

# The Mount Carmel Congregational Church

*A United Church of Christ*



*The Prophet Jesus Reads from the Book of Isaiah in the Nazareth Synagogue, Unknown Artist (11th Century)*

**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

## Prelude

“Voluntary in D”  
By *William Croft (1678-1727)*

Leon Fiftal,  
Organ

## Greeting and Announcements

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

## Call to Worship

One: God is among us, with us, in us.

**All: Let us open our eyes to see God.**

One: God is doing miracles every day.

**All: Let us open our hearts to receive God.**

One: God empowers us to love the world.

**All: Let us open our hands to serve God.**

One: The Spirit of God is who binds us together.

**All: In gratitude and trust, let us worship our God together.**

## \*Hymn

“Let Justice Flow Like Streams”

NCH #588

## Prayer of Confession

*(In Unison)*

Loving God, we know that you created us in love, to enjoy this world, to rest in your grace, and to serve your creation. And we know that we fall short of our calling. With clenched hands, we can neither give nor receive. With eyes tight shut, we cannot see pain or beauty. With feet of clay, we cannot dance in joy or run to help. We ask for your help and your power to change. Open our hands and eyes, move our feet, toward grace and hope and trust in you, we pray. Amen.

## The Joys and Concerns of the Parish Family

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

## Call to Offering

### Offertory

“Panis Angelicus”

By Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

[Organ: Leon Fiftal, Violin: Diane Scott]

### \*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, what we have to give on our own doesn't feel like much in the light of all you have given us and in the face of so much need around us. But when it is put together as a congregation, what we offer you in love becomes more, somehow multiplied in its usefulness, just as it was with the loaves and fishes. Teach us, again, that when we offer our lives in the spirit of your abundance there is enough for all. Amen.

### \*Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

NCH #506

### Scripture Reading:

Mark 6: 1-6

Bev Jurkiewicz

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown. His disciples followed him. On the Sabbath, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many were powerfully struck when they heard him. “Where did this man get all this? What’s this wisdom he’s been given? What about the powerful acts accomplished through him? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t he Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” So they were tripped up by him.

Jesus said to them, “Prophets aren’t treated dishonorably except in their own hometowns, among their relatives, and in their own households.” He was unable to do any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. He was amazed at their lack of trust.

## 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,**

## The Lord's Prayer

*(In Unison)*

**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)*

**Thank you, merciful God, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are now sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We promise to feed as we have been fed, to forgive as we have been forgiven, to love as we have been loved, all because you have first loved us. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**            "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"    NCH #347

## Benediction

## Postlude

                                 "Trumpet Tune"                    Leon Fiftal,  
                                 By Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)    Organ

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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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**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 Aren in 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.**

**If you or anyone you know would be interested in renting out our parish hall to host a meeting, service, or a small private event, please feel free to visit our website for scheduling, rates, and conditions.**

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

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

### **July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Scripture:** 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1: 3-14  
Mark 6: 14-29

### **July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

*Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Scripture:** 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a  
Psalm 89: 20-37  
Ephesians 2: 11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### **July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*Tenth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Scripture:** 2 Samuel 11: 1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3: 14-21  
John 6: 1-21

### **August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Holy Communion**

*Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost*

**Scripture:** 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm 51: 1-12  
Ephesians 4: 1-16  
John 6: 24-35

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