

**THE UNITED CHURCH**  
**PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST**  
**July 2, 2023**

**PRELUDE:** Andante Tranquillo, No. 3 of *Five Short Pieces* by Percy W. Whitlock  
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**GREETING**

**OUR PREPARATION**

**FOCUS FOR TODAY:** As we face a sin-soaked world, we are challenged to maintain a posture of reverence and sadness as David did.

**PREPARATORY SCRIPTURE:** selected verses from David's Psalm 9

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: When we walk the pathways of destruction ...

**People: We are met by the God of peace and reconciliation**

Leader: When we sit and wonder if there is any way we can be of help ...

**People: We encounter the Holy One who invites us to faithful service.**

Leader: When we least expect it ...

**People: The Holy One through the Spirit offers us life-giving water! Amen**

**\*HYMN: #52 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**      CCLI Song #29097, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

**\*OPENING PRAYER: Lord, as we walked through the doors to this place of worship, we brought with us our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows. Touch our hearts and heal us, Lord. Make us ready to become your faithful disciples. We pray this in Jesus name, who taught us to sing..... (as we sing the Lord's Prayer)**

**\*HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*GLORIA PATRI: #807**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 65:13-16 (page 743) {A.B. page 821}**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “Always” (words on insert)**

duet by Nancy Burt-Preece and Stephanie Cheney

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 4:14-16 (page 1186) {A.B. page 1341}**

**Sermon**

**“Saul’s Death”**

**Pastor Mark Slomski**

**OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH**

**\*HYMN: #719 “If My People’s Hearts are Humbled”**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY:** Prayer by A. Guilmant

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

**COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN: #415 words to the tune of “Battle Hymn”**

**song leaders: Stephanie Cheney & Nancy Burt-Preece**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Allegro-Moderato* from Variations on "America" by Charles Ives

*Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of Betty Liestman, who passed away on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Health concerns:** David Felten (husband of Mary Maida), Ricky Myers (nephew of Linda Bailey), Cynthia Chittenden (Larry Hood’s daughter), Denice (Bailey) Tautges (Hiram’s daughter), Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp’s brother), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), David Sanford, Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Matthew Gullace

**Cancer:** Brent Gibbs (father of Kristy Aldrich), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Justin Ecklund (friend of James and Sarah Henderson), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Laurie Rudy, Mike Davis (friend of Guy Green), Tom Wager (friend of Mark Slomski), Dawn Miller, Mary J. Havens (Mary Lou’s step-daughter), David Pagoda (friend of Eveleigh family), Keith Laursen (Tim’s brother), Jim Davis (Scott’s father), Jackie Crego (Stan and Evey Wright’s daughter), Stephen Carges (brother of Paula Traber), Jon Santmyer (friend of Malecs), Darryl Kramer (friend of DiCiccios)

**Recovering:** Shirley Kem, Kathie Meredith, Deb Marshall, Kathy Mills, Mary Jane Laird, Cindy Davies, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Jan Gullace, Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

**MILITARY SERVICE:** US Army 2LT Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) deployed to South Korea, Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown’s cousin) deployed to Somalia, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) returned from deployment, E6 Cody Wells (USN) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant Timothy Peck (USAF) home from deployment

**MISSIONARIES:** Carlos Bonilla and Mayra Giovanti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim and Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan and Alethia White (Berlin)

*\* indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*



Did you know that our church has a softball team?!

Week	Date	Home/Away	Opponent	Field
1	6/6/2023	Away	Cheshire Community	Jefferson Park
2	6/13/2023	Away	Farmington Church	Farmington Town Park
3	6/20/2023	Home	Calvary Chapel	Sonnenberg Park
4	6/27/2023	Away	Seneca Falls/Willowbrook	Jefferson Park
5	7/4/2023	BYE WEEK		
6	7/11/2023	Home	Good Shepherd	Sonnenberg Park
7	7/18/2023	Home	Cheshire Community	Jefferson Park
8	7/25/2023	Home	Farmington Church	Farmington Town Park
Playoff 1	8/1/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD
Playoff 2	8/8/2023	TBD	TBD	TBD
Champ	8/15/2023	TBD	TBD	Farmington Town Park

Come cheer them on! All games are at **6:30 pm on Tuesday nights**. Contact Ryan Gardner, Sue Vadney or Sandi DiCicco if you have any questions.

