

August 7, 2016
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: Reflection on Let Us Break Bread R. Lowry

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** *Come, Behold The Feast of Heaven (insert)*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *I Come with Joy*

Call to Worship:

One: Gather before God, people of the covenant.
Listen for God's Word, O faithful ones.

All: The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

One: Come to gain divine knowledge.
Seek to learn and follow in God's way.

All: We come as clay, willing to be fashioned for Goodness' sake.

One: We would be right-minded and openhearted justice workers.

All: We are here to be equipped for God's work.

One: Come let us worship together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

God, you have fashioned our hearts and observed our deeds. Now we are here. May this time not be ordinary. Teach us here what we need to know to live faithfully in this troubled world. Lead us beyond the routine of worship to a genuine, life-changing encounter with you. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

One: What do we hold and treasure most?

All: Is it the promises of God?

One: What captivates our attention?

All: Is it the grace of God?

One: O God of mercy and grace,

All: We are vulnerable people and we avoid other vulnerable people.

One: We are broken people and we do not pay attention to brokenness nearby.

All: Heal us, O God, that we may become healers. Mend our rift, that we may be Life-Builders.

One: Cleanse our hearts, that we may clear the damage to which we cling.

All: We are yours, loving God. Help us know this.

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 14

(Page 609 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures –

Jeremiah 18:1-11

(Page 881 HS in the pew bible)

***Hymn:** *I Come with Joy – v. 1, 2, 3 (insert)*

Offering of Gifts

Anthem: *How Can I Keep From Singing* R. Lowry

***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

Gospel Reading – Luke 12:32-40

(Page 91 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Want Your Dreams to Come True? Don't Oversleep."

Reverend Eileen Epperson

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Response: *Give Thanks to God*

Sacrament of Communion

The cut bread on the communion plate is gluten-free.

The communion wine is non-alcoholic juice.

Communion Prayer

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love by bringing us to this meal. We go from this table, renewed in faith, renewed in courage, and strengthened by your presence. Thank you for loving us so tenderly. Thank you for challenging us to know you better and to receive you more fully. It is in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** *I Come with Joy – v. 4, 5 (insert)*

Benediction

Response: *Give Thanks to God*

Postlude: Psalm XX Benedetto Marcello
(*Please stand if able)

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our host today is Debby Mark.

Our Lay Reader today is Bob Maxwell.

Our ushers today are Stephanie Tierney & Ellie Owens.

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 Reverend 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, and the settled minister in Untied Congregational Church in Torrington. She has been the hospice chaplain for SVNA for three years and a bereavement counselor for many years. We welcome Eileen to the pulpit today.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday 7 pm Jazz Group Rehearsal
 Thursday 7 pm Faith Discussions in the Parish Hall
 7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal
 Sunday 9 am Mindful Meditation

OPPORTUNITIES

TIME FOR MINDFULNESS BEFORE WORSHIP

A group gathers on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 am in the Parish Hall Library 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!

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