

Affirmation of Welcome

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.

If you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are male, female, or transgender,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you've never been in a church, if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic,

Or a life-long member of the UCC,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person with differing abilities,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whoever we may be, wherever we are on our life's journey,

We welcome one another to this place,

even as God welcomes us all in Jesus Christ!

WELCOME TO VISITING PARENTS

We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour:

✧ Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery.

✧ Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the
Word to Young Worshipers.

✧ Crayons and paper for children are also available from ushers.

Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave, and join us for refreshments in Pilgrim Hall downstairs following the service. If you are interested in learning more about our church, or becoming a member, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Williams Sound Personal PA receiver available for your use in the sanctuary. Pillows for your back support are also available.

Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 9:00 - 12:00

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AUGUST 17, 2014 – TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Meditation Music

Loving Creator, though we are flawed, you assure us of your forgiveness and compassion. With that in mind, may we have the courage and grace to reach out to those with whom we have frayed relationships - to offer that same kind of forgiveness and grace that we ourselves have received. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Kyrie eleison

Schubert

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

L: When we are alone or when we are together,

P: Our Creative Source is with us.

L: Wherever we walk, or whenever we fall,

P: Divine Love raises us up and sustains us.

L: When we feel trapped or when we soar free,

P: Holy Compassion surrounds us.

L: When we are in shadow or in the light,

P: Divine Grace shines upon us.

L: In this time and place, and wherever we may go,

All: The Holy One is with us! Let us rejoice and give thanks!

***Hymn of Praise**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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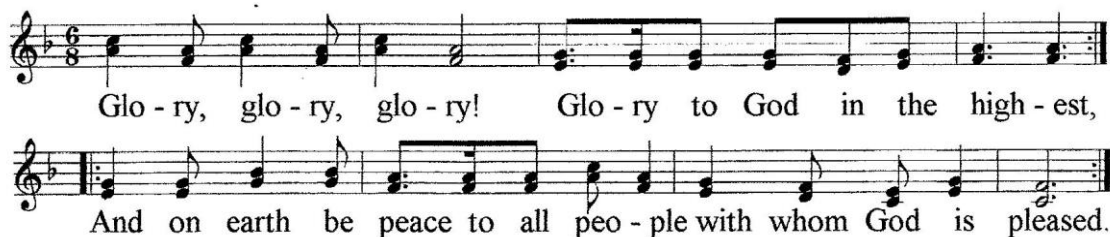
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

We encounter you, Gracious Holy One, in places we might not expect, and in people we would never imagine. Sometimes we see you clearly, and sometimes we pass by without seeing you at all. Open our eyes to see you here, among the people in this congregation, as well as among the strangers we meet outside these doors. Open our hearts to share your love with all those we encounter, just as you graciously share your love with us all! Amen.

*Song of Praise

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Isaiah 56:1-8

Pew Bible, page 686

The New Testament

Matthew 15:21-28

Pew Bible, page 17

The Continuing Testament

from *Leftovers for All!*

by Christopher Burkett

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

You Are the Answer
[Emma Novak, soloist]

Huesmann/Hamm

Sermon

Is Someone Having a Bad Day?

Pastor Dave Shackles

Hymn of Reflection

In Christ There Is No East or West

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The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

Our Lord's Prayer [the additional use of "Mother" is optional, according to One's Theological understanding]

...Our Father-Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Organ Response

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation

Offertory

O God of Peace Traditional Palestinian melody
[Assisted by Percussion Group]

“O God of peace, send down your peace on our world.
O God of peace, fill our hearts with your peace.”
Author unknown

***The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all Blessings flow
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

Compassionate Holy One, you have called us to be your Church, your Living Body in this world. We thank you for the opportunities we have to grow together as your people, and we pray that you would continue to increase our outreach beyond these church doors. Bless these gifts and each of us, that we might extend your tender care to others in our community and throughout our world. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Glory, love, and praise

Westbrook

“Glory, love, and praise, and honor
for our food now bestowed
render we the Donor.
Bounteous God, we now confess thee:
God, who thus blessest us,
right it is to bless thee.”
Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt

The Blessing

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

* Circle of Community

As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3 times) Hallelujah, Hallelujah.** After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith.



*Benediction

Postlude

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Hampton

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jim Hamro, Doris Schmid, Don & Eleanor Kusa, Lee Sanderson, Jim & Betty Kaul, Ruth Thorpe, Doug Lightbody, Kathleen Stewart, Tina Ortiz, Frank Ditzig, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections or changes to our prayer lists.)

Attendance Sunday, August 10, 2014 – Adults: 77 Kids: 13 Total: 90

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our Guest Book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for refreshments and conversation.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Marianne and Mac Hoppel in Celebration of their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORSHIP IN THE PARK! Come join us in Richfield Woods Park for bagels at 10:00 and worship at 10:30 with our friends of the Richfield UCC. Maps to the park and the Richfield UCC [in the unlikely event of rain] are available in the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: It's time to start thinking about Sunday School again, which starts up in September. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sue Maier (Eyerienne@aol.com, 440-915-4988) or Kate Klownowski (keightykay@gmail.com, 216-534-3498). We need help with the older Elementary and Middle School classes. Thanks!

