

July 21, 2019 – 10:00 am
6th Sunday After Pentecost



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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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- CCLI LICENSE #11164431
- LITURGY WRITTEN BY REV THOM SCHUMANN
- PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT.
- SCRIPTURE TEXTS FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE.
- *PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.
- **NCH** IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: **"It is Well With My Soul"** arr. Prim

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God has called us to this place.
What do you see?

**MANY: We see people who model for us
God's joyous embrace of all people.**

One: God has brought us to this place.
What do you hear?

**MANY: We hear God's hope that we are able to see
each person as our sister or brother.**

One: God has challenged us to open our lives and
hearts to others. What will you do?

**MANY: We will do only one thing:
welcome everyone in God's name!**

*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 451 "Be Now My Vision"**

*RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

One: You open our eyes to a world which would sell the
poor for the price of an SUV, or trade the needy for a
pair of Guccis, or haul the weak into Judge Judy's court.
So come, God of Justice, to make us as vocal as Amos.

**MANY: You watch us as we fill our days with endless
work; as we keep a list of all our worries, never
marking any off; as we get easily distracted by others'
inactions. So come, Creation's Oldest Child, to make us
as still as Mary.**

One: You take notice of how quickly we can overlook
those who hunger for their empty hearts to be filled;
those who long for a family to welcome them; those

who thirst for that relationship which will revive their souls.

MANY: So come, Reconciling Love, to make us as welcoming as Martha.

***GLORIA: NCH 759**

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Amos 8:1-12 Lay Liturgist

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: Psalm 52:1-9 Page 658

EPISTLE READING: Colossians 1:15-28 Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:38-42**

Here what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON: "So Who Will Make the Coffee?"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Open My Eyes That I May See"**
(Words on Screen)

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; Your 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. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 769

**Hear our prayer, O God, Hear our Prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

INVITATION TO SHARE:

OFFERTORY: “Because He Lives” arr. Bock

***DOXOLOGY: NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**Because we trust in your never-ending love, Gracious
God, we offer not only our thanks, but our gifts,
knowing that what you have done in the past –
rescuing the lost, healing the broken, feeding the
hungry, loving the poor – will continue to be
accomplished through our gifts. Bless all that we offer
to you, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: NCH 1**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

***BENEDICTION: Glory to the Creator, who gives us life!
Glory to Christ, the servant of love!
Glory to the Spirit, who empowers us
forward!**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: TUNE: “Amazing Grace”**

**The love of God, with peace and joy,
Will each of us attend,
And guide our ways through coming days,
until we meet again. *(Written by N.S. Thistle)***

***POSTLUDE: “Great is the Lord”** arr. Ray

Thank you note from Bethel Church in Cahokia.

We wanted to say a big THANK YOU for your help in making our **TWIG** summer lunch program a success. Thank you for your generous check (\$262.00) and all the snacks that you provided for the children of Cahokia.

Our program handed out over 1300 lunches in the month of June. With your help, we will continue to feed hungry children. Your help was needed and greatly appreciated.

The saying: “It takes a village” is so true. Thank you for being part of our village.

Sincerely,
Debbie Cupples, Secretary-Bethel UCC



PRAYER LIST: *Today we lift up in prayer the family of Amy & Cody Brink .*

And prayers for healing: Tom Petroff, Dave Seneczyn, Roger Fox, Eric White, Ed McLaughlin, Amy Arthur, Lori Riess, Trenton Pickens, Charles Chamberlin, Debbie Ricks, Donna Isselhard, Mitch Nallie, Becky Ballard

PRAYERS DURING HIS DEPLOYMENT, AIC GABRIEL ALVAREZ.

Shut-ins: Darleen Bax, Terry Kissel, Ardella Morris, Alice Stidham & Jacquie Mantle

Serving in Christ's Name:

Ministers – All members of St. John UCC

Participants in Today's Worship:

Pastor – Rev. Rosemary Captain

Minister of Music – Sharon Banjavcic

Choir Director – Nancy Eisenhauer

Liturgist – Jan Miller

Ushers – Tom & Jan Miller

Activities of the church:

Sunday - Adult Sunday school 8:45 a.m. every Sunday
Fellowship Hall rented in evening.