

July 31, 2016
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: Cantilena Josef Reinberger

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #6 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

Joys & Concerns

Introit: #520 *Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer*
(To be sung by all)

Call to Worship

One: The Spirit of God calls us,

All: With sighs too deep for words.

One: The Spirit of God calls to us,

All: Claiming us,

One: Summoning us to create a purpose for our lives.

All: Calling us by name, we come to listen and trust what we hear of God's infinite mercy and compassion

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Loving God, in you we have found our identity. Direct our faltering steps in the ways you would have us go. Teach us to walk through the distractions that beckon us. Turn our vain striving into meaningful service, our greed to sharing and our confusion to clarity that we may worship you honestly in this hour. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, our lives are far from holy. The thoughts we have held in secret have erupted into hurtful words and deeds. We have not avoided lies and slander. We have given in to pessimism and suspicion, we resent people whose lives seem easier than ours. We hate the thought of passing on to those less worthy the things we have worked so hard to possess. O God, we need your wisdom in order to live peacefully with ourselves. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Love

***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.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

(Page 687 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture –

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

(Page 754 HS in the pew bible)

***Hymn:** *Our Hope, One Life (insert)*

Offering of Gifts

***Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

New Testament Reading – Luke 12:13-21

(Page 90 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: “Really, What’s the Point?”

Reverend Eileen Epperson

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: #520 *Almighty Father*
(To be sung by all)

***Hymn:** #1 *Our God, Our Help In Ages Past*

Benediction

Response: #520 *Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer*
(To be sung by all)

Postlude: Recessional in G Major John Stanley
(*Please stand if able)

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our hosts today are Janet Kaufman and Digby Brown.

Our ushers today are Stephanie Tierney & Kathy Mera.
Our Lay Reader today is Mike Clulow.

Hearing Assist Devices are available in the narthex.

Prayer List

Lynne Kronholm, Paul McAbee, Arden Godshall, Rosanne Lamson, Jack Ritchie, Mark Lundeen, Dan Rashkoff, Jose Luis Marti, Kay & Stan Norman, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Ben & the Godfrey Family, Brenda, Joe, Reverend John Hay & family and the family & friends of Rosie Bell.

Pastor Diane is on sabbatical leave from June 13th through August 13th. For pastoral emergencies please contact Sarah Zarbock (860) 435-8139 or call the church office (860) 435-2442. Thank you.

The Rev. Eileen Epperson has been an ordained Presbyterian minister for almost 26 years. She has been a college chaplain, a trained interim parish minister, a hospital and a hospice chaplain, an interim minister serving five different churches in three states, and the settled minister in a Congregational church in Torrington eight years ago. For the last two years she has been the hospice chaplain for SVNA and a bereavement counselor locally and in Litchfield. We welcome Eileen to the pulpit on Sunday, July 31.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday	7 pm Jazz Group Rehearsal
Thursday	7 pm Faith Discussions in the Parish Hall
Saturday	10 am Memorial Service for Rosie Bell
Sunday	9 am Mindful Meditation

MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service to Celebrate the Life of Rosie Bell on Saturday, August 6 at 10:00 a.m. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow the service.

TIME FOR MINDFULNESS BEFORE WORSHIP

A group gathers on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 am in the Parish Hall for meditation prior to the worship service. Open to all!

FAITH DISCUSSIONS

Kevin Wolgemuth is leading a discussion group with people interested in exploring questions of faith over the summer. We will continue on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Childcare/babysitting can be made available if you contact Kevin two days in advance: k.wolgemuth@yahoo.com. All are welcome!

DEDICATE A HYMNAL

New hymnals are available to purchase for the church. Multiple copies may be purchased, dedicated and donated. Each hymnal is \$25.00. You can pick up a dedication form at the church or download the form from our website.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR AND FLOWERS

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