

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

August 25, 2024

PRELUDE: “*Prélude modal*” by Jean Langlais

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the day: Wrestling with God leads to a deep, personal change. It is important to hold on to Him through life's struggles.

INTROIT: “Lord, Be Glorified” (Hymn #537)

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The presence of the Lord is in this place

People: We feel his mighty power and his grace

Leader: When we are most discouraged, God bursts into our lives with healing mercy.

People: Lord, listen to our hearts, our cries, our prayers.

Leader: Give us peace and hope in our spirits.

All: Praise be to God who continually abides with us. AMEN.

*HYMN: #799 “God Himself is With Us” CCLI Song #7073971, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

*OPENING PRAYER: In the darkness of night and the brightness of day, you, O Lord, are present to us. As we wrestle to find out who you call us to be, you reach out to us with reassurance of empowerment and courage for the days ahead.

Calm our spirits and prepare our hearts and lives to receive your grace. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray... Our Father.. (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI: #807

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 46 (page 559) {A.B. page 634}

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Paul Johnson

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Paul Johnson (hammered dulcimer)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:26-39 (page 1119) {A.B. page 1247}

Sermon

“Wrestling with God”

(Genesis 32:22-31)

Pastor Mark Slomski

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN: #367 “Day by Day, and with Each Passing Moment”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “*All Glory Be to God on High*” by Max Reger

*DOXOLOGY: #809

*HYMN: #365 “Abide with Me”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “*Fugue no. 1 on B.A.C.H.*” by Robert Schumann

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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn’s daughter), Bob White (Linda Bailey’s brother-in-law), Jim Brown (MacKenzie’s father-in-law), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Maverick, Carly, and Jenson Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Maryanne Fox (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Doug Cubbison (Connie Frye's brother), Edwin Gregory (friend of Royal Purdy), Erik Keating (son of Al & Dawn Rossi), Kiana Rae Moore (MacKenzie Brown’s cousin), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman’s mother), Carolyn Verspoor, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), David Sanford, Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp’s brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), David Crowe, Jack Schermond

Cancer: Regina Allen, Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh’s brother), Rod Gifford (cousin of Joyce Laursen), Martha Ashley, Beth Smythe, Keith Laursen (Joyce’s brother-in-law), Jerrick Cesna & Sasha (friends of Megan French), Mark Schreier (Virginia Holroyd’s friend), Amy Jelensperger (Sheppard family), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh’s sister), Rich Crowley (Steve & Beth Smythe’s friend), Tom & Monica Yurik (Bruce & Deb Gardner’s friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade & Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott’s father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber’s brother)

Recovering: Bill Blance (Ed’s brother), Sara Scharr, Arlene Willett

Comfort and Peace: Tom Fortunato (Bill’s brother), Harriet Morgan (Megan French’s grandma), Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon’s mother)

MILITARY SERVICE: US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) home from deployment, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

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

Some more upcoming dates you might want to put on your calendar (watch the Monthly Memo or future Lamplighters for details!):

- Aug 31 – Board Game Night
- Sept 8 – Rally Day
- Sept 29 – Fiddlers Concert
- Nov 2 – United Church Seminar
- Nov 8 – Patriotic Organ Concert

Highlights for This Week!

- **Fall dates for your calendar:**
 - Sunday, Sept. 1 – last summer service at 9:30am
 - Sunday, Sept. 8 – Return to 2 services, 8:45am and 11:00am
Sunday school kick off for all ages at 9:45am
 - Sunday, Sept. 15 – Sunday school begins for all ages at 9:45am
Bibles given to children during 11am service
 - Wednesday, Oct. 2 – Youth Club begins
- **Greeter Coordinator for the month of September: Sharyn Canham.**
Please contact Sharyn if you have any questions about serving as Greeter or Offertory.
- **Nursery volunteers**, please sign up to help in the nursery this fall. We previously created the schedule for volunteers, **but with our new system, you can schedule yourself!** Please use the QR code to sign up for nursery duty. Slots are open between September 8th and November 24th. Each Sunday, we need 6 nursery volunteers. **Please sign up for as many dates as you are able!** If you need help, please contact Louise Van Iseghem, Deb Marshall, or seek tech help after service.



Nursery care is offered during service ~ a combined nursery meets in room 10. Nursery care is available for infants through preschoolers.

Children’s Time ~ Children’s time is offered after the Children’s Sermon for kids entering Kindergarten through 3rd grade. During the summer months, children and teachers meet in the Fellowship Room. Parents, please be sure to pick up your child(ren) promptly after the service. 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!**

Notes and Doodles:



Here's an easy way to find the Church Center app and get set up! You can use this link: <https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/setup> or use this QR code and follow the step by step instructions. Please let any staff member know if you need help.



MISSIONS

Faith and Action

“People on the Move”



Where are they now? Eleven high school seniors were recognized June 9. Many have already moved onto campus and dorm rooms. People on the move in a new environment.

With prayer and continued communication, please remain connected with these VBS, Youth Club, and Sunday School program participants, now people on the move. (Do not forget the parents and siblings remaining here!)

Ryan and Alethia White, our missionaries, continue to focus upon people on the move. The White family has returned to Germany with their young daughters and connect with refugees and people on the move in western Europe.

Our faithful God is with His people now as He was with Abraham and Jacob.

Pray for all our college students, our seven recent college graduates, and for our missionaries. Students and each refugee arriving in Canandaigua from Haiti and Ukraine left “home” and now worship, learn, and live in a new environment.

God is with people on the move.