



# Faith

UNITED CHURCH *of Christ*

July 31, 2022  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Summer Services 9:30 a.m.

**Rev. Ted Brelsford** | Transitional Pastor  
**Rev. Gary Burdick** | Pastor Emeritus  
**Dr. Ruth Foley** Organist

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## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Time of Silent Preparation*

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands**

**All: Let those who are wise give heed, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.**

### INVOCATION

**HYMN** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* Gray, #3, vs.1,2,4

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, too often we forget your promise. We live in ways that bring glory only to ourselves. We bask in the false assumption that we are in control of our lives. Sometimes we desire also to control the lives of those around us for our own ends.

Help us to live more generously; give us grace to love our neighbors as ourselves; and turn our minds again to the beauty of your glory, that we might serve you more faithfully each day. Amen.

### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### \*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 (page 662 in pew Bible)

**PSALM** 107:1-9, 43

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from  
the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

**hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.**

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

**he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

**For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

**HYMN**      *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*      Gray, #584, vs.1,3,4

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**    Colossians 3:1-4 (pew Bible, p. 1184)  
   Luke 12:13-21 (pew Bible, p. 1043)

**SERMON**      “Set Your Mind on Things Above”

### **PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and LORD’S PRAYER**

\***HYMN**      *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*      Gray #2051, vs. 1,2,3

**BAPTISM**              Shay Katherine Luther Kellerman, born Feb. 17, 2022,  
   parents Jacob and Wendy Kellerman

\***HYMN**      *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*      Gray #2051, vs. 4,5,6,7

**GIFTS and OFFERINGS**    *There is an offering plate on the table.... May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through gifts of our resources. Amen*

\***DOXOLOGY**

\***BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Reminder** – Janet Taber is celebrating her **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on July 31, 2022.** Her one wish is to receive 90 Birthday cards!!! So, let’s try to help grant the birthday wish!!!! Her address is: 5845 Scherff Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127. Thank You All!

We have begun our July-August “Paper & Pencils Together” mission with LOVE INC. The Display poster has many stickers on it, if you would please take a few with you and provide the supplies listed for the mission would be wonderful. A collection box or two are placed under the bulletin board next to the Office. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. If you have concerns or questions, please speak with Kathy Lounsbury.

Dunkirk Camp is having a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic on August 14, noon-6.00, which will include, among other fun things, a basket raffle. Contributions of baskets are welcomed and invited. Please contact Jennifer Vicanti, [mjsn96@monkberry.com](mailto:mjsn96@monkberry.com) 716-479-6156. See poster on the bulletin board.

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

For peace in our country and the world, for our military, for all who are at war and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. For those whose needs we may not know. For Alice Baird, Sue Cook, Eleanor Cornwall, Shay Devinney, Barb Fink, Pat Granville, Jim Henry, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Marsha Lambert, Carol & Pete Mueller, Joe Picuch, Mike Partridge, Phyllis Potter, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Claudia Renzi, Joe Ryan, Fred Shear, Linda Smerka, Janet Taber, Bob Tills, Joyce Whittemore.

**Those in the Military:** Zachary Braun, Teegan Partridge, Jacob Roy, Cadan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Mary Solak, Aaron Wellman