

The Mt. Carmel Congregational Church

A United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

July 3rd, 2022



Elisha Refusing Naaman's Gifts, Lambert Jacobsz

Prelude

Duffy Family

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, open us to the powerful winds of your Spirit.

People: Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation.

Leader: Open our nostrils to the smells of life.

People: Open our ears to the words of justice and truth.

Leader: Open our mouths to the taste of freedom and love.

People: Open our arms to the touch of our sisters and brothers.

***Hymn** “We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness” NCH #179

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

We give thanks, merciful God, that in Christ you seek to unite all things in heaven and in earth, and to reconcile all people to one another and to you. Yes, we confess that the new creation is not yet complete in us, and that we feel everywhere the barriers that separate humankind. Forgive us, and fill us with your Spirit of oneness. Reveal to us those places where pride and selfishness rebuild the walls once torn down in Christ; through the power of your Spirit. 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 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus, who was truly whole. Amen.

The First Lesson: 2 Kings 5: 1-14
Pew Bible Page 336 (Old Testament)

Psalter Psalm 30
Pew Bible Page 505 (Old Testament)

The Gospel: Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
Pew Bible Page 71 (New Testament)

***Hymn** “How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies” NCH #594

Sermon “Independence and Interdependence” Rev. Robinson

***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.

A SERVICE OF OFFERING

The Joys and Concerns of the Parish Family

Please remember the following persons in your prayers: Patrick Hull; Debbie Sermon; Nancy Poland, Anne and Elton Smith; Peter Bronson; 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 community of Uvalde, for anyone whose life has been impacted by Covid 19, and for all those grieving for loved ones.

Call to Offering

Offertory

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***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**

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

NCH #337

A SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Invitation to Communion

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Sursum Corda

L: The Lord Be With You.

P: And with your Spirit.

L: Lift Up your Hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let Us Give Thanks unto the Lord, our God

P: It is right to give God Thanks and praise

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

NCH #793

The Consecration of the Elements

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.

Sharing of the Elements

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and wine, giving you thanks for Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite your church throughout the world in continuing Christ’s ministry of love and servanthood, that your name may be praised in all the earth. Amen.

*Hymn

“This Is My Song”

NCH #591

***Benediction**

Postlude

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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.*

JULY WORSHIP: A LOOK AHEAD

Please join every Sunday at 10am for service!

July 10th, 2022

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 25: 1-10
Luke 10: 25-37

Sermon: “Who Is My Neighbor?”

July 17th, 2022

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 18: 1-10
Psalm 15
Luke 10: 38-42

Sermon: “Word and Work”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us Sunday, July 31st, as we celebrate Olivia's short time with us and wish her well in her future endeavors! If you would like to bring an item to share, please contact Aren in the office. For any other inquiries, please contact Bev Jurkiewicz or Debbie Wooley.

We have been sending out a weekly reminder email on Thursdays with important information and announcements. However, it has come to our attention that some members of the congregation have not been receiving these emails. If you are not receiving the 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.*