

The Mount Carmel Congregational Church

A United Church of Christ



Gathering of Manna, Anton Koberger c. 1483

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 4th, 2024

Prelude

“Centered Song Title”
Arr. Person who arranged piece

Performer

Greeting and Announcements

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

One: As we gather each of us brings something to worship.

All: We bring the burdens and the blessings of the week;

One: We bring our prayers of hope and prayers of anguish;

All: We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions;

One: We bring our trust, tattered or whole as it may be.

All: We bring all this to each other and to God;

One: Come, let us worship together.

***Hymn** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” **[Page 6]**

Prayer of Confession

(In Unison)

Loving God, you know our hearts and you know our lives. We confess our words and actions that have caused separation, pain, and distress. In humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, and to build up so that may we love you and our neighbors, and follow our Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 16: 2-15 Heidi Grantz

The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. The Israelites said to them, “Oh, how we wish that the Lord had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you’ve brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I’m going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I’ll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction. On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “This evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt. And in the morning you will see the Lord’s glorious presence, because your complaints against the Lord have been heard. Who are we? Why blame us?” Moses continued, “The Lord will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning because the Lord heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren’t against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole Israelite community, ‘Come near to the Lord, because he’s heard your complaints.’” As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

The Lord spoke to Moses, “I’ve heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” They didn’t know what it was. Moses said to them, “This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

The Joys and Concerns of the Parish Family

Please remember the following persons in your prayers: Chris Lewis; Maria Coffin, Carol Fitzsimons; Marilyn Bronson; Karl Paulette; Amos Hewitt; Rhonda Pruzinsky; and Gilbert Spencer.

Call to Offering

Offertory

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*The Doxology

(In Unison)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that Love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit—One. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

(In Unison)

Gracious God, not a day goes by without our receiving gifts from you, whether it is the light of a new day, the splendor of the stars, the nourishment of a good meal with loved ones, or our gathering here together. May the gift of our lives to you reflect the depth of our gratitude we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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Sermon



Invitation to Communion

Leader: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us offer our God our deepest gratitude.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is right to give God thanks and praise, and it is right that we open our hearts to God as we prepare to share this sacred meal:

Blessing of the Bread and Cup

(In Unison)

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the beauty and joy of creation that embraces us, for the work of reconciliation that challenges us, for the promise of love eternal that nurtures us, and for the richness of this life together that we share in you. These things we pray in the name of the one who taught us to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names. 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.

Sharing the Meal

(At this time, Deacons will distribute the Elements. Please be advised that the outer cups will be filled with wine, while all remaining cups contain grape juice.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(In Unison)

Loving God, as we have shared the bread of heaven and the cup of life to remind us that you make us one body through your love. We are thankful that you continue to bind us together by your spirit that we might live into your hopes for us, a community centered in Christ and rich in compassion, commitment, courage, and care. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Softly and Tenderly”

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Benediction

Postlude

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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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our 9:00am Summer Service time will continue through the months of July and August, ending on Sunday, September 1st.

Keep your Ark Banks floating! Please don't forget to keep bringing in your ark banks. The monies collected go into a discretionary fund which can be used to help people in need. We have already used this account on several occasions to help people in need. If you have not picked up a bank yet, they can be found in the narthex or in the entrance to the parish hall.

We are always looking for Ushering and Coffee Hour Volunteers. If you are interested, please contact the office, or use the sign-up sheet now located near the main entrance to the Parish House.

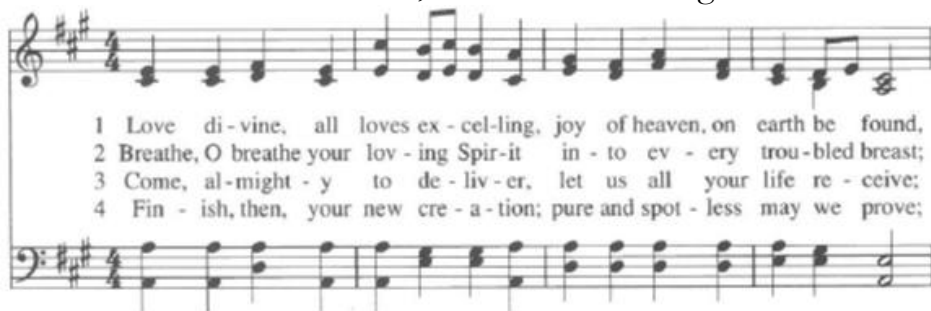
Donations for the Food Bank are always needed if you are able to contribute. Non-perishable items such as canned beef stew, hearty soups, canned fish, peanut butter, mac and cheese packages, and oatmeal would be greatly appreciated.