DINING HALL RENOVATION

Our Downstairs Dining Hall & Restroom renovation is moving along nicely! With all the work done so far, the current estimated time for completion is by the end of July. As many have heard, we discovered a few additional items that needed addressing after the North wall paneling was removed! In response, **much work has been done in shoring up and sealing the North wall foundation**. This will set us up for many more years of a functional and welcoming Dining Hall!

SILENT AUCTION 2024

**SAVE THE DATE!** We will be having another Silent Auction June 2-9, 2024. Start thinking about items you might donate such as crafts, antiques, gift cards, new toys, cottage rentals, boat rides, baked goods, etc. Watch the bulletins and Lamplighters for updates.

Highlights for This Week! (look inside for details)

- We will be **setting up VBS scenery** all over the church this week on **July 5** from **10am-2pm** and **July 6** from **5pm-8pm**. Please come to either day and stay for however long you are able. All help is appreciated.
- The **kick-off** for **VBS** will be **Sunday, July 9 at 6:30pm**. Come with a plain, pre-washed (fabric softener free) t-shirt and get a **STELLAR iron on decal!** We can't wait to blast off with you!
- **Please keep our summer campers in prayer**, and if you took a note from the "camp tree", be sure to get it out in time for the camper to receive it.
- **VBS digital download cards** and **CD's** are for sale in the Welcome Center for **\$7 each**. If you picked up a CD or digital download card but haven't yet paid, please do so with cash or check as soon as possible. Thank you!

**ARE YOU VISITING US TODAY?** If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to check out our Welcome Table found in our Welcome Center, and to pick up a blue bag for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the collection plate or mail in. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**

**Nursery care** is available during our Worship service. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. During the summer, Room 11 is used for nursery care. If your child is not potty trained, please *take a pager* in case your child needs a diaper change. Thank you! Any questions? Please see Jason and Melissa Long.

Children's Time

There is no Children's Time today. Worship Bags are available for children at the two front entrances. These bags contain various items to engage children throughout the worship service. Parents, please see the yellow sheet for instructions. Please return the bag and reusable contents when you're done. The children can take their papers home with them. We hope you enjoy worshipping together as a family!


Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast invites you!

Men of all ages are invited to join us at 7:00 am Wednesday morning in the Fellowship Room for a hot breakfast, prayer and Bible study.



**Sign up to help in Summer Nursery!**

We still need a few more people to help in the nursery this summer. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the nurseries. Each Sunday, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, we need 2 people to help in the nursery.

 *All volunteers 18-years-old and older need to be background checked before helping.*  
This is a quick and easy process! If you'd like to begin volunteering in the nursery, please see our nursery coordinators, Jason and Melissa Long or contact the church office. Thank you!

**Summer Campers**

Please pray for our summer campers! We have kids attending camp all summer long. We appreciate your prayers for them as they learn more about following Jesus through their experiences. Prayers for campers' safety and good weather are also appreciated!



Beaver Camp

- Elise Cunningham, July 2-7 (Gymnastics)
- Adele Marshall, July 2-7 (Beavers)
- Lily Munson, July 2-7 (Bears)
- Paige Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)
- Sophie Munson, July 2-7 (Beavers)
- Amelia Cunningham, July 16-21 (Bears)
- Summer Cunningham, August 6-11 (Teen Camp)\*

