



July 12, 2020

9:30 am

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Text printed in **BOLD** in the bulletin indicates that everyone is to read and/or sing. However, in our virtual space we ask that all but the readers and musicians remain muted – you can still read aloud and sing at home!*

“Make a joyful noise unto God...” Psalm 100:1

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome and Life of the Community (Announcements)

Opening Song

Call to Worship¹

One: Generously. Lavishly. Abundantly.

God spreads seeds of holy possibility far and wide.

All: Who will nurture their potential? Who will tend to their growth?

One: The Spirit of Life cries out for co-operation.

All: May all who long for God join in the labors of liberation.

One: That love may blossom.

All: That justice may be a bountiful crop. That courage may grow unencumbered.

One: Let not the gifts of God be wasted but the harvest be plenty.

All: Let Divine Life flourish among us.

Opening Prayer

Holy Wisdom, as we journey through valleys of death and over mountains of injustice, your truth is our sustenance and your presence our comfort. Though the struggles make us weary, keep us determined in love. We are here, O God, to grow and be transformed. May it be so among us. Amen.

¹ Today's order of worship is from "Liturgy That Matters, July 12, 2020." Enfleshed, 2020.

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

Time with Children

Special Music

Michael Bryant

Reflection

Father Pallithanam

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

Alleluia, where shall we go

Prayers of the People

During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Rebecca will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: pastorkris@memorialucc.org

Prayer of Jesus

Our Father, 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.

Virtual Offering

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Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, you have provided us with all that we need to cultivate life and love in community. Even under harsh conditions, you come to us with gifts of care, compassion, and courage, promising to multiply them among willing hearts. We bring our offerings in gratitude, as we pray that we may be faithful to one another and loyal to the calling of these days. Amen.

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

Song for Going Out #451

Be Now My Vision²

verses 1 & 2

**Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
Nothing surpasses the love you impart—
You my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.**

**Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
Ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
Now and forever your child I will be.**

Benediction

Father Pallithanam

Postlude

Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Schroerlucke, Jeff Darwin, Rebecca Malke

Guest Preacher: Father Pallithanam

Readers: Sonjia Short and Wendy Proctor

Virtual Usher: Peter Young

² Traditional Irish melody; Harmony David Evans, 1927. *New Century Hymnal* #451.



Stay for Virtual Coffee Hour!

Following the service, you are invited to stay for conversation. Bring your own coffee, milk and/or donuts! All you need to do is to stay "in" Zoom as the service ends (don't click "leave meeting").

We will break into small groups that will last about 15 minutes. At the beginning of the breakout, introduce yourself, share how you are doing, and/or share where you have seen the Spirit move in your life this week. At the end of the 15 minutes we will gather again in a larger group and share our experiences.

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