



July 25, 2021

9:30am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME BACK!

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey... whether you have been vaccinated or not... whether you are in-person with us today, outside the church building with the youth, or online... **YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!**

Guide to the bulletin:

An asterisk () indicates that those gathered are invited to rise in body and/or spirit*



*Text printed in **BOLD** in the bulletin indicates a congregational response.*

- *If you are worshipping in the sanctuary for the health and safety of all at this time, **WE ASK YOU NOT TO SPEAK OUT LOUD or SING.** Yes, singing is a part of the service we love dearly—and we await the day we can do so again!*
- *If you are joining us on Zoom or YouTube, while your microphone will be muted – you can still read aloud and sing at home!*

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Meditation

***Call to Worship¹**

One: Let us muse over the faithfulness of God, bask in God's companionship,

All: Meditate upon God's sincerity.

One: Let's tell stories about the nearness of God, ponder where God is close at hand,

All: Praise God's steadfastness in silence and song.

One: Our God, constant and kind...

All: Is worthy of our contemplation... is worthy of our celebration!

***Opening Prayer**

Holy One, in your faithfulness, regulate us; not through governance, but by steadying our breath to the rhythm of your sacred invitation.

Holy one, in your steadfastness, establish us; not through the way of institutions, but as roots do, reaching into the nourishment of soil. In your tender and tending name we pray, Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Bible Reading

John 6:1-21

Special Music

Swing Low

Traditional

MUCC "Brass" Quartet

Reflection

Gathered: Manna. Barley. Fed.

Pastor Kris

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

During our blended worship service, Pastor Kris will be collecting prayers both on prayer cards and via text (608-571-5870). During the week you are encouraged to email your prayer requests to the church office at memorialucc@gmail.com. Emailed prayers will be added to Memorial's prayer chain. If you have prayer requests that you would like to remain private, you may email them to pastorkris@memorialucc.org.

¹ Adapted from M Barclay, "Liturgy That Matters," enfleshed, accessed July 13, 2021, <https://enfleshed.com/collections/liturgy-that-matters>.

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.

Offering

Each time we gather, we have an opportunity to prayerfully reflect on how we Be Church, our joy-filled, grace centered, caring for God's gifts—our people, building, legacy funds, and community—in this time and place.

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.***

***Prayer of Dedication²**

Spirit of Truth, you remind us that in togetherness our needs are met. Where your kin-dom ethic of solidarity has been confused with the ways of hierarchy, forgive us. We dedicate this offering to the work of your already here and yet-to-come kin-dom. Amen.

² From "Liturgy That Matters, June 27, 2021." Enfleshed, 2021.

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

Song for Going Out #347³ Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ

verses 1 & 3

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and
heard. Refrain**

Refrain

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:
loaves abound!**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Refrain**

Benediction

*You are invited to stay in the sanctuary through the postlude. Pastor Kris
will be offering a time to connect outside of the church building
afterwards.*

Postlude

Worship Leaders: Jonathan Schroerlucke, Rebecca Malke, and Pastor Kris

Readers: Barb Gallogly-Turner and Lisa Schoenwetter

Pianist: Marty Smith

Ushers: Jay Johnson and Steve Gorton

Virtual Usher: Volunteer Needed

Media Room: Jordan Baumgart

Camera Tech: Zac Johnson

Music Video Editor: Michael Bryant

Fellowship: Volunteer Needed

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Stay and Connect—OUTSIDE! Today following worship, you are invited to stay for conversation and refreshments. The Membership Committee will be hosting fellowship outside the church building (weather permitting). Pastor Kris will be outside and available to talk after church too. We look forward to reconnecting!

SEEKING FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

With church resuming in person worship, Membership committee would like to provide fellowship time following worship. We are seeking hosts, and will make it as easy as possible for you to help! We will provide basic individually wrapped treats and coffee/ lemonade, and ask that you provide the set up and clean up. We are also happy to show you around the kitchen/current set up!

There is a sign up in the narthex niche as in “days of old” but people can also contact Jamie to let her know you are willing to be a host.

Hearing Loop and Listening Devices

For those who have hearing aids, Memorial UCC has a t-coil compatible hearing loop. Listening devices are also available for people who are hard-of-hearing. See an usher if you need assistance.



Thank You for Your Continued Giving

If you are giving by cash or check today, you may place your offering in the plate by the sanctuary doors. Checks can also be mailed directly to the church. Indicate in the memo line whether the giving is to Memorial operating costs or help to our community wide nonprofit partners.

If you prefer to give electronically, Memorial UCC offers an opportunity for you to give securely via charge card, debit card, and direct withdrawal donations. Giving through PayPal is fast and secure, and you do not need to have a PayPal account to use the service for making one-time or recurring donations. Visit memorialucc.org and click on the "donate" button in the lower, right-hand corner to make your gift. If you are interested in our monthly automatic withdrawal system, please email John Van Overbeke at jvanoverbe@aol.com and he will get you signed up.

We understand that the pandemic impacts each of us in unique ways. For those that are able please continue your pledge and non-pledge giving.

TENTS NEEDED

This year our Vacation Bible School program will be outdoors. To make sure the children stay cool, we'll have various activity stations under large tents. If you have a party tent, the kind that is open on all sides, please contact Jann Veloff.

GARAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is much interest in holding a garage sale this fall. However, in order to make it happen, we need a team of volunteers and a coordinator to lead the effort. A couple people have already volunteered to help, but we still need more, plus most importantly, a person to lead the garage sale. Past garage sales have always been fun and a great fund raiser for the church to support our work in the community. If you can help, contact Jamie at 273-1008 or jamie@memorialucc.org or Dean Baumgardner at 338-5295 or dean@manywatersllc.com.



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee is looking for folks to join us! Throughout the liturgical year, we work to create environments that enhance the worship experience. Using a variety of materials and in consultation with Pastor Kris, we create visual enhancements for regular

worship and the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Ordinary Time.

If you would like the opportunity to express your visually creative self and contribute to MUCC, consider joining us to share ideas and create beauty. Contact Mark Sieger, if interested or questions.

SUNSCREEN: JULY GNPEP PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

Summer and sun are back! The goal is to provide sunscreen to every household at least once during the summer. If you can find sunscreen without benzene, that would be great. Thank you!