

**The Mount Carmel  
Congregational Church**  
*A United Church of Christ*



*The Lord's Prayer, Unknown. Arabic Calligraphy c. 2022*

**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## Prelude

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*Arr. Dale Wood*

## Greeting

### Passing of the Peace of Christ

#### Call to Worship

One: When we think of God’s presence in the world, we are grateful:

**All: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.**

One: When we think of God’s presence our lives, we are humbled:

**All: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.**

One: When we think of God’s presence in this community, we are glad:

**All: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping and serving God.**

One: Thank you all;

**All: Thank you, God.**

#### \*Hymn

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

NCH #31

## The Call to Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us. We pray for the courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend our actions, the hope that your grace awakes in us, and the love that will hold us together. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

**The First Lesson:** Joshua 4:1-7 Nancy Olson

When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, “Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, and command them, saying, ‘Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests' feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.’” Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. And Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”

**Hymn** “What a Covenant” NCH #471  
*[Please remain seated for this hymn.]*

**The Gospel:** Luke 11: 1-4

One day it happened that Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said, “Lord, teach us how to pray, as John used to teach his disciples.”

“When you pray,” returned Jesus, “you should say, ‘Father, may your name be honoured—may your kingdom come! Give us each day the bread we need, and forgive us our sins, for we forgive anyone who owes anything to us; and keep us clear of temptation.’”

**Sermon** “Repeat After Me” Rev. Milton

**\*Hymn** “Sing Them Over Again to Me” NCH #319

## **The Joys and Concerns of the Parish Family**

Please remember the following persons in your prayers: Sterling Marenholz; Karl Paulette; Carmen McKee; Amos Hewitt; Rhonda Pruzinsky; Gilbert Spencer; Ron Vanacore; and Kathy Willey.

## **Moments of Silent Prayer**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### **Call to Offering**

**Offertory**                    “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*Arr. Wilbur Held*

### **\*The Doxology**

*Praise God, the wind that stirs our hearts,  
Praise God, the one who grants fresh starts,  
Praise God, the source of each new birth,  
Praise God who loves all those on earth.*

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn**                    “In Christ There Is No East or West”      NCH #394

### **\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                    “In Christ there Is No East or West”

*Arr. Gilbert Martin*

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*As a community of faith, gathered in Christ's love,  
we strive to support one another in bearing the Word,  
living the Word, and sharing the Word.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us after service today for Coffee Hour in the Parlor.

During the summer months of July and August, worship services will take place in the sanctuary at 9:00 AM (this also includes Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>). On September 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be returning to our regularly scheduled 10am worship.

Please join us in celebrating the new Church year with a very special Potluck Luncheon, which will be held directly following our 10am worship service on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. As the summer heat is expected to stay with us, we are primarily looking for cold dishes (sandwiches, meat and cheese platters, cold salads, desserts, etc.). If you would plan on attending, or if you would like to sign up to bring a dish, please contact Debbie Wooley ([ce@mccucc.com](mailto:ce@mccucc.com)) or Aren Alberico ([office@mccucc.com](mailto:office@mccucc.com)) by Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Deadline for September Bell Tree Submissions is this coming Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please submit any materials to the office by 12pm in order to ensure inclusion in September's newsletter!

As a reminder, Prayer Shawls are always available to those who need them. If you or anyone you know are in need of one, please contact Aren in the office and he will arrange a shawl for you.

## **SUMMER WORSHIP: A LOOK AHEAD**

*Please join us every Sunday at 9am (10am starting September 10<sup>th</sup>) for service!*

### **August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Scripture:** Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Psalm 124  
Romans 12: 1-8  
Matthew 16: 13-20

### **September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Holy Communion, Last Service at 9am Time**

**Scripture:** Exodus 3: 1-15  
Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26  
Romans 12: 9-21  
Matthew 16: 21-28

### **September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Service Returns to 10am Time**

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Scripture:** Exodus 12: 1-14  
Psalm 149  
Romans 13: 8-14  
Matthew 18: 15-20

### **September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Scripture:** Exodus 14: 19-31  
Psalm 114  
Romans 14: 1-12  
Matthew 18: 21-35



# **Potluck**

## **LUNCHEON**

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Directly Following 10am Service**

**Please join us for a very special Potluck Luncheon  
to Celebrate the Beginning of a New Church Year!**



**If you would like to sign up to bring a cold dish  
or if you just plan on attending,**

**Please contact:**

**Debbie Wooley ([ce@mccucc.com](mailto:ce@mccucc.com))**

**Or**

**Aren Alberico ([office@mccucc.com](mailto:office@mccucc.com))**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023



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