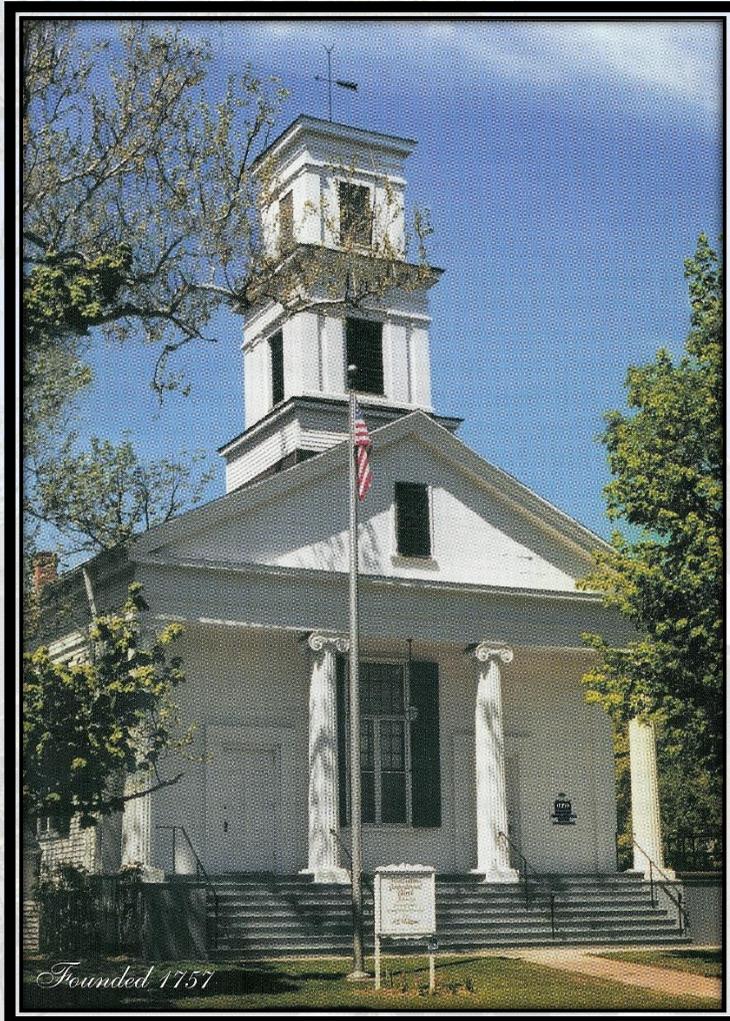


The Mount Carmel Congregational Church

A United Church of Christ



The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
August 7th, 2022

Prelude “All Things Bright and Beautiful/
 For the Beauty of the Earth” Leon Fiftal
 Arr. Michael Larkin

Call to Worship

Leader: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

People: **The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.**

Leader: The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

People: **Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.**

***Hymn** “Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls” NCH #383

Greeting

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: *And also with you.*

The Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive us all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

***Hymn of Thanks** The Gloria Patri NCH #759

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be -world without end. Amen.

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Collect for the Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Pew Bible Page 630 (Old Testament)

The Epistle: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Eric Grantz

Pew Bible Page 225 (New Testament)

***Hymn** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

[See Page 5]

Sermon

Rick Terry

***Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Joys and Concerns of the Parish Family

Please remember the following persons in your prayers: Jim Wetmore; Anne and Elton Smith; George Talmadge; Martha Buller; Joan Copeland; Amos Hewitt; Beverly Dean; Rhonda Pruzinsky; Gilbert Spencer; Ron Vanacore; Kathy Willey; Dot Ruest; and Bobbie Warfield. We offer prayers to all caregivers, and for all those who give their time in the service of others. We pray for all those who suffer with depression and anxiety. Finally, we continue to pray for all those in the Ukraine; for the victims of the Kentucky floodings; for anyone whose life has been impacted by Covid 19, and for all those grieving for loved ones.

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

“Meditation”

Leon Fiftal

By Michael Larkin

***The Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” NCH #306

***Benediction**

Postlude “All Creatures of Our God and King” Leon Fiftal
Arr. Michael Larkin

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

AUGUST WORSHIP: A LOOK AHEAD

Please join every Sunday at 10am for service!

August 14th, 2022

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost; Holy Communion

Scripture: Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Sermon: “Making Sense of It All”
Reverend John Van Epps

August 21st, 2022

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: Sara Kroon will be preaching.

August 28th, 2022

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: Sara Kroon will be preaching.

Hymn

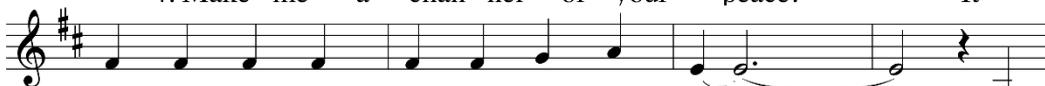
“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

[See Below]

Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And
there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And
giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.
dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So much to be con -



soled as to con - sole. To be un - der - stood as to un - der -
D.C.



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who attended Reverend Olivia Robinson's last service with us, as well as to those who stayed after for our luncheon. It was a joy to see so many people there!

Per the Board of Deacons: During every Sunday in August and September we will be having either Lay Preachers or guest Ordained Ministers in charge of our worship. We are asking that you support them as much as possible by attending worship if you can. It truly makes a difference if the church service has a good attendance.

If you are still not receiving our weekly emails, please contact the office by email at office@mccucc.com or by phone at (203) 248-7408 so we can resolve this issue.

Donations for the Food Bank are still 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.

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

Looking to get involved? There are several Committee Openings for Deacons (2 openings), Faith Formation (3 openings), and Music (3 openings)! If you would like to try out a committee (attend a meeting with no obligations), please contact the office and Aren will put you in touch with the committee chair!

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**Note: Although we are now mask-optional in worship, we ask that you refrain from attending service if you are not feeling well and please wear a mask if you have been exposed to COVID. We thank you for your consideration of others.*