

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
May 21, 2023
Children's Day

PRELUDE: *“Andante” by Jeannette Smith*
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

FOCUS FOR TODAY: We are challenged to discover God's presence with children.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (11:00) 6-8th graders

Leader: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

People: God's ways are just and merciful.

Leader: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

People: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. AMEN.

***HYMN: “Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me” (on center of insert)**

***OPENING PRAYER:**

Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. We ask 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 8 (page 535) {A.B. page 608} (11:00) 6-8 Graders

SPECIAL MUSIC:(8:45) “The God of Abraham Praise” (#66 hymnal) Pettit & Andress (duet)
(11:00) “Always/How Great is Our God” Medley of Chris Tomlin songs
Sunday School Singers (acc Jim and Becky Boseck)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: (High Schoolers)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 139:13-16 (page 618) {A.B. page 692}
(11:00) 6-8 Graders

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “No Longer Slaves” (words on insert) Cause Youth Band

Sermon
“Presence With Children”
Pastor Mark Slomski

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #470 “Jesus Loves Me” CCLI Song #1187, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017**

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *Improvisation in E-flat Major* (11:00, 4-5th Graders are collecting offering)

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #609 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” CCLI Song #31779, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Postlude in G Major” by Carlo Rossini*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Kathie Meredith, Cynthia Chittenden (Larry Hood's daughter), Jenn Newton (friend of the Whitcombs), 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: Bill Eagley (friend of Mark Slomski), Ralph Gullace (Jan's husband), 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 DiCiccio)

Recovering: 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 Boseck's 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) deployed overseas, 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.**

(Your greeters this morning at the 11:00 service are our 1-3rd graders)

Church Family Picnic

June 4 around 11:30

Baker Park, Canandaigua



Hot dogs and drinks provided

Please bring a dish to pass

Volunteers needed:

Love to grill?

AVAILABLE TO HELP SET UP OR CLEAN UP?

Enjoy leading games for all ages?

Have a cornhole game?

Please see Jason Long, Mary Beth Fortunato, or Brenda Cunningham.

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.



Highlights for This Week! (look inside for details)

- Our Sunday School Celebration Breakfast is TODAY at 9:45am.
- TODAY is Children's Sunday! Join us during the 11:00 AM time slot and enjoy our children-led service.
- NEXT WEEK, May 28, we switch to the summer schedule with one Sunday worship service at 9:30 am and we need Greeters for each Sunday! The June signup sheet is on the office door. THANKS!
- Save the date - June 4th for our Family Picnic! We could use volunteers!

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 both Sunday services. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. Room 10 is used during the 8:45am service and Room 11 is used during Sunday school and the 11am service. 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 Children's Time today. After the children's sermon, children in **Kindergarten through 2nd grade** are invited upstairs to Room 26 for an age-appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the service. Thank you!

Fred Magley's 99th birthday is May 22nd! Let's shower him with 99 birthday cards!

Rev. Fred Magley is a Pastor Emeritus of the United Church and served as the pastor here from 1966-1989.

Address: 8170 SW Vlahos Dr, Brookdale Unit 325, Wilsonville, Oregon 97070

Phone: 503-582-8973

Even though his birthday is tomorrow, Fred would appreciate cards no matter when they arrive!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

MAY 21 - ALL ARE INVITED – We hope you can join us for our Sunday school celebration breakfast **TODAY** at 9:45am in the downstairs dining room! Children, youth, and families will celebrate the past Sunday school year together through fellowship, food and fun! Sunday school participants and teachers will be recognized. *See you there!*



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

WEEKLY CONNECT



Saturdays, from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, join us for food, fellowship, and Bible Study! We are currently studying the book of Job.

YOUTH MINISTRY

THE CAUSE

Sundays, from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM, at the church. High School students are welcome to join other youth for worship, faith discussions, food, and fun! This week, we will be reflecting on the question: **How Do I Make a Difference?**

- There will be NO CAUSE on May 28 (Memorial Day)



Sign up to help in **Summer Nursery!** ~ Please sign up 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!



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 June 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.

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

It’s that time of year again ~ we have received **Summer Camp** brochures! Please take time to pray about and consider sending your child to Christian camp this summer. This experience can have a positive impact on your child’s faith development! *Our church family believes that the Christian camp experience is so important that for any child from our church, we will pay half the tuition for one week at Christian camp ~ called a “campership.”* This is not a need based scholarship. It is available to all families who have kids in our Sunday school, Youth Club, and/or Cause programs. Campership requests are being received now until June 4. **We encourage you to register for camp soon – camps tend to fill up quickly and take advantage of early bird discounts!!** Please look for the camp display in the gathering area. Any questions, please contact Mark Slomski.

Here are our campers so far...

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)*

Early VBS Donations Needed by June 4:

Dollar Tree gift cards - six \$5 gift cards
Amazon gift cards - five \$10 gift cards



If you're able to donate, please leave on Deb Marshall's desk or place in collection plate by June 4. More VBS donation opportunities will be posted in early June. Thank you for helping as you are able!



From the Marshall Family:

We are grateful for the overwhelming support we've received from you, our church family, as Deb continues to heal from her surgery. Thank you for the delicious meals, generous gift cards, thoughtful get well cards, gestures of kindness; and most especially, prayer, during this time.

Called to Care, Canandaigua is bringing another fun event to The Central on Main in downtown Canandaigua. Join us on **Thursday, June 8th from 5-8pm for an "International Gala"** featuring food, live music, dancing and an international marketplace offering SERRV crafts, raffles and more. A free will offering will be appreciated with proceeds benefiting the volunteer organization's mission to welcome and resettle refugees by providing a support network to help them start a new life.



MISSIONS

Let’s Blanket the World With Love!

It’s not too late to donate to Blanket Sunday! Each \$10.00 you give will provide a warm blanket to someone who needs to know that we care.

Church World Service shares blankets and love to those who

have been affected by disaster both nationally and internationally. Please give as generously as you are able.

You will find envelopes in the pews or simply mark your gift for blankets or give through the church’s online giving: (scan QR code to the right)



Your food cart donations are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week. Continue bringing nonperishable food items. **(CCIA has specifically requested: diced tomatoes, pork & beans, canned fruit, canned meat meals (like stew or beefaroni) and pasta.)** Thank you for your generous contributions.

TOMORROW - Monday, May 22, is our next **Drive Through Food Pantry** at the Highway Dept Barn in Canandaigua.

The pantry is **open to all, 11am – 1pm** or until food is gone.

Volunteers are needed starting at 9:30 am to set up, unload the truck and package the food for families driving through. This free food distribution is especially helpful due to the reduction of SNAP benefits that began in March and the rising prices of groceries. Can you help?



LOCATION: Highway Dept Barn, 5440 Rt 5 & 20, Cdga. **Questions or to volunteer,** please see Cathy Bush or Don Rensberger.

Sunday happenings...

TODAY Sunday, May 21, 2023

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School Celebration Breakfast at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am – Children’s Day

The Cause (Youth Group for 9-12th grade), 5-7:30pm

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Service at 9:30am

No Longer Slaves

(Cause Youth Band song)

Verse 1

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Verse 2

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

Bridge

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

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