CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and the United Methodist Church The Reverend Casey Bradley, Pastor Alice Mahardy, Organist & Choir Director ORDER OF WORSHIP September 19, 2021, 9:15 am

Prelude

Welcoming

Call to Worship (inspired by James 3:13-4:8)

Leader: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

People: We long to hear God's word spoken to our hearts.

Leader: Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

People: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Leader: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

People: We long to live lives of holiness and light.

Leader: God grants wisdom generously to all who ask. Come near, people of God!

All: Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

Opening Hymn: A Charge to Keep I Have 413

Announcements

Time with God's Children

Prayer of Confession

God of the gospel, the One who sends, the one who is sent and returns, the One who is sent and remains with the church, we declare our need of the wisdom that comes from above, pure, peace-loving, considerate, open to reason. We can be devious rather than straightforward, hypocritical rather than sincere, unforgiving rather than merciful, cruel rather than kind. Forgive the bitter jealousy that leads to quarreling, the selfish ambition that destroys those who are in the way, the ungoverned passions that lead to disorder and evil of every kind. Temper your justice with mercy for the sake of your obedient Son, Jesus our peacemaker. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon with the Gloria Patri (Hymnal #70)

Hymn: Make Me A Captive Lord 421

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:30-37

Choral Anthem

Second Scripture Lesson: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

Sermon: Doers of the Word: The Root of Conflict

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution of famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

All: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Blessing the Offering (offerings can be placed in our offering box in the rear of the sanctuary or using our online giving platform at rschurchofchristuniting.com)

Hymn: I Need Thee Every Hour 397

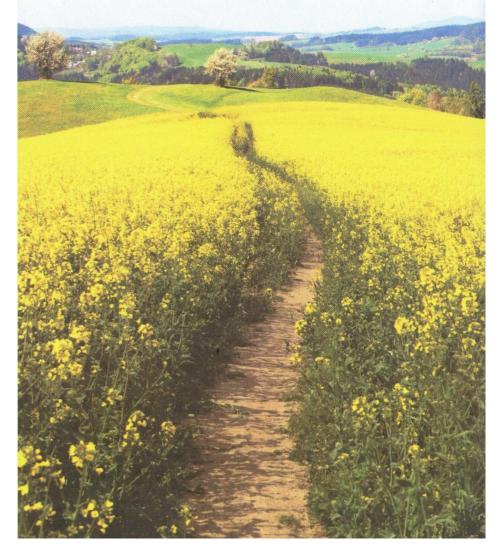
Benediction

SUNDAY CHANCEL CHOIR

Alice Mahardy Melissa Belcher Michelle Fritts Carrie Gardner David Llewellyn Marion Pitcher Mark Reardon Thom Rhodes Susan Sheldon Arnold "Gene" Simpson Carol Ann Simpson Linda Watkins

WEREN'T OUR HEARTS ON FIRE WHEN HE SPOKE TO US ALONG THE ROAD?

- LUKE 24:32



INFORMATION PAGE – Sept 19, 2021

- + To Our Guests: If you are a guest worshiping with us today, welcome and thank you! We hope you will sign the guest book near the entrance to the sanctuary. Please be sure to include your preferred contact information. We hope that you will also join us for the fellowship time that follows the service. Thanks again for being with us. May God bless and keep you and yours!
- + Large print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available.
- + There is a prayer box on the little table near the main door. Anyone who enters the church is welcome to use it. Prayer request forms, with instructions, are next to the box.

EVENTS:

- + Every Sunday SUNDAY SCHOOL starting Sept 12th
- + Every Monday 2:00pm PRAYER SHAWL & QUILTING
- + Every Monday, Wed & Friday, 9:00am EXERCISE CLASS

+Sunday Sept 19 COCU's Chancel Choir begins a new season. +Sunday Sept 19 - All who were part of the roundtable talks last month are invited to a short meeting after church.

+Monday Sept 27 - Newsletter deadline for October 2021

COCU Board meeting at 6:30 +Wednesday Oct 6th

+Oct 16th Pre-order Turkey dinner drive-through

SHARING SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Contact Rowena Robertson at 315 858 0652.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES

SEPT 19 COFFEE: JoAnn Mead **READER:** Brian Howser USHER: Fred Eckler SEPT 26 COFFEE: Diane Butts **READER:** Ross Jones **USHER:** Donna Jones



~~~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~~~

Joan Ames, The Amyotte family, Maxine Armstrong, Lindsay Barton, Raymond Bownds, Joanne & Richard Brown, Pat Walsh Cole, Larry Davis, Jenna Desmarais, Shirley Dreis, Ray Fochee, Dean Gardner, Fred Gardner, the Helms family, Oakley Ann Iverson, Dayton Kane, Linda Klink, Jan Lalor, Lindsey Lucas, Maryanna Maniscalsco, Dawn Myers, Ray Nassar, Les Olmsted, Ann Pawlowski and family, Marty Phillips, Mort Robertson, Peter Rossi, Melissa Santos, Heather Seamon, Clara Shypski, Barb Sluyter, Pam Smith, Tim Snyder, Dustin Testa, Linda Travers, Paul Varcarolis, Holly & Patricia Walsh, Jake Wells, Jason Wilbur, Mike Wolfe



SECOND MILE GIVING for September is the THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER www.neighborhoodctr.org (315) 272-2600

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COCU@Verizon.net Phone 315 858 1553 Email:

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES

Please check any areas that you would like to help with. You will be "trained" and placed on a schedule. If unavailble the day scheduled, trade with another on the list, and let us know.

- [] Usher
- []Reader
- [] Sunday Greeter [] Sunday Coffee Host
- [] Sunday School Teacher (must be at least 18)
- [] Sunday School Assistant
- [] Nursery Care Provider (must be at least 18)
- [] Nursery Care Assistant
- [] Worship Service Acolyte

Name

Contact

Please place this in offering plate.