

# The Mount Carmel Congregational Church

*A United Church of Christ*



*The Last Supper*, Rebecca Foster c. 2015

**World Communion Sunday**  
**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

## Prelude

“O WALY, WALY” Thomas Duffy,  
*English folk song arr. Daniel Kallman* Saxophone

## Greeting and Announcements

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

## Call to Worship

One: As we gather on World Communion Sunday, we are mindful that Christians around the world are sharing the same table.

**All: We may not say the exact same words, or serve the meal in the same way, but we are fed by the same God and held by the same love that unites us.**

One: Come to the table, then, all of us who are scattered and torn.

**All: Here we will find hope.**

One: Come to the table, we who are scared and lonely.

**All: Here we will share love.**

One: Come to the table, we who are tired and tense.

**All: Here we find rest for our souls, and food for our journey.**

One: Come to the table, we who are struggling or searching.

**All: Here we can seek guidance and purpose.**

One: Come to the table, we who are happy or sad.

**All: Here our lives are embraced by God’s grace.**

**\*Hymn** “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending” NCH #565

## Prayer of Connection and Hope

*(In Unison)*

**All: Loving God in whom all creation exists, we come on this World Communion Sunday to remember what we know to be true: that every last one of us is wonderfully and uniquely created in your image and worthy to be loved.**

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## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

*(In Unison)*

Gracious God, the gifts we offer come from the abundance you have given to us. The love we share grows from the love we find in you. May all of our offerings reflect your image in us. Amen.

## **Bible Presentation to Alex Baronowski**



## **Special Music**

“The Belong Song”

You belong and I do, too  
We belong, both me and you  
Everybody, sing along  
Everyone belongs

Take a look around this place  
We're short on shade and we're long on grace  
Risking hope with open hearts,  
That's how revolutions start

You belong and I do, too  
We belong, both me and you  
Everybody, sing along  
Everyone belongs

We are not alone  
We are not alone  
We are not alone

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**Our hurt has helped shape who we are  
But we are more than battle scars  
Our broken-hearted harmony  
Unleashes love and sets us free**

**You belong and I do, too  
We belong, both me and you  
Everybody, sing along  
Everyone belongs**

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 10: 13-16 Bev Jurkiewicz

People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, “Allow the children to come to me. Don’t forbid them, because God’s kingdom belongs to people like these children. I assure you that whoever doesn’t welcome God’s kingdom like a child will never enter it.” Then he hugged the children and blessed them.

## **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. Let us pray together:

## Prayer of Confession

*(In Unison)*

Today, God, we confess our fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity, even as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task of togetherness to which you have called us. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love all of your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all. 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)*

Ever-loving and ever-present God, you have refreshed us at your table with this feast of love. May the sharing of this sacred meal together remain always in our hearts and weave us together as one body, one people. Strengthen our faith that we might accomplish great things through our love for one another. Send us forth in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*Hymn**                    “Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue”



1 Al - though I        speak        with an - gel’s tongue,        my faith, my  
 2 For love is        pa -        tient, love is kind,        and nev - er  
 3 For now we        peer        at dark - ened glass;        our vi - sions  
 4 The gifts are        man - y, the Bod - y one,        and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass,        but have no        love, my gifts are  
 vain with boast - ing pride;        love bears all        things, all things en -  
 end; our tongues all cease.        In part we        know, in part now  
 one are all bap - tized.        Be - lov - ed,        share one heart, one



vain        as clang - ing        gong        or blar - ing        brass.  
 dures.        All things must        end;        love will        a -        bide.  
 see:        then we will        see        love face        to        face.  
 mind,        one hope, one        faith,        one love        in        Christ.



**Benediction**

**Postlude**                    “Thine the Amen thine the Praise”

*Arr. Anne Krentz, 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

We are happy to announce that we will be hosting a free Hands-Only CPR training course in the Church Hall on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. There are a total of 20 spots available for members of our congregation, so if you are interested, please use the sign-up sheet located in the Church Hall or contact the Office by email at [office@mccucc.com](mailto:office@mccucc.com) by Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our annual Fall Tag and Craft Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm. Per usual, there will be a variety of unique craft and tag tables, delicious food via our Snack Bar, as well as some treats from our Bake Sale. We hope to see you there!

Can't wait until our Tag Sale later this month? Looking for some early Tag Sale Treasures? Well then, come on down to our "Pre-Tag Sale" Tag Sale, located in the Computer Room! If you are interested in purchasing any of the lovely items for sale, please see Debbie during coffee hour and make an offer!

We are still searching for our next Church Clerk! This vital role involves maintaining thorough records of all business meetings, including reports from officers and committees. The Clerk will also manage the membership register, noting admission and transfer dates, as well as recording baptisms. Additionally, the Clerk will handle the issuance of transfer letters and provide official notice of all church meetings. If you are detail-oriented and passionate about supporting our church community, we encourage you to contact Tom Duffy by email at '[thomasduffy67@gmail.com](mailto:thomasduffy67@gmail.com)'!

Keep your Ark Banks floating! Please don't forget to keep bringing in your ark banks. If you have not picked up a bank yet, they can be found in the narthex or in the entrance to the parish hall.



## **SUNDAY WORSHIP: A LOOK AHEAD**

*Please join us every Sunday at 10am for our worship services!*

### **October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost*

**Scripture:** Job 23: 1-9, 16-17  
Psalm 22: 1-15  
Hebrews 4: 12-16  
Mark 10: 17-31

### **October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost*

**Scripture:** Job 38: 1-7, (34-41)  
Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c  
Hebrews 5: 1-10  
Mark 10: 35-45

### **October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost*

**Scripture:** Job 42: 1-6, 10-17  
Psalm 34: 1-8 (19-22)  
Hebrews 7: 23-28  
Mark 10: 46-52

### **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024: Holy Communion**

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Scripture:** Ruth 1: 1-18  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9: 11-14  
Mark 12: 28-34

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP: A LOOK AHEAD**

*Please join us every Sunday at 10am for our worship services!*

### **November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Scripture:** Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9: 24-28

Mark 12: 38-44

### **November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 1: 2-20

1 Samuel 2: 1-10

Hebrews 10: 11-14, (15-18), 19-25

Mark 13: 1-8

### **November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Reign of Christ**

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*

**Scripture:** 2 Samuel 23: 1-7

Psalm 132: 1-12 (13-18)

Revelations 1: 4b-8

John 18: 33-37

### **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024: Holy Communion**

*First Sunday of Advent*

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalm 25: 1-10

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Luke 21: 25-36



**WHERE:**

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**WHEN:**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH  
9:00AM—2:00PM

**WHAT:**

TAG SALE TREASURES!  
CRAFT TABLES!  
SNACK BAR!  
BAKE SALE!  
& MORE!

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024



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