

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING and DEDICATION

God who Provides, as we present our offerings before you, sanctify them for your glory and magnify them for your people. Amen.

***SONG “Here I Am, Lord”**

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BENEDICTION

Go from this time of worship like streams of water, Flowing from the abundance of the Living Water. Saturate every encounter with the goodness and abundance of God as a living witness that the people may drink. 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:

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

The People may Drink: Service Prayers for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Year A was written by the Rev. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for 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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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING of the BELL/TIME of CENTER

*CALL to WORSHIP

One: To you, O God, we lift up our souls. We trust you!

Many: Make your ways known to us. Teach us your truths.

One: To you, O God, we lift up our souls. We follow you!

Many: Lead us in your ways. Your path liberates and saves.

One: To you, O God, we lift up our souls. We worship you!

Many: Guide us in humility and goodness. Praise the Holy One!

*SONG of PRAISE and SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE

“On Eagle’s Wings”

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*PRAYER of the DAY

Living Water, we delight in your presence. You sustain us in dry moments and seasons. Quench our thirst for word and revelation. Let your Spirit flow among us. Send a river of anointing, power, and encouragement in this assembly. We come to worship you and declare that you are with us...and we are with 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)

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 “Be Not Afraid”

1.You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain
Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

2.If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow’r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.
Refrain

3.Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you,
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!
Refrain

SCRIPTURE Psalm 78: 1-4

Listen, my people, to my teachings; tilt your ears toward the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth with a proverb. I’ll declare riddles from days long gone— 3 ones that we’ve heard and learned about, ones that our ancestors told us. 4 We won’t hide them from their descendants; we’ll tell the next generation all about the praise due the Lord and his strength—the wondrous works God has done.

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION and NEW LIFE

Holy Presence, you demonstrate the way of love and community, yet so often we turn immediately to quarrels and complaints against one another and against you rather than helpful ways of communicating and confronting conflict. Teach us to be loving even as we struggle. Stir up compassion and accountability in our interactions. Remind us that you are with us even through tests, trails, and disappointments. Transform us with trust and care to be faithful and to seek you in prayer when we feel driven to quarrel and complaint. Amen.

WORDS of GRACE

The Holy One meets us with compassion and care even when we do not embody our best or strive for the goodness of God. Let us follow in the path of trust and faithful remembering of what God has done for us and how God has empowered us for transformation and new life. Amen.

Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Phillipians 2: 1-13 (Common English Bible)

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, 2 complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. 3 Don’t do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. 4 Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. 5 Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: 6 Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. 7 But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, 8 he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, 10 so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Carry out your salvation. 12 Therefore, my loved ones, just as you always obey me, not just when I am present but now even more while I am away, carry out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 God is the one who enables you both to want and to actually live out his good purposes.

Meditation - Mike MacInnis
Musical Meditation

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

God who Provides, as we present our offerings before you, sanctify them for your glory and magnify them for your people. Amen.

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)

