

DOXOLOGY (Use whatever words are comfortable for you)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost (Creator, Christ, and Spirit One/Father, Son, and Holy Ghost). Amen.

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING and DEDICATION
Generous God, may the gifts we bring provide for our community and neighbors just as you provided a ram for Abraham.
Bless our time, talent, and treasure for your glory and your kindom. Amen.

*SONG “Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” #264

BENEDICTION
May we now be sent out as people who know who we are: Sacred. Seen. Called. Let our love be bold. Let our light be impossible to ignore. Let our joy be a sign of the world you are still creating. Amen.
SUNG “Amen”(feel free to clap along!)
Postlude
* Please stand if you are able.
Bold- Words in bold are said in unison.

Our worship has ended ~ Let our service begin!

Warm Birthday wishes go out to:

Catherine Irvine June 2nd	Laura Taylor June 2nd
Angela Pane June 3rd	William Jent June 5th
Christine Burgos June 6th	Zack Newton June 6th
Carlos Burgos June 11th	Bailee McNamara June 12th
Molly Arpano June 15th	Drew Dobeck June 19th
Jean Lidstone June 22nd	Ryan O’Toole June 28th

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to:
Debbie & Joe Facendola June 6th

It Shall Be Provided: Service prayers for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ. And also - prayers from ONA UCC Coalition Pride Sunday Resources.

During the First Hymn we have a collection for our monthly meal at WHEAT Community Cafe. Thank you for your generosity!

*For all joys and concerns mentioned in the Pastor’s Tuesday email.
Remember in your prayers our special members: June and Edie K.*

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
RINGING of the BELL/TIME of CENTER

*CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Come, you who are weary and wounded, you who are radiant and rising—
People: We come as we are, beloved, and becoming.

Leader: Come, you who have been told you’re too much or not enough—
People: We come with our stories, our scars, and our strength.

Leader: Come, for you are sacred. You are seen. You are called.

All: We come to worship the One who made us in love and calls us to live in joy.

*SONG of PRAISE and SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE
“There’s a Spirit in the Air”

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*PRAYER of the DAY

Holy One, You who named us before we were born, You who claimed us in the waters of baptism, You who have walked with us through closets, protests, pulpits, and pews—Meet us here today. Make this space holy with your presence. Make our hearts soft enough to be moved and strong enough to be bold. Let joy rise, let fear fall away, and let your Spirit move freely among us. Amen.

*AFFIRMING and CONNECTING (Passing of the Peace) We sing: “Peace be with You” Twice.

* GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen. (Be seated)

Moment for All God’s Children

Lord’s Prayer 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 and ever. Amen.

*SONG “Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

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SCRIPTURE Psalm 13 (The Message Translation)

²Long enough, God— you’ve ignored me long enough. I’ve looked at the back of your head long enough. Long enough I’ve carried this ton of trouble, and lived with a stomach full of pain. Long enough my arrogant enemies have looked down their noses at me. ³⁻⁴Take a good look at me, God, my God; I want to look life in the eye, So no enemy can get the best of me or laugh when I fall on my face. ⁵⁻⁶I’ve thrown myself headlong into your arms—I’m celebrating your rescue. I’m singing at the top of my lungs, I’m so full of answered prayers.

PRAYER of TRANSFORMATION and NEW LIFE

God of the Covenant, in you, we have new life. In you, we have a faithful companion. Yet, difficult moments confront us with the limits of our trust in you. We struggle to release control so that we might participate fully in your plan without fear, hesitation, or resistance. Help us, O God, to be your faithful service who trust you even through the tests and trials of life. May we know the assurance and peace of your eternal love. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE AND ASSURANCE

The Holy One loves you and has made you participants in an everlasting covenant. God will not abandon you in despair or deprivation. Rather, the one who creates also sustains. There is a ram in the bush, and the Sovereign God will continue to provide. Receive the grace of God.

Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Romans 4: 13-25 (NRSVUE)

God’s Promise Realized through Faith

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed,^[a] who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already^[b] as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe^[c] in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Meditation - Rev. Marilyn Wilcox

(A sermon written by Rev. Megan Manus, Clinton Presbyterian Church)

Musical Meditation

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

God is still creating and still providing. Let us honor the continued and new gifts of God’s generosity by bringing forth a portion of what we receive so that all needs will be met. Let us participate in the realization of the kindom through offering material resources to the Body of Christ.

Passing of the Plate