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.

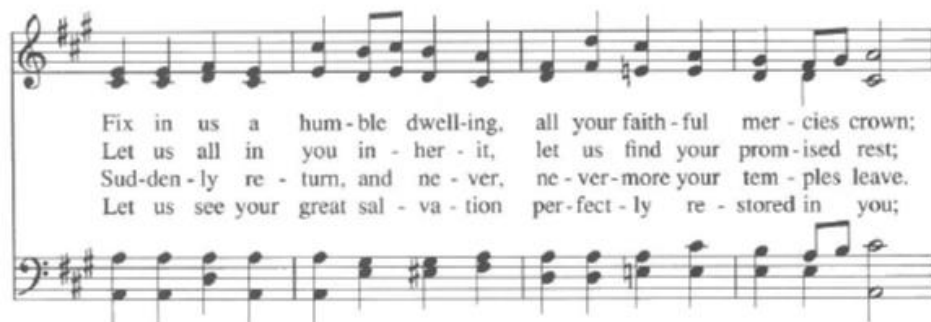
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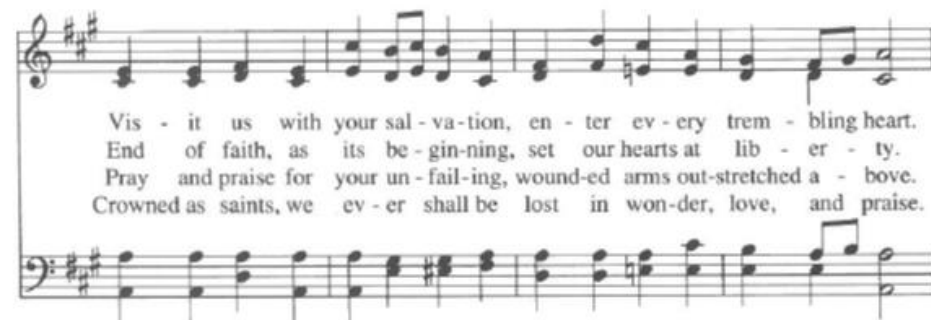
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;
4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;



Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;
Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;



Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-mega be;
You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,
Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place.



Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.
Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

*Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be,
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love,
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

*Hymn

“Softly and Tenderly”

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1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing, pass - ing from
4 O for the won - der - ful love Je - sus prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me; See at the por - tals Christ wait - ing and
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not God's
you and from me; Shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death - beds are
you and for me; Though we have sinned Je - sus of - fers us

Refrain
watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come
com - ing, com - ing for you and for me. Come home,
par - don, par - don for you and for me.

home, All who are wea - ry, come home;
come home,

SUMMER WORSHIP: A LOOK AHEAD

Please join us every Sunday at 9am for our summer services!

August 11th, 2024

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Samuel 18: 5-9
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 18th, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5: 15-20
John 6: 51-58

August 25th, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6: 10-20
John 6: 56-69

September 1st, 2024: Holy Communion

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13
Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9
James 1: 17-27
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP: A LOOK AHEAD

Starting September 8th, please join us every Sunday at 10am for our worship services!

September 8th, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2: 1-10, 11-13, 14-17
Mark 7: 24-37

September 15th, 2024: Potluck Luncheon

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Proverbs 1: 20-33
Psalm 19
James 3: 1-12
Mark 8: 27-38

September 22nd, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Proverbs 31: 10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9: 30-37

September 29th, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5: 13-20
Mark 9: 38-50

August 4th, 2024



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