

August 6, 2017 – 10:00 am

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

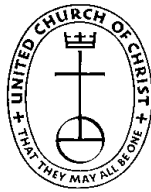
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Our mission is to worship and serve God
in our church, community, and the world.



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Please respond with words in **bold print**.

*Please stand if comfortably able

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: "Bread of Life" Ellen Jane Lorenz

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Come into the presence of God to be fed.
Come to call on God, who is eager to answer.

**Many: We gather to seek God's face.
Let our eyes see all that is right and true.**

One: Incline your ears to hear all God would teach.
Seek to experience God's steadfast love.

**Many: We are here to receive God's blessing
God is our refuge in a frightening world.**

One: God is near to all who call and seek.
Come to praise God and receive a blessing.

**Many: Open all our senses to pay close attention, O God.
We want to renew our covenant with the living God.**

*OPENING HYMN: "Open My Eyes That I May See"
(Words on the screen.)

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Psalm 17:1-7, 15

**17 Listen to what's right, Lord; pay attention to my cry!
Listen closely to my prayer; it's spoken by lips that don't lie!**

² My justice comes from you; let your eyes see what is right!

³ You have examined my heart, testing me at night.

**You've looked me over closely, but haven't found anything
wrong. My mouth doesn't sin.**

**⁴ But these other people's deeds? I have avoided such violent
ways by the command from your lips.**

**⁵ My steps are set firmly on your paths; my feet haven't
slipped.**

⁶ I cry out to you because you answer me. So tilt your ears toward me now— listen to what I'm saying!

⁷ Manifest your faithful love in amazing ways because you are the one who saves those who take refuge in you, saving them from their attackers by your strong hand.

¹⁵ But me? I will see your face in righteousness; when I awake, I will be filled full by seeing your image. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

*GLORIA: #759

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: **Genesis 32:22-31** Lay Liturgist
(Page 40 in the Pew Bible)

EPISTLE READING: **Romans 9:1-5** Lay Liturgist (Page 1378)

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

*GOSPEL LESSON: **Matthew 14:13-21** Pastor Rosemary
(Pages 1189 - 1190 in the Pew Bible)

SERMON: **“What’s in Your Picnic Basket?”**

PASTORAL PRAYER:

PRAYER RESPONSE: **NCH #769**

**Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.
Incline your ear to us, and grant us you peace.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: “More Like the Master” Charles H. Gabriel

*DOXOLOGY: # 780

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

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION: THE LORD’S PRAYER:
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

***HOLY COMMUNION: (On Screen) Pastor Rosemary
#783 “As the Grains of Wheat”**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: We thank you, Almighty God, that you have fed us with these holy mysteries of the sacrifices of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. By participating, together, in this Holy Communion, we become members of the life of your Son and thus agents in this world. Help us to be the distributors of your blessings, the instruments of your grace, and the ambassadors of your love to all the people we meet in our everyday lives.**

Faithful and gracious God, we thank you for this, the medicine of immortality; the antidote of death. All this we pray in the most holy and precious name of Jesus Christ who reigns with the Almighty God in the unity of the Holy Spirit. You are one God, now and forever. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: “Standing on the Promises”
(Words on the screen)**

DURING THE HYMN THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: #812 Three-fold Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen**

POSTLUDE: “We Are Called” David Haas

Serving in Christ's Name:

Ministers – All members of St. John UCC

Participants in Today's Worship:

Pastor – Rev. Rosemary Captain

Minister of Music – Sharon Banjavcic

Liturgist – Jim Turnbull

Ushers – Jim Turnbull and Rosemary Williams