

***SONG “Help Us Accept Each Other”** **#487**

BENEDICTION

With keys to the kindom, given by the Creator of all, draw from the water of salvation and redemption. Live in purpose and promise of God. Proclaim the power of heaven on earth. Be the body of Christ wherever you go, and know that the Holy One goes before you.

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***

Out of the Water: Service Prayers for Pentecost Year A 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

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING of the BELL/TIME of CENTER

*CALL to WORSHIP

One: Blessed be the Holy One. If it had not been God on our side—the people proclaim!

Many: With God on our side, we find our help in the name of the Holy One!

One: Blessed be the Holy One, who draws us from aimlessness, despair, and bitterness.

Many: With God on our side, we find purpose, hope, and peace.

One: Blessed be the Holy One, who calls us to love one another—neighbors, enemies, family and friends.

Many: With God on our side, we find compassion, grace and mercy for one another. Blessed be the Holy One!

*SONG of PRAISE and SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE

“Jesus Loves Me” #113

*PRAYER of the DAY

Living God, you draw us from the waters that offer both life and death, nourishment and destruction, peace and power. We gather as your people to remember your timely and tangible works. We call upon your many names as we have known you to be Redeemer, Counselor, Shepherd, and Friend. We worship you for who you are, and we draw near to become who you have crafted us to be. 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 “There is Something About that Name” #115

SCRIPTURE Psalm 105: 1-6 (Common English Bible)

Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people! 2 Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works! 3 Give praise to God’s holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord! 4 Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always! 5 Remember the wondrous works, and the justice he declared—you who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION and NEW LIFE

Sovereign God, we often forget important truths and lessons the past offers us, devalue the relationships brought to us, and misuse the power given to us. Help us to live in truth, with integrity, and for peace. May love and compassion guide us in all our actions and interactions. Amen.

WORDS of GRACE

Body of Christ, in the words of Romans 12:2, “Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Receive the grace of God and the power of being in community to proceed in the newness of life as the One who loves us draws us from the threat of the depths into the hope of a blessed future.

Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Romans 12: 9-17 (Common English Bible)

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. 10 Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. 11 Don’t hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! 12 Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you’re in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of God’s people, and welcome strangers into your home. 14 Bless people who harass you—bless and don’t curse them. 15 Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. 16 Consider everyone as equal, and don’t think that you’re better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don’t think that you’re so smart. 17 Don’t pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

Meditation - Rev. Marilyn Wilcox

Musical Meditation

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

When we share our resources in community, we demonstrate our faith and trust in God’s provision and in our collective discernment. When we give, we replicate the Holy One’s generosity and creativity. When we offer ourselves, we magnify the blessings Creator has bestowed upon us. Let us give in a spirit of joy and hope for the kindom of God.

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

Wonderful God, please sanctify these gifts for your glory, amplify them for your people, and replicate them for your kindom. May they meet the needs and hopes of the world and community in which we belong.

