

July 28, 2019 – 10:00 am
7th Sunday After Pentecost



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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:

We welcome Guest Musician – Janie Bloomer

PRELUDE: **“Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?”**

American Spiritual, arr. Kim

Piano duet by Janie Bloomer and Nancy Eisenhower

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears, our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

MANY: We come to this place, to hear the words of peace, of hope, of joy God speaks to us.

One: It is in this place of discovery that we can come searching.

MANY: We come to this place, to find the One who has been looking for us.

One: It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

MANY: We come to this place, to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.

***OPENING HYMN: NCH 508**

“Prayer is the Soul’s Sincere Desire”

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

Living God, we come as your children to be reclaimed and blessed. We need the inner strength that comes to us through worship. All week long we have wrestled with emptiness and deceit on every hand. Take away the noisy clamor that would make us captives of human traditions. Turn us toward the source of our

**salvation, toward your steadfast love and faithfulness.
Amen.**

***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: Hosea 1:2-10 Lay Liturgist

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: Psalm 85 Page 676

EPISTLE READING: Colossians 2:6-15 Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 11:1-13**

Here what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON: “To Pray is to Articulate a Theology”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: “The Lord’s Prayer” A. Malotte
(Words on Screen)**

PASTORAL PRAYER:

(Beginning with silent personal prayer)

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: “A Mighty Fortress is Our God/
Holy, Holy, Holy” arr. Prim**

***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:**

**As you have done with us, may we do for others,
holding nothing back, but offering our treasures and
lives that hope may be restored, that healing might
touch the broken, that the suffering might be revived,
and that all might know of your steadfast love in their
lives. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: NCH 257 “Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!”**

***BENEDICTION: Glory to the Creator, who give 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: “How Majestic is Your Name” arr. Ray**



PRAYER LIST: *Today we lift up in prayer the family of* Pat Bregen & Larry Cates

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 Eisenhower

Liturgist – Judy Schmitt

Ushers – Sue Williams & Jackie Canterbury

Activities of the church:

Sunday - Adult Sunday school 8:45 a.m. every Sunday

Saturday – Parade for Fairview Heights 50th Birthday 11 a.m.