

May 29, 2016 – 10:00 am
Second Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: Prelude in A Minor J.S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** *God of the Ages (Insert)*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Call to Worship

One: Happy are those whose hope is in God,
maker of heaven and earth--

All: For God keeps faith forever!

One: God executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food for the hungry.

**All: God sets the prisoners free and
opens the eyes of the blind.**

One: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

**All: God watches over the strangers
and upholds the orphan and the
widow.**

One: People of God, sing praise to the One
who is your help—

All: For God keeps faith forever!

One: Come let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy and in our
grief, in our hope and in our despair. When we are
bowed down, you raise us anew.

We turn to you now in search of your healing touch.
God of compassion and love, move among us this hour.
Open our eyes, dispel our fears, and show us the real life
you have to offer. We pray this in the name of the Risen
One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We confess, O God, that the burdens which weigh us
down also narrow our vision. Fear of scarcity makes us
focus on our own survival. We regard strangers with
suspicion and find it difficult to share. We speak words
that we regret and keep silent when we need to speak.
Weariness and discouragement sap our energy and our
faith. We wonder how there could be good news that is
not of our own making. We, whom you call to be an
Easter people, are in need of resurrection. Hear now our
silent confessions as we seek your mercy, forgiveness
and grace.

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 96

(Page 677 HS in the pew bible)

Hebrew Scripture Reading - 1 Kings 18:20-39

(Page 403 HS in the pew bible)

***Hymn:** #440 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Offering of our Gifts

Anthem: *Every Valley* John Ness Beck

***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

Scripture Reading - Luke 7:1-10

(Page 79 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "No More Enemies"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, and Lord's Prayer

Choral Response: *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Hymn: #496 *The National Anthem*

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Postlude: Fugue in A Minor J.S. Bach

(* Please stand if able.)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and
fellowship following worship. Our host today is the
Hospitality Committee.*

Our ushers today are Janet & Sal Accardo.
Our Lay Reader today is Linda Estabrook.

The flowers are donated by Nancy Rossi.

Hearing Assist Devices are available in the narthex.

Prayer List

*Jose Luis Marti, Kay & Stan Norman, Shirley Rogers,
Alice Gustafson, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman,
Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacquette, Gloria Buckley,
Petie Robinson, Rosie Bell, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, and
Ben & the Godfrey Family.*

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday **Memorial Day ~ Offices Closed**
 10:00 am Memorial Day Parade

Wednesday 10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library's
 Toddler Story Time in the Parish Hall

Thursday 8:30 am "Silent" Retreat
 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
 7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal

OPPORTUNITIES

SILVER LAKE SUMMER CAMP

Registration for Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon is now open. Take a look at the many great offerings by visiting: www.silverlake.ctucc.org. Brochures can also be found on the Opportunity Table in the Parish Hall. Scholarships are available. Please see Pastor Diane.

BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study meets each Thursday at 4:30 pm in the Parish Hall Library. We will be using UCC "Still Speaking Bible Study". All women are welcome!

FAITH DISCUSSIONS

Kevin Wolgemuth is initiating a discussion group with people interested in exploring questions of faith over the summer. An initial gathering will be held on Thursday, June 16 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for anyone who is interested. Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR AND FLOWERS

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