LeTourneau Christian Center

- Joy Cheney, June 26-30 (Treasure Hunters)\* and July 10-14 (Adventure Quest overnight camp)
- Jesse Cheney, June 26-30 (LEGO Builders) and Aug 14-17 (Wacky Water)\*
- Carter Slomski, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working)
- Billy Clark, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working) and July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)\*
- Eva Clark, July 17-21 (Wood & Metal Working) and July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)\*
- Adele Marshall, July 17-21 (Arts-n-Crafts)\*, July 31-Aug 4 (Culinary Delights)\*, Aug 14-17 (Baking Champions)\*
- Liam Hildebrandt, July 24-28 (Adventure Quest Overnight)
- Jackson Callard, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)
- Juliana Callard, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)
- Mason Hildebrandt, August 14-17 (Wacky Water Week)
- Aria Hildebrandt, August 14-17 (Baking Champions)

NTS Camp (at Houghton University)

- Walter Marshall, July 9-13 (Theme: Discover where God is working)

**Help us prepare for STELLAR Vacation Bible School and Shine Jesus' Light!!!!**

At our church, VBS is an all-church, all-in, ministry! People of every age help to prepare, to serve, to make this impactful week possible. God surely uses this week to deepen the faith of children, families and even those who work!!



**Help needed to set up VBS scenery!** We will be setting up scenery all over the church this week on July 5 from 10am-2pm and July 6 from 5pm-8pm. Please come to either day and stay for 30 minutes, the whole time, or however long works for you. If you know you can come, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on Deb's door. Or you can just show up!! Contact Sandi Munson or Cathy Bush with any questions.

**Do you have any of these things we could *borrow* for VBS?**

- Black light
- Fog machine
- Night sky/galaxy projectors (need several)

Please bring items in as soon as possible! We are happy to return your items after VBS (label with name!)



**Want to donate other items needed for VBS?**

See the board in the Welcome Center covered with colorful tags! Sign out one or more tags, gather the items, and return by the dates on the tags. Thank you! Contact Jule Zajac with questions on donations!



**VBS music is here!**

Would you like to hear the great VBS music before the week of VBS? Well, guess what?! You can!!! There are VBS digital download cards and VBS CD's for sale (\$7 each) in the Welcome Center. Grab yours today and start learning the VBS music.

**VBS prayer cards available!**

We would love for YOU to pray for our upcoming VBS. There are prayer cards available for this purpose in the Welcome Center. Please take a set of prayer cards home today. We appreciate you joining us in asking God to bless our VBS in ways that exceed all we can ask or imagine!



YOUTH MINISTRY

**ATTENTION PRAYER PARTNERS & CHURCH FAMILY!** Our group leaves Sunday morning, July 16, for our workcamp trip! If you are interested and available, please join us at the United Church at 7:00 AM as we pray for our trip.

**FUNDRAISER THANK YOU!**

Our last workcamp fundraiser has been completed! Thank you all for your time, efforts, and donations towards our upcoming trip. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare our heads, hearts, and hands to do God’s work in Woonsocket, Rhode Island (July 16-23)

**See below for upcoming special youth events:**

- Workcamp:** July 16-23
- Youth Retreat:** August 18-19 (7-12 grade students)
- Fall 2023 Program Year Begin:** September 10

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**The Stewards Assistance Fund:** This Fund assists those in our congregation who are facing temporary financial challenges. If you are struggling, please call the Office at (585) 394-0503 to speak with Virginia Holroyd, or email her at [virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org](mailto:virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org)  
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We welcome your help to serve as **Greeters for the Sunday Services.** Greeters welcome people as they enter the church building and they hand out Bulletins at the Sanctuary entrances. Greeters also pass the Offering Plates during the Offertory. Reminders are emailed with instructions and location assignments. The Greeter ministry is a wonderful way to show that we are a hospitable church and that we welcome all who want to worship the Lord with our congregation. **The July sign up sheet is on the Office door.** If you have any questions, please ask any Steward or call the Office. Thanks so much for serving in this way on any Sunday that you're available.

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**Fred Magley has moved again.** His new address is:

The Springs of Wilsonville  
7600 SW Vlahos Dr. #411  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

The summer Lamplighter has his OLD address on the Special Member list, so please update it before sharing summer greetings! Thank you!



