

Announcements

July 30: 10:00 Worship, 11:00 Refreshments — no Sunday School or Confirmation until September

Suggestion for Angel Mission donation: Canned Soup

Helping Hands: \$965.00 on hand.

July Candle Volunteer: Liz & Harold Evensen

Weekly Calendar

Mon: 10-12 ESL tutoring... 12-1 AA... 5-6:30 12-step Centering Prayer

Tues: 11:30-12:30 ESL tutoring... 12-1 OA... 5-6:45 aerobics... 7-8 AA

Wed: 12-1 AA... 1-2 ESL tutoring... 6:30 Centering Prayer

Thurs: 5-6:45 aerobics... 5:30-6:30 AA

Fri: 9:30-11:00 Nathan cleans church...12-1 AA

Sat: 9-10 AA

Sun: 10 Worship, 11 Fellowship, 6-7 NAR-ANON

SUNDAY, August 6 — 10:00 Worship, 11:00 Refreshments

Greeters: Bobbie & Dan Dalquist; Usher: Barb Brookhouse; Sermon on the Rug: Eric Byykkonen; Prayer Writer: Sherry Middlemis-Brown; Refreshments: Sherry & Rob Middlemis-Brown; Nursery: Trista Burton

Serving this Morning

Presider/ Preacher: Rev. Melinda Quivik

Musician: Susie Byykkonen

Lector: Heather Deering

Greeter: Lois Jambekar

Ushers: Lou Ellyn & Ron Helman

Sermon on the Rug: Fred Quivik

Prayer Writer: Peter Norland

Refreshments: Fred Quivik, Bobbie Dalquist

Nursery: Trista Burton

Portage Lake United Church

Presbyterian Church (USA) & United Church of Christ

July 30, 2017



8th SUNDAY after PENTECOST, Year A

HYMNS: BLUE = Presbyterian Hymnal

GREEN = Sing a New Creation

✙ Please stand if you are able

Welcome & Announcements

Meditation

God's love for us does not depend on what we do or say, on our looks or intelligence, on our success or popularity. God's love for us existed before we were born and will exist after we have died.

(Henri J.M. Nouwen)

Moment of Silence

Prelude

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

✙ OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be God whose word gives hope
and shapes our dreams,

whose love has conquered death.

Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,
who leads us into life.

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✦ Hymn: God, the Sculptor of the Mountains **GREEN #78**

✦ Prayer of The Day

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We confess our sins and beg for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. Cleanse us from our failings so that in the light of your peace we may live richly in your Reign. Help us to search and find the treasures you give, the pearl of great price, so that the nets we and all people cast will give enough food for all. In Jesus name, Amen.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

✦ The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us greet each other with a sign of God's peace.

Children of God, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptized into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

Minute for Mission

Sermon on the Rug for Children of All Ages

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5–12

Epistle Romans 8:26–39

✦ Gospel Reading Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Sermon

Moment of Silence

✦ Hymn: Seek Ye First **BLUE #333**

RESPONSE *We respond to the Word with Thanksgiving and Prayer.*

Offering Invitation

Offering Hymn: I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness **INSERT**

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

Prayer of Intercession

Prayer of Our Savior **BLUE pg. 16**

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

✦ Hymn: Thine Be the Glory **BLUE #122**

✦ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

For reflection in the coming week:

When God asks Solomon to make a wish, Solomon does not ask for longevity or wealth, but for the wisdom to discern what is right.

What is the one wish that you would ask of God?

What does God's response to Solomon reveal about the desires of our hearts and what is ultimate and lasting in God's eyes?