

***SONG “Through It All”**

#555

BENEDICTION

Go out into the world to love and serve the Holy One, in word and in deed, in season and out of season, in trust and in stewardship, Go faithful servant of God, Go in Peace!

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:

***Sophia Burgos August 6th
Haleigh Dobeck August 20th
Mason Taylor August 21st
Amy Arpano August 29th***

***Samantha Wheeler Jenner August 16th
Erin Gilchrest August 20th
Guiseppe (Joe) Facendola August 27th***

Happy Anniversary go out to:

***Christine & Carlos Burgos August 5th
Chrissy & Donnie Dobeck August 5th
Laura & David Taylor August 28th***

An Accounting: Service Prayers for after Pentecost was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

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

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
RINGING of the BELL/TIME of CENTER

*CALL to WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 113)

One: Praise the Holy One! From the rising sun until its setting, the name of God deserves our praise!
Many: Who is like our God...seated on high?
One: Praise the Most High, who observes all things and remembers the poor and those in need.
Many: God our Righteousness raises the lowly and levels the exalted.
One: Praise the Righteous One, who is just and mighty, who repairs and redeems.
Many: The Redeemer pours out love and justice, compassion and conviction, hope and salvation. Praise the Holy One!

*SONG of PRAISE and SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE
“They’ll Know We Are Christians” #494

*PRAYER of the DAY
Great God, who gathers us together in spirit and in truth, sanctifies our time together. Grant us wisdom and discernment. Open our hearts to receive and to give. Be glorified in our worship and the transformation that moves us forward as your people. In your glorious and precious name, we pray. 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 “Spirit of the Living God” #259

SCRIPTURE Psalm 133 (Common English Bible)
A pilgrimage song. Of David. Look at how good and pleasing it is when families[a] live together as one! 2 It is like expensive oil poured over the head, running down onto the beard—Aaron’s beard!-- which extended over the collar of his robes. 3 It is like the dew on Mount Hermon streaming down onto the mountains of Zion, because it is there that the Lord has commanded the blessing: everlasting life.

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION and NEW LIFE
Redeemer, forgive us for defiling your holy ground. We have not cared for our creation, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, and we have not been faithful with the gifts you have given to us. We ask you not to clean our slate but to renew our hearts. Soften the hardness this world encourages us to wrap around our hearts, and replace it with compassion, empathy, and accountability to our neighbor, siblings, and creation. Awaken a new life within us. Amen.

WORDS of GRACE
Beloved, a new life is possible. The Holy One has planted compassion within our hearts. We need only allow ourselves to come alive to the hope and joy that transformation promises us. Receive the grace of God to release fear of failure in order to try and fail and try again to be all that God will empower us to be.

Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 (Common English Bible)
Israel and God’s faithfulness. So I ask you, has God rejected his people? Absolutely not! I’m an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God hasn’t rejected his people, whom he knew in advance. Or don’t you know what the scripture says in the case of Elijah, when he pleads with God against Israel? 29 God’s gifts and callings can’t be taken back. 30 Once you were disobedient to God, but now you have mercy because they were disobedient. 31 In the same way, they have also been disobedient because of the mercy that you received, so now they can receive mercy too. 32 God has locked up all people in disobedience, in order to have mercy on all of them.

Meditation - Rev. Marilyn Wilcox

Musical Meditation

INVITATION to GENEROSITY
Let us bring our gifts as faithful stewards so that lives may be changed, needs may be met, and the kingdom of God realized. Give generously and cheerfully as an act of grateful praise.

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
Abundant God, may the gifts we give along with your miraculous power be sufficient to the needs of the community and a blessing to the world that you love. Amen.