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC....Join us **TODAY** at 2 pm at the Fields Memorial Park, 8938 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights. The park has a nice pavilion and picnic tables, tennis court, baseball diamond, children's area, lots of parking. Please sign up so we know how many hamburgers and hot dog we will need. Bring your favorite salad, side or dessert to share. See you there!!!!

ALTAR FLOWERS are a good way to celebrate an event or person or to remember a Loved one. Our flower chart in the narthex has many open slots awaiting your name. Please select the date you wish to reserve now. Please fill out the dedication sheet from the pocket and drop it into the collection plate or leave it in the office.

ALTER FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE There are still several dates available to Dedicate flowers the open dates are: September 28, October 5, 12, 19, and also November 9, 30. Please sign up soon.

OUR COMPLETE WORSHIP SERVICE, including anthems, hymns, etc., is fed by our sound system to our new audio-CD recorder (CDs are available in the church office for borrowing) and to the narthex speakers (for the benefit of anyone who must leave the sanctuary because of a restless child or for any other reason). If you should use one of the portable microphones during the service, please do not turn it off but return it to its location so that its continuing feed is not eliminated from the system.

THE BLESSINGS JAR is for your use to drop in a note and/or money in response to a special blessing you have received during the week. We would like to recognize your blessing in the Pillar if you wish.

AUGUST FOOD PANTRY Dish, Hand and Laundry Soap.

NAME TAGS are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and members alike, to help us to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

THE READINGS

The Old Testament - Isaiah 56:1-8

Thus says the Holy One: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my saving help will come, and my deliverance be revealed. Happy is the person who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing evil.

Do not let the foreigner joined to the Holy One say, “God will surely separate me from God’s people”; and do not let the eunuch say, “I am just a dry tree.” For thus says the Holy One: To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Holy One, to minister to God, to love the name of the Holy One, and to be God’s servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make

them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Holy One, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The New Testament - Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Continuing Testament - from *Leftovers for All!* - by Christopher Burkett [edited]

Some say, that the day you can no longer change, is the day you stop being human. Jesus is certainly a human being, so he certainly could change. If Jesus is to be our guide and example, then we must also allow our own outlooks be changed. We must dare to truly engage with the changing world around us, and let Life's authentic experiences and encounters shape our understanding of what we know about God and other people.

According to the Gospel writer Matthew, that is a Christ-like thing to do.

In one of Matthew's stories, a brave and faithful woman challenges Jesus, and he discovers that it doesn't matter whether you're a Canaanite or from anywhere else, you still matter. All those boundaries and barriers we allow to divide us - ethnicity, class, nationality, upbringing, gender - none of them matter. What matters, is the child of God in front of us - every single person. As St Paul puts it, there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female - because Christ love does away with those kinds of divisions.

Yes, Jesus was a person of his time - a First Century Jew born into a world of boundaries, discrimination and exclusion. And Jesus is a human being, who learns and grows and develops - like any of us. But look at the nature of his humanity. He allows that pestering Canaanite woman to engage and challenge him; which she does, quite powerfully. She even uses his own reference to "dogs" - to plead for 'the crumbs that fall from the table.' And through his willingness to be challenged, Jesus does change; broadening his understanding of Divine inclusivity!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 8/17/2014	10 am	Worship Service
	11 am	Coffee Hour
	2 pm	Church Picnic
Wed 8/20/2014	6 am	Early Birds
	11:30 am	Women United
	7 pm	Council
Thursday 8/21/2014	1pm	Bible Study
Sunday 8/24/2014	10 am	Coffee Hour
	10:30 am	Worship In the Park

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

AUGUST 17, 2014

Lay Reader: Spencer Whyte
Head Usher: Bridget Sproul
Ushers: George & Carole Snider
David & Kathy Pastor
Acolyte: Grace Hunt
Peace Candel: Lily Hunt
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comms Grtr: Max Roha
Narthex Grtr: Fred Pesek
Flowers: Betty Gifford
Nursery: Kate Klonowski
Counters: Nancy Stella, Dassi Matsuka
Servers: Caroline Chandler
Clean-Up: Jan Renovetz

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

AUGUST 24, 2014

Lay Reader: Tia Began
Head Usher: Jon Thompson
Ushers: Joanne Cook, David Ritchey
Dot & Stu Bailey
Acolyte: Courtni Began
Peace Candle: Carli Began
Sound: Chad Sproul
Comms Grtr: Marge Culver
Narthex Grtr: Kathy Smith
Flowers: OUTDOOR SERVICE
Nursery: Shauna Bigelow
Counters: Jim Kaul, Donn Whyte
Servers: Dorie Gabor
Clean-Up: Jon Thompson

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Date _____

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I verify that I am the parent/guardian of the minor named above and have the legal authority to execute the above release. I have read this release and fully understand its contents. I approve the foregoing and waive any rights in the premises.

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature _____
Date _____