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*If comfortable doing so, you are invited to stand.

We are using the Celebration hymnal today.

This designates which Hymnal will be used that day. Either the Methodist Hymnal or the Celebration is used. They are found in the back of the pew in front of you.

JULY 1, 2018

SILENT MEDITATION:

The day according to the liturgical calendar

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Human fellowship and sturdy joy come to us as we create and keep on re-creating our fragile human relationships making them last through the power of caring love. To dare to make and care to keep commitments, this is love." Lewis B. Smedes

Silent Meditation is a thought to ponder while waiting for the service to begin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Rhosymedre"

Vaughan-Williams

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 21 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

*Means to stand if you are comfortable. Many remain seated so you won't feel out of place if you are uncomfortable standing.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 30)**

One: Where there was no way,
All: God leads us in a new way.
One: Where there was no mercy,
All: God surprises us with fresh mercy.
One: Where there was weeping,
All: God invites us to step into new joy.

A Liturgist leads the Call to Worship, which is responsive; reads the Call to Confession & then leads the Prayer of Confession, in unison. The pastor then reads the Assurance of Pardon.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we relate to others through fear rather than love. Forgive us for looking the other way when we encounter needs of others. Forgive us for becoming desensitized to anyone's suffering but our own. Give us courage and strength of heart that overcomes every barrier to making your grace known in our lives and in our suffering world. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Gloria Patri is sung as a response to the Assurance of Pardon and is found in the Methodist hymnal. The Doxology is sung while the ushers take the offering forward.

After the Benediction, most people leave through the center aisle and shake the Pastor's hand. Some stay to listen to the Music Director's Postlude.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children of all ages are invited to the steps in the front of the sanctuary for a short lesson with the pastor.

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The pastor shares joys and concerns right before the Pastoral Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is prayed in unison and the phrase "forgive us our sins" is used.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE SERMON

Mark 5:21-43
"Faith Within the Parentheses"

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 639 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" REST

OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TITHES

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

"Partita on St. Anne—Andante" Paul Manz
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Chancel Choir and/or the Handbell Choir performs almost every Sunday except during the summer. New ringers and singers are always welcome. The children also sing or play handbells occasionally.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (In Unison)

Gracious God, we strive to grow in our fellowship with you and with all your children. Let us seek to grow not only in faith and knowledge; let us also seek to excel in the grace of giving. Let our willingness to serve you be matched by our completion of the tasks to which you call us. Let our gifts be acceptable and blessed by your Spirit. Amen

The Scripture is read by the pastor. The Sermons are scripturally based and usually last 10-15 minutes. Don't be surprised if you hear about our pastor's favorite theologians ~ Dr. Seuss and Walt Disney.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Statement of Faith (See Insert) United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

Words of Institution

**Prayer of Thanksgiving* (Unison)

God of Comfort and God of Compassion, at this table your Spirit has made us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to our world. Lead us forth by the winds of your Spirit that our very lives may be an extension of the reach of your love and grace. Amen

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 293 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" NETTLETON

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Voluntary on Nettleton"

David Cherwien

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is shared the first Sunday of the month. Open Communion is served and all are invited to participate. The bread is passed first and then the wine (purple liquid) and grape juice (white liquid) is passed. The ushers go forward after passing the bread and then again after passing the wine. With each element the pastor indicates when it is time to partake. After Communion is served, we stand and say the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

After the Call to Offering the ushers pass the Offering Plates. If you would like to make a donation feel free to use an envelope in the back of the pew. After the ushers take the offering to the altar, the Prayer of Dedication is prayed in unison.