



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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15, 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

"Lift Up Your Hearts"

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

***Call to Worship** (John 10:11, John 4:14, Philippians 2:9-11)

Congregational Response: Praise Jesus!

***Gathering Song** NCH #38

"Lift Up Your Hearts"

WOODLANDS

Opening Prayer

Silent Prayer

Children's Message

"Who Do You See?"

Hannah Hannover

Readings from the Bible

Mark 8:14-27, (p. 53 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

Matthew 16:5-13 (p. 21-22 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

Sung Response

“Be Still and Know I Am God”



Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song "Be Still and Know I Am God". The first staff is in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It contains the melody for the first line of the song. The second staff is also in treble clef, key of D major, and 4/4 time, containing the melody for the second line. The lyrics "Be still and know that I am God." are written below each staff, with the words aligned with the notes. The second staff includes a double bar line at the end.

Sermon

“Why Does the Historical Jesus Matter?”

Jonathan Page

*Song SPP #93

“Stay With Us”

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.

Offering of Gifts

“In Remembrance”
UCC Chancel Choir

Ragan Courtney & Buryl Red

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.

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

Since, dear God, in this place, at this table, we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us, grant that we may go away from this house filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love those who are around us and who share our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Song NCH #503**

"Our Savior, Let Me Walk with You"

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***Parting Blessing**

Sending Music

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Jon Page

Liturgist: Bradley Duckstein

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Keyboardist: Karen Stewart

Next Week September 22:

10:45 a.m. Worship

Sermon: "Did Jesus Perform Miracles?" Jonathan Page

Texts: Luke 7:11-17

2 Kings 4:32-37

Welcome! We welcome all who worship here today. Whether you are passing through, attending with a friend or relative, searching for a church home, or seeking answers to life's questions, we are glad you are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the minister following the service and stay for refreshments so others in our fellowship may meet you. If you want to know more about our church, please tell the minister or indicate this on our fellowship pads.

In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender, race, culture, ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity into our community of faith and affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each one to participate in the life of our church.

Nursery Care: We welcome children to stay during our worship service...in fact, we enjoy it! However, if you or your child(ren) would like to use our nursery, there are qualified child care providers during worship for infants and children through Kindergarten. Our nursery is located in Room 212 on the second floor on the east side of the church building. A parent or guardian will be required to sign their child in and out. Please feel free to use this service.

To Contact The Reverend Jonathan C. Page:

During regular office hours or at any time, if the matter is not urgent, call the church. Please leave a message if The Reverend Jonathan C. Page is not available. If it is an emergency, don't hesitate to call his cell phone at 203-815-3816.

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