



JULY 26, 2020 9:00 A.M.
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tune to 96.1 FM for the service

Rules: If you leave your car or have your windows down, you must have a mask on, and you must keep a 20ft. distance from any person you do not live with.

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN* *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* No. 410

GREETINGS, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

All: The kingdom of heaven is like: a tiny mustard seed that carries the life of a tree. The kingdom of heaven is like: a tiny portion of yeast that makes bread rise. The kingdom of heaven is like: a tiny pearl of great price that we would give all our “stuff” to have. The kingdom of heaven is like: a fishing boat filled with catch, good and bad together, with fisherfolk wise to recognize the good.

*All who are comfortable, please stand.

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Office Hours: Tues. 1-6 p.m.

Wed 10 a.m. -12 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.

Thu 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Other times available by appointment

Choir Director: Karen Barger Organist: Alex Ignatiou
Children's Sunday School: 4th – 7th Teacher: Brittany King
Young Learners: K – 3rd Teacher: Sarah Hogan
Nursery: Infant – Pre-K Teacher: Hayden Rauls

- Handicapped restrooms are on the main and lower levels.
 - Hearing assistance device is available at the sound system control table.
 - Nursery Child Care for infant to kindergarten is available on the upper level (UL). An usher will direct you to the location.
 - The Infant Comfort Room is located off the foyer for the convenience of worshippers with infants.
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Today's altar flowers are given by Gretchen Weiler in honor of her birthday and her sister's birthday.

PARTING SONG* *Lord of Life*

**Lord of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.
Day by day show the way, be Thou our vision to guide us.
Striving to follow Thy noble plan, nothing can divide us. Lord
of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.**

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

July Meetings:

Every Tuesday, Social Hour via Zoom, 7:00 pm

Tue., July 28th; **Social Hour via Zoom, 7:00pm**

Every Tuesday we will have our virtual social hour from 7:00-8:00pm. We will connect via Zoom, a popular app that works on laptops, smartphones, iPads, computers with a camera and microphone, or you can even call in on a regular phone. It is free when you sign up for a basic account, and more information can be found at www.zoom.us where you can get your free account. However, an account is not necessary to join the meeting. The information for the meeting will be sent out via the all-church email list every Tuesday. If you are not on the all-church email list, send your email to Pastor Brian and he can add you. We will continue the social hour every Tuesday at 7:00pm until things return to normal circumstances more or less.

† Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession provided by the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways publication

August 2nd, 2020
Genesis 32:22-31 & Matthew 14:13-21

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[†]

All: Gracious, inviting God, you continually provide us with opportunities to practice generous hospitality. But our fear of difference, reluctance to share, and desire to be in control make our welcome appear weak and insincere. Because we long for what is familiar and comfortable, we have difficulty honoring the stranger as a sacred guest who bears the face of Christ. Worn out and irritated by the work we think we must do, we miss opportunities to receive the gifts that such guests offer us. Forgive us, O God, for focusing on the wrong things. Show us how to do what is right. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS[†]

Leader: Those who speak the truth from their heart will abide in God's sanctuary. God hears the difficult truths we have named aloud and in the silence of our hearts. Now let the wonderful gift of God's forgiveness flow through you. May the abundance of God's mercy and grace set you free to serve God with love.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Joys and Concerns

People: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

LESSONS	1 Kings 3:5-12	OT pg. 372
	Matthew 13:1-33, 44-52	NT pg. 18

SERMON "Decisions"

CLOSING HYMN* *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No. 2