



Faith

UNITED CHURCH *of Christ*

August 7, 2022
Nineth Sunday after Pentecost
Summer Services 9:30 a.m.

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

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time of Silent Preparation

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

All: In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in God's holy name.

Leader: May God's unfailing love be with us,

All: Let us put our hope and trust in God.

INVOCATION

*HYMN *Blessed Assurance* Gray, #512

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer:

For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;

For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;

For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;

For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us.

We pray for the courage to admit our fault,

The strength to amend our actions,

And the hope that your grace awaits us.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 15:1-6 (page 13 in pew Bible)

PSALM 33:13-22 (Antiphonally)

From heaven the Lord looks down
and sees all humankind;
**from his dwelling place he watches
all who live on earth—**
he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do.
**No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.**
A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
**But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,**
to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.
**We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.**
In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
**May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
Even as we put our hope in you.**

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (page 1212 in pew Bible,)

SERMON “The Assurance of Things Hoped For”

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN** *Let Us Break Bread Together* Gray, #776

HOLY COMMUNION

When the usher comes to your row, those who wish to partake should come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. The pastor will place a wafer in the palm of your hand and then you may take a cup from the tray. Sealed Communion packets are available to take back to your seat if you prefer. Grapes and crackers are available for children at the table to your left of the pulpit.

Invitation

Prayer of Praise and Blessing

Great Thanksgiving (Congregational responses in bold)

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

Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. /

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and a joy to give you thanks and praise, O God...

... And so, with all the saints, we offer our praise, joining our voices with the residents of Heaven, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, O Creator, and blessed is our Redeemer Jesus Christ...

Partaking Together

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Life and Love, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself for us. Through this meal, you have fed our souls and warmed our hearts. May your nourishing comfort sustain us, and may we kindle your love in the world we re-enter. Amen.

*HYMN *The Solid Rock* Gray, #517

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

There is an Inclusivity Meeting scheduled for 7 pm. on Thursday August 11. Hope to see you all there!

Next Sunday, August 14 we will again gather for worship outside (weather permitting). Please bring your own chair. Children are welcome to be active during the service at parent's discretion.

September 11 with a new format. Children and teachers will leave the regular worship service after the Children's Lesson, at about 10:30 and then meet together and in smaller groups for their lessons and crafts, concluding at 11:15. Parents or other volunteers will be needed to help out with crafts or other activities about once/month. If you can help out please speak with Cris Palczak or Sharon Forney.

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 Gail Berger or Kathy Lounsbury.

PRAYERS and 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 the Partridge Family. 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.