**“Stay on your side of the bed”**



Children traveling with families on vacation may need to share a bed. Remaining on one half of the bed is a challenge when “Stay on your side of the bed” is the expectation. At home each has his/her own bed. Parents lovingly provide wisdom for the family vacation experiences to continue. Leadership is required.

**Christ’s call is to be aware of shared spaces.** The needs of others **and** personal needs are important. 108,400,000 individuals (equal to 1/3 of total US population) are refugees/displaced persons currently in the world. Pastors and Christian leaders work in partnership with European, African, and American host country governments in Christ like ministry to the refugees. Many beds are being shared. PRAY for our missionaries, Rev. Ryan and Rev. Alethia White and daughters, currently living in Berlin, work with refugees. News from Ryan this week: “Our new role as European Regional Liaisons is a lot of listening and connecting. The geographical area includes partner churches and organizations in the UK, Netherlands, Germany, Czech Republic and Hungary, along with developing partnerships in Switzerland. Alethia has also been supporting connections in Southern Europe through the Southern European Partnership Network in Portugal, Spain, Italy and Greece. Much of the work over the past couple of years as we have transitioned into this role, is having conversations with partners and listening to what is happening in their churches and communities. We listen to local church leadership looking for possibilities of mutual ministry engagement. Much of this is online, but we have also visited some partners, and through these connections.” July 12 is daughter Ariella’s birthday. July 14 is mother Alethia’s birthday.

**“Here come the campers”**

First campers arrive today. Pray for Natalie Cunningham, Grace Payne, Jen Petracchi, and Summer Cunningham (CIT), our United Church family members, as they welcome campers.

Elise, Adele, Lily, Paige, and Sophie from the United Church will be in resident camp this week!

Christian camp’s goal is “THAT ALL MIGHT COME TO KNOW, LOVE, AND FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOR”.

# Exploring Refugee Resettlement in our Community

*What can we at the United Church do to help care for those forced to leave their homeland?*


Do you have a heart for the refugee?  
Would you be willing to help resettle a refugee family in our community?  
Are you called to be part of a Good Neighbor Team?  
Come, find out what that means!

## Several Good Neighbor Team informational sessions will be held this summer:

- (in the fellowship room)
- Sunday, July 16 10:45am after 9:30 worship
  - Wednesday, July 19, 7pm
  - Thursday, July 20, 4pm
  - Tuesday, July 25, 7pm
- Come hear what church members have experienced resettling refugees through Called to Care Canandaigua.
- Explore ways we average folk at the United Church can help make a difference.

For more information, please see Linda Werts, Cathy Bush, Wendy Stoddard.

*“Do not mistreat a stranger or oppress him,  
for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”*  
Exodus 22:21

 **Your food cart donations** are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week. Continue bringing nonperishable food items. **(CCIA has made an urgent request for: Cereal, Tuna Fish, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta (spaghetti or elbow), Can Corn, Can Soups, Can Pork and Beans)** Thank you for your generous contributions.



**Thank you to my Church family**, with more thanks than I can express.  
Thank you for prayers, visits, caring words and thoughtful messages on the many cards that I have received.  
*“Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.”*  
I hope to be with you again soon. **Shirley Kem**

## Always (Special Music)

**Verse 1**  
I believe You gave sight to the blind  
I believe that the dead came to life  
I believe there were wonders and signs  
And You're still the same

**Verse 2**  
I believe every word that You said  
I believe there are scars in Your hands  
That Your goodness is good without end  
And You'll never change

**Chorus**  
I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace  
The God of creation knows me by name  
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always  
Always  
Your mercy is mighty age after age  
All generations will bow down and praise  
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always  
Always

**Verse 3**  
I believe You will come in the clouds  
I believe You are here even now  
In Your presence I know there is power  
Power to save oh

**Bridge**  
You were You are You always will be God  
You were You are You always will be God  
Yes You always will be God

**Ending**  
Your mercy is mighty age after age  
All generations will bow down and praise  
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always