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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 21, 2013

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ring the Bell

***Greeting One Another**

Centering Music

"Morning on the Milkweed"

J. Cotter

Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made. (Psalm 118:24)

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; (Psalm 95:1)

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let justice roll down like waters, (Amos 5:24)

People: and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

***Gathering Song NCH #586**

"Come to Tend God's Garden"

KING'S WESTON

Opening Prayer

Silent Reflection

Readings from the Bible

Amos 8:1-12 (p. 1048-1049 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

Sung Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me: Spir - it of the liv - ing God,

Fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, Fill me,

use me, Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me.

Sermon

"Rotten Fruit, Tough Love"
Rev. Mary Jane Button-Harrison

Sermon Song NCH #332

"As We Gather at Your Table"

BEACH SPRING

Prayers of the People

You are invited to offer joys and concerns aloud for which the whole congregation will pray. If you have something to share, simply raise your hand and a deacon will bring the microphone to you.

Pastoral Prayer

The minister will offer a series of prayers each followed by "Amen." The Lord's Prayer has been moved to the Communion liturgy.

Prayer of Dedication

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage; for the sake of Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Offering of Gifts

“Seek Ye First”
Joint UCC/FCC Choir

Lafferty/arr. Wagner

*Sung Response

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Lasst uns Esfreuen

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here be - low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Cre - a - tor, Praise the Son. Praise, praise the Spir - it, Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Invitation to Communion

Institution Narrative

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's prayer comes from *Matthew 6:9-13*. Here is a traditional translation, which we will all pray together.

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
in 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.**

***Distribution of the Elements**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of cup, we thank you. For the community that you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. For the courage and strength that you have promised to us, even as we have honored the ones of courage in our own past, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.

***Song NCH #584**

"I Am the Light of the World" LIGHT OF THE WORLD

***Parting Blessing**

Sending Music

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preachers: Rev. Mary Jane Button-Harrison
Liturgist: Rev. Jonathan Page
Minister to Children & Youth: Laurie Olk
Music Director: Lesley Lackore
Keyboardist: Karen Stewart