

Salem United Church of Christ, Wayne

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

Prelude, Ringing of the Bell and Welcome

Welcome to Salem United Church of Christ, where no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here, because this is Christ's church.

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145:10-18, alt.

All of your works will thank you, LORD, and your faithful followers will praise you.

They will speak of the glory of your kingdom; they will give examples of your power.

They will tell about your mighty deeds and about the majesty and glory of your reign.

For your kingdom is everlasting; you rule throughout all generations.

The LORD always keeps promises, and is gracious in everything.

The LORD helps the fallen and lifts those bent beneath their loads.

The eyes of all look to you in hope; you give them their food as they need it.

When you open your hand, you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

The LORD is righteous in everything and is filled with kindness.

The LORD is close to all who call on God in truth.

***Hymn #4**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

van Dyke/Beethoven

Opening Prayer

Christine Longhurst, on re:Worship

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Confession and Pardon

Chalice Worship #280

Most gracious and merciful God, we confess to you and each other that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbors. We pray, Lord, please forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful word; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Moment of silent prayer

... Hear the word of the LORD in Jesus: ‘Your sins are forgiven!’

Thanks be to God!

Scripture Readings

John 6:1-21; Ephesians 3:10-18

Pew Bible pages 1055, 1158

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

Message of Hope

Rev. Ruth Hansen

*Hymn #50

“I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty”

Tersteegen/Bortniansky

Joys and Concerns

Concerns: We pray for all those in our world who need healing, hope, joy, and new life. We pray for all who are: impacted by natural & human-made disasters... traumatized by violence and/or are suffering from hunger, lack of clean water, discrimination, poverty, injury or illness ... serving the public... for healing & a compassionate, cooperative spirit in our nation.

For our church family: Phyllis Faber; Mac Faber; Steven Sabish; Wendy Coulter; Dan Coulter; Randy Prost; Sandy Prost; Jim S.; Jeffrey Prost; Ron Menger; Sherry Scheurman; Todd & Scarlet Goggins; Kermit Coulter; Ernie; Gerald R.; Angie; Emily; Linda P.; Verna; Linda; Keith J.; Jerry S.; Bob.

Birthdays: July 29 Jim Maul 30 Fritz Eimmermann

Anniversaries: July 28 Jesse & Sarah (Coulter) Mitchell 29 Jim & Carol Maul

Pastoral Prayer

Longhurst

... Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand. **Pour out Your Spirit, so that we may be filled.**

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 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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Thank you for supporting the ministry of Salem; it is greatly appreciated!

*Doxology #420

“We Praise You, O God” v. 1

Cory/Valerius

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

*Prayer of Dedication

Longhurst

Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world – nowhere near enough to save the thousands dying of starvation all around the world, or even to meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our communities. Yet we have brought what we can. As You once multiplied the five small loaves and two fish, multiply these gifts as well, so that, once again, the hungry may receive all they need, and more. Amen.

*Hymn #357

“You Are Called to Tell the Story”

Duck/Smart

Announcements

Thank you to Jan Shane for our music; and John Henry Coulter-Vorpahl, Jr. for sponsoring our Zoom subscription and bottled water in memory of grandparents Gerry & Ervin Coulter.

Food Pantry – Thank you for your donations in July! In August we need pancake mix and syrup, pizza mix, mac and cheese, Knorr side dishes, tomato soup and chunky soups, as well as toilet paper. Thank you for your continued support!

Salem's Clothes Closet is open tomorrow, July 29 at 9:30 – 11 AM, plus our Open House this Friday/Saturday – volunteers are needed! Call Wendy Coulter at 262-305-7974 to volunteer for sorting or helping guests. *We are temporarily not accepting donations.* Special appointments are for emergencies only; all others are asked to send someone on their behalf during our open hours. *Please sign up to help with the Back to School Open House Thursday – Saturday, August 1 – 3 (includes Thursday setup).*

Wednesday Bible Study meets at 4:30 PM in the church office and on Zoom. Please let Pastor Ruth know if you would like to join on Zoom.

Kewaskum School District Summer Meals – When school is not in session during July & August, kids in need do not receive free breakfast/ lunch normally provided by the School District. To cover this gap, the School District is working with churches and other organizations to provide free hot breakfasts and bag lunches for students and their care-givers* on Mondays and Thursdays. **Volunteers are needed for three shifts each day:**

***8:15-11 am Serve Breakfast** (Peace UCC, 343 1st Street, Kewaskum)

9-10:45 am Prepare/Pack Bag Lunches

***10:45-Noon Deliver Lunches** (Hilltop Laundry parking lot, 111 Cty Hwy H, Kewaskum)

To volunteer for a shift through the end of August, please contact Pastor Ruth. Also, please share this information if you know of District students/ families who may be interested in participating in the free meal program.

WI Conference Leadership Forward Campaign – Thank you to those who have pledged. This endowment funds programs to keep our local churches healthy. We are also collecting loose change in the jar next to the Food Pantry Table. Thanks for your generosity!

Pastor Ruth will be on vacation August 3 – 17. Worship will not be available on Zoom during this time. *There will be no Holy Communion in August.* Jim Maul will lead worship August 4. For pastoral care, please contact Peace UCC in Kewaskum at 262-626-4011.

If you are unable to attend worship on Sunday morning, you can join us for worship on Zoom with your computer, tablet or smart phone: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/755543942>.

If you have a regular phone, call 1-312-626-6799; when prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 755 543 942. Please call Pastor Ruth at (262) 271-7085 if you have trouble connecting.

***Commission and Blessing**

based on Psalm 145:18-19

***Response #81**

“God Be with You” v. 1

Rankin/Tomer

God be with you till we meet again; by good counsel guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

***Ringing of the Bell and Postlude**