

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Holy One, thank you for this feast at your table. As we receive bread and juice, may we encounter your grace and be filled with your love. May we go forward from this table with great joy, ever seeking your resurrecting presence among us and discerning your call for us to be present for our neighbors in the world. By your spirit, we pray. Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy One, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the Highest!

*SONG “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

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BENEDICTION

In God, promises are not contained. They overflow. Therefore, as you go from this time of communal worship return as participants in the communal witness to spread the overwhelming love of God, to spread the overarching peace of God, and to spread the overcoming hope of God, like good seeds, sowing and planting a future, that will shine like the sun in the kingdom of God.

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:

Edie Shaw July 6th
Nancy Moran July 7th
Alison Zinsli July 7th
Irving Dietel July 9th
Sue Smethurts July 15th
Madison Arpano July 29th
Debora Wheeler July 31st

Kylee Dobeck July 6
Kelly Turcotte-Colby July 7th
Teomi “Tammy” Cole July 8th
Erin Ruperto July 15th
Matthew Bezanson July 17th
Reese Taylor July 30th

*You Shall Spread: Service Prayers for the Eighth 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. “A Play-full Life: Slowing Down & Seeking Peace”
by Jaco J. Hamman*

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

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
RINGING *of the* BELL/TIME *of* CENTER

*CALL to WORSHIP (inspired by Genesis 28, Psalm 139 and Romans 8)

One: The Holy One is in this place! Do we know it?
Many: The Holy One has searched and known us, our path, and all our ways.
One: The Holy One is in this place! Such knowledge is too wonderful!
Many: Wherever we go, Spirit goes with us! We cannot flee for God is there!
One: The Holy One is in this place! Spirit bears witness with our spirit, and we gather and wait in hope.
Many: The Holy One is with us. Praise God!

*SONG of PRAISE and SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE
“Gather Us In” #284

*PRAYER of the DAY
Holy Love, God of Sarah and Rebekah, we come before you knowing you go before us and keep us in safety. We come to this place in space and time across distance and difference as your offspring to receive an inheritance of your promise and to renew our lives in your covenant. Let our spirits receive your word and our hearts ignite with your compassion, mercy, and righteousness. Let your kindom spread in us and through us as we worship and follow you. Amen.

*AFFIRMING and CONNECTING (Passing of the Peace) We sing: “Peace be with You”.
* 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 “Surely the Lord is in This Place” #263

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13: 10-13, 44-46 (Common English Bible)
He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. 12 Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 13 This is why I speak to them in parables: 44-46 “God’s kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field for years and then accidentally found by a trespasser. The finder is ecstatic—what a find!--and proceeds to sell everything he owns to raise money and buy that field.

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION and NEW LIFE
Righteous God, test us and stretch us, strengthen us in your truth and justice, fortify us with resolve and power so that we might be the people you have called us to be. Holy One, even beyond forgiveness, we seek transformation. Renew our minds, open our hearts, and release our hands to repair, reconcile, and restore in your name. Keep us from being the cause of suffering. Equip us to be agents of healing. Make us attentive to your presence. Attune us to your will. Lead us on the path you have paved before us so that the grace we receive will sow seeds of redemption and healing in the world. Amen.

WORDS of GRACE
Offspring of the Divine, live in your power and purpose as beneficiaries of the new covenant and conspirators of God’s liberating work and impact in the world. Receive God’s forgiveness and move beyond shame and judgement of new life and right relationships with the Holy One and neighbor.

Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up
PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23: 1-4

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Meditation - Rev. Marilyn Wilcox
Musical Meditation

INVITATION to GENEROSITY
God’s gifts are generous and abundant. Give in the spirit of sufficiency and trust that God has provided for all of our needs. Our gifts enable us to share abundance so that all may feast and rejoice in God’s creation.

Passing of the Plate

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
Holy One, may these gifts reflect our trust in you and your provision. Magnify them for your purpose and grant us discernment to be caretakers of the resources entrusted to us. Amen.

*COMMUNION
*Communion Song “All Who Hunger” #419

One: Jesus still prepares a place for each and all of us at this table. Will you come?
Many: In awe and wonder, humility and thanksgiving, we come to the table to feast with the Risen One. Words of Institution/Sharing of Communion (Come forth, take a piece of bread from the plate, dip it in the goblet, and eat. “The bread of life” and “The cup of salvation.” (Gluten free bread and grape juice)

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