down names of those who have died, then come forward (when ready) to add those names to the branches up front.

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE ***Romans*** *(excerpts)*

MESSAGE **NEW** *Rev. Gail Doktor*

SONG** [Blue Book #20] ***We Are Called *Led by Suzanne Munroe accompanied by Sharon Novak*

— HORTON CENTER MOMENT —

GREETINGS *FROM HORTON CENTER* *Tivvi Pare*

*SONG ***We Come from the Mountain*** *Acapella led by Tivvi Pare*

— OFFERING —

*SONG #44 ***Doxology*** *Sharon Novak*

DEDICATION *Rev. Gail Doktor*

— CLOSING —

CLOSING SONG ***Shalom*** *(English, Hebrew, Shona)* *Led by Tivvi Pare*

v1. Shalom, my friends, shalom, my friends: *Shalom, shalom.*
Till we meet again, till we meet again, *Shalom, shalom.*
v2. Shalom *chaverim*, Shalom *chaverim*: *Shalom, shalom.*
L'hitra'ot, L'hitra'ot: Shalom, shalom.

BENEDICTION *Rev. Gail Doktor*

PRAYERS For PEOPLE: Alexis, Allison, Ana, Annette & Joseph D., Annie, Ariana, Ashley family, Bette D., Bill M., Bob C., Bob G., Brianna & baby Addie, 'Doc' G. & Cindi G., Cameron, Calla, Cindy K., Corky, Debbie, Deb L., Gabriele & family, Hannah, Huntley, Jenn, Jeremiah, Jess, Jesus, Joan, John, Judy B, Kailee, Karen, Kate & Rusty, Kalise Kennedi C., Kelly & Jim, Kevin, Larry, Lee P, Mary, Matteo, baby Miles, Mike, Nancy, Nat & June, baby Noelle, Nyesa, Rob, Ruth, Scamp, Shelly O., Steve, Sue C., Sue D., Tom. For those grieving. For those serving as first responders, for those serving on the front lines of public health and safety, for those deployed and on active military duty. For our leaders. For our adversaries and enemies.

PRAYERS For PLACES: For Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting places in the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes.

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Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus Christ,[2] through whom we have
obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast
in our hope of sharing the glory of God. [3] And not only that,
but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction
produces endurance, [4] and endurance produces character,
and character produces hope, [5] and hope does not put us to
shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 8:19-24, 35-39 (excerpts)

[19] **For the creation waits with eager longing for the
revealing of the children of God,** [20] for the creation was
subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of
the one who subjected it, in hope [21] that the creation itself
will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain
the freedom of the glory of the children of God. [22] We know
that the whole creation has been groaning together as it
suffers together the pains of labor, [23] and not only the
creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the
Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the
redemption of our bodies. [24] For in hope we were saved...
[35] **Who will separate us from the love of Christ?** Will
affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness
or peril or sword?... [37] No, in all these things we are more
than victorious through him who loved us. [38] For I am
convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor
height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be
able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus
our Lord.

Romans 12: 2-21 (excerpts)

[2] **Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by
the renewing of the mind**, so that you may discern what is
the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect
... [4] **For as in one body we have many members and not all
the members have the same function,**[5] **so we, who are
many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are
members one of another.** [6] We have gifts that differ
according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion
to faith; [7] ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;
[8] the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity;
the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.
[9] Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to
what is good; [10] love one another with mutual affection;
outdo one another in showing honor. [11] Do not lag in zeal;
be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. [12] Rejoice in hope; be
patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. [13] Contribute to the
needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. [14] Bless
those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
[15] Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who
weep. [16] Live in harmony with one another; do not be
arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be
wiser than you are. [17] Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but
take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. [18] If it is
possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
[19] Beloved, never avenge yourselves... [20] Instead, if your
enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them
something to drink ... [21] **Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.**