

June 19, 2016
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
SILVER LAKE SUNDAY

Prelude: *Played by Tom Polizzi ~ guitar*

***Hymn:** *Led by the Silver Lake Summer Staff*

Welcome
Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

All: We come in search of help and hope.

One: Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.

All: We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

One: Come, you who are in need of good news.

All: We come in search of joy, truth, and light.

One: Come and find refuge in God your rock.

All: Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

One: Come let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Come, O Creator, O Immensity of love, O Eternity of mercy. Come, and be with us and in us and beside us and over us. Be as hands upon us, and fashion us for shining. Be as warmth within us, and fire us for caring. Be as strength beside us, and shape our lives for healing. Abide in our prayers, the spoken and the unspoken; and make your Word come true in our flesh; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we are to pray, always willing to give more than we either desire or deserve; pour upon us the abundance of your mercy; forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Begotten one. Hear now our silent confessions as we seek your mercy, forgiveness and grace.

Moment of silent prayer

Assurance of God's Love

***Gloria Patri:** *Played by Hannah Geiling*

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.

Commissioning of Silver Lake Summer Staff

Pastor: Our friends gathered today have agreed to serve as Silver Lake Conference Summer Staff, taking the love of God to the hundreds of children and youth who come to our beautiful Northwest Corner seeking adventure, fellowship and God's presence. Each one of these individuals have been called by God, have accepted that call and stand before us today to witness to their willingness to serve.

(To the Silver Lake Staff)

Beloved Children of God, you have answered a call to provide leadership and care to the children and youth who will come to Silver Lake this summer.

Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name?

Silver Lake Staff: *I am*

Pastor: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of God?

Silver Lake Staff: *I do, relying on God's grace.*

Pastor: Members of the congregation, you have heard the promises of our Silver Lake Summer Staff who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

Congregation: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to keep you in our prayers, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Reverend Ryan Gackenhaimer: Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this important ministry and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Responsive Reading - Psalm 25:1-10

(Page 618 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Early Church - Galatians 3:23-29

(Page 230 NT in the pew bible)

Children's Message ~ Reverend Ryan Gackenhaimer

***Hymn:** *Led by Silver Lake Summer Staff*

Offering of our Gifts

Musical Anthem: *Tom Polizzi ~ guitar*

***Doxology:** *played by Hannah Geiling*

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 8:16-18

(Page 82 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Let Your Light Shine?"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** *Led by Silver Lake Summer Staff*

Benediction: *Reverend Ryan Gackenhaimer*

Postlude: *Played by Tom Polizzi*

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our host today is Christelle Labat-Comess.

Our ushers today are Orrin & Erik Rydingsword.

Our Lay Reader today is Carol Magowan.

Hearing Assist Devices are available in the narthex.

Prayer List

Mark Lundeen, Dan Rashkoff, Jose Luis Marti, Kay & Stan Norman, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacquette, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Rosie Bell, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Ben & the Godfrey family, Brenda and Joe.

Pastor Diane will be 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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

- Monday 6 pm Salisbury Band Rehearsal
- Wednesday 10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library's Toddler Story Time in the Parish Hall
- Thursday 8:30 am "Silent" Retreat
7 pm Faith Discussions
- Next Sunday 10 am Worship at Silver Lake

OPPORTUNITIES

SILVER LAKE SUMMER CAMP

Registration for Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon is now open ~ www.silverlake.ctucc.org.

FAITH TALK ~ Started June 16 ~ Thursdays

Kevin Wolgemuth is initiating a discussion group with people interested in exploring questions of faith over the summer from 7-8 zp.m. on Thursday evenings in the Parish Hall. Childcare is provided. All are welcome!

TIME FOR MINDFULNESS BEFORE WORSHIP

A group will gather on Sunday mornings starting at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall Library for meditation prior to the worship service. Open to all! (We will not be meeting next Sunday, May 26th).

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