

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING and DEDICATION

God of Justice, Mercy, and Fairness: We commit ourselves and these offerings unto you, that your will and ways may be manifested in our lives, within your assemblies, and spread forth that the powers that be might serve your purposes until all are fed, housed, cared for, work with dignity, and all of these things done in ways that preserve the sanctity of this one precious earth. Amen.

***SONG “Ours the Journey”**

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BENEDICTION

Now as you go from this place, go to fulfill God’s purposes that all may know of God’s love, and that be seeking justice and mercy for all of God’s people within our homes, neighborhoods, communities, cities, and nations, God’s realm will be seen, known, and experienced now and throughout the ages.

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:

Will Slade September 8th

Erin Bezanson September 10th

Dennis Bodak September 18th

Marilyn Wilcox September 23rd

Mars Ruperto September 10th

Kristen (Dietel) Jamieson September 13th

Deborah Bodak September 19th

Happy Anniversary go out to:

Kristen & Chris (Dietel) Jamieson September 21st

Kelly & Larry (Turcotte) Colby September 22nd

Prayers today are Adapted from Labor Sunday Liturgy by Rev. Ed Middleton and the Rev. Seth Wispelwey, Minister for Economic Justice in the United Church of Christ.

During the First Hymn we have a collection for the Item Appeal. 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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Ministers, The People of God

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
RINGING of the BELL/TIME of CENTER

*CALL to WORSHIP

One: Today is a Sabbath.
All: We are called to rest.
One: This space is for Sabbath.
All: We have come here to rest.
One: For all who are lonely...
All: May we find belonging.
One: For all who are weary...
All: May we find rest.
One: For all who labor...
All: May we find renewal.
One: For all who are not afforded belonging, rest, and renewal.
All: Let us find rest, and worship together the One who provides rest from labor, loneliness, and weariness.

*SONG of PRAISE and SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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*PRAYER of the DAY

For all who are not afforded belonging, rest, and renewal: may we embody solidarity with those longing for community, wages, and sabbaths that everyone deserves. Today is a Sabbath. Let us find rest, and worship together the One who provides rest from labor, loneliness and weariness. 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 “Awesome God”

Our God is an awesome God;
he reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love.
Our God is an awesome God!
repeat verse

Ending
Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!

SCRIPTURE Exodus 15: 1-3, 11, 20-21 (New International Bible)

The Song of Moses and Miriam. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: “I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. 2 “The Lord is my strength and my defense[a], he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. 3. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. 11. Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? 20 Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron’s sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. 21 Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he is exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.”

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION and NEW LIFE

We confess that our actions do not always affirm and honor each other. Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to you. We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system. Creator God, help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are valued. A world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us.

WORDS of GRACE

God is merciful and just, slow in anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Know this, we are forgiven and we may again now walk in the way of peace, hope and love. Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!

Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Romans 14: 5-12 (New International Bible)

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. 6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. 8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister[a]? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God’s judgement seat. 11 It is written: “As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; and every tongue will acknowledge God.’”[b] 12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Meditation - Rev. Marilyn Wilcox

Musical Meditation

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

The witness of our sacred texts and generations of prophetic leaders is clear: when we have enough - and more than enough - to meet our needs, our call is to share until all others have their needs met. Let us hold our desire to love one another as God has loved us.

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. (turn over)

