

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

July 14, 2024

**PRELUDE:** *“Choral and Andante sostenuto” from Sonata VI, Op. 65 by Felix Mendelssohn*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING

### OUR PREPARATION

**INTROIT: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (Hymn #452)**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus,  
Look Full in His Wonderful Face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of His glory and grace.

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Today, we gather to remember the story of Babel, where humanity sought to make a name for themselves by building a tower to the heavens.

**Congregation: But God, in His wisdom, scattered them and confused their language, reminding us that His plans are higher than our own.**

Leader: Let us come together in humility, acknowledging that our unity and strength come from the Lord.

**Congregation: We worship You, O God, the source of all wisdom and understanding. Unite us in Your love and purpose.**

Leader: As we lift our voices in praise, may we seek to glorify Your name above all else.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**\*HYMN: #356 “All Creatures of Our God and King”**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, as we remember the story of Babel, we are reminded of the limits of human ambition and the greatness of Your divine plan. In scattering the people and confusing their language, You demonstrated that true unity and purpose come from You alone. Help us to seek Your guidance and wisdom in all we do. May our worship today be a testament to our dependence on You and our desire to honor Your holy name. 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: Proverbs 3:5-12 (page 627) {A.B. page 702}**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “Thanks, God”**

**VBS Singers**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Brenda Cunningham**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba” by Handel**

**(piano duet Pettit/Andress)**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 6:25-34 (page 960) {A.B. page 1058}**

### Sermon

**“The Tower”**

**(Genesis 11:1-8)**

**Pastor Wade Allen**

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN: #560 “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”**

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

**OFFERTORY: “This is My Father’s World” arr. H.S.Miller**

**(piano duet Pettit/Andress)**

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

**\*HYMN: #618 “Give to the Winds Your Fears”**

## PRAYER OVER KATERI

***Please remain in your seats for Kateri’s final postlude with us!***

**POSTLUDE: “Allegro molto” from Sonata VI, Op. 65 by Felix Mendelssohn**

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

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Health concerns:** Harvey Simmons, 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), Phyllis Gerhard (Karen Gardner’s mother), 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), Garrett Nayer (nephew of Karen Gardner), 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:** 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 Jelensperber (Sheppard family), Dylan Smith (CA senior, friend of many), 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, Sara Henderson, Arlene Willett

**Comfort and Peace:** Patricia Fulton (Gary Preece’s sister), 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!):**

- July 20 – Board Game Night
- Aug 9 – Fred Magley’s Memorial Service, 3 pm
- Aug 16-18 – United Church Retreat Weekend
- Aug 31 – Board Game Night
- Sept 8 – Rally Day
- Sept 29 – Fiddlers Concert
- Nov 2 – United Church Seminar
- Nov 8 – Patriotic Organ Concert

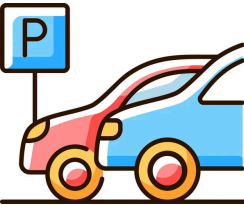
***Highlights for This Week!***

- **Young Adult Lunch - TODAY** - After service. Find Mark & Lauren!
- **This is the last Sunday that VBS music is for sale!** We had a wonderful time at SCUBA VBS last week! If you and your family would like a **music CD** or a **digital download card** with both videos and music, you can purchase one for \$7 each (cash or check to The United Church). Enjoy the VBS music all summer long!
- **BOARD GAME NIGHTS** - July 20 & August 31 - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM - All ages welcome, bring a friend, bring a game or two and a snack/ drink if you’d like.
- **Sign up to help in Summer Nursery!** We still need a few more people to help in the nursery this summer, specifically on August 4 and August 25. You can sign up on our Church Center app, Services app, or on the sign-up sheets 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 coordinator, Louise Van Iseghem or contact the church office. Thank you!

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

**Children’s Time** ~ There is Children’s Time today for children entering grades K - 3rd grade, after the Children’s sermon. They will meet in the Fellowship Room. Please be sure to pick up your children 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!**



**Parking** reminders for summer: only **2 cars** may park between the Main Street driveways, otherwise the shuttle bus cannot make it through. Also, if you are able-bodied, consider parking in one of the further lots or the courthouse and saving the closer spots for our friends that need them. Thank you!

We invite our church family to be praying for our many summer campers - that their experience at camp would deepen and strengthen their relationship with Jesus.

LeTourneau Christian Center

- Jesse Cheney, July 15-19 (Wood Working)
- Joy Cheney, July 15-19 (Wood Working)
- Isabella Harris-Chwiecko, July 15-19 (Arts and Crafts Camp)
- Jackson Callard, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)
- Juliana Callard, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)
- Billy Clark, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest, day camp)
- Aria Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)
- Mason Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)
- Liam Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)
- Josiah Seeber, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)
- Elijah Seeber, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)
- Kailynn Stewart, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)
- David Quimby, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest, day camp)
- Sam Quimby, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest, day camp)
- Graham Beyrle, Aug 12-15 (Wacky Water 2)
- Carter Slomski, Aug 12-15 (Lego Builders)



Beaver Camp

- Eva Clark, July 21-26 (Beavers)
  - Lily Munson, July 21-26 (Bears)
  - Amelia Cunningham, August 4-9 (Teen Camp)
  - Anna Zajac, August 4-9 (Teen Camp)
- The following young adults are working at Beaver Camp this summer: Natalie Cunningham, Summer Cunningham, Grace Payne, and Jen Petracchi

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

Praying for OUR KIDS, ALL KIDS, AND CHURCH PROGRAMS, REFUGEES, and MISSIONARIES

**“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.”**

Jesse, Joy, and Isabella plus the other LeTourneau campers this week will learn, play, and pray with the Scripture focus Colossians 1:15-16.



**Pray** for camp counselors and staff preparing for a week of witness at our Christian camps this week.

**“A NEED FOR THIS”**

The 2024 Beaver camp theme for Summer, Grace, Jen, and Natalie is “A Need for This”. Colossians 1:10 “So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God” is the Scripture focus. Look for the camp staff photo on the bulletin board. **Pray** for these four and all staff.

**Our missionaries** (BGs, Whites, Longs, Smith-Mathers, and Lafferty) continue connecting with refugees and congregations in areas of warfare. Pray for each missionary sharing the Gospel and making a difference.

Together we make a difference with VBS, Christian camping, and the Church beyond our borders. Thanks for the \$59,286.76 congregational faithful giving Jan to June 2024. **Thank you for your faithful giving.**

*Called to Care, Canandaigua* is hosting a "volunteer open house" on Monday, July 15th from 4-6pm at St. Mary's Church. New and current volunteers are invited for fun, lite refreshments and a chance to engage in the work of "welcome" for refugees and other displaced persons.



**THANK YOU** A big **thank you** to everyone who participated in the Silent Auction this year by donating items, working on the auction and/or bidding on auction items. With your help we were able to make **\$2,806.53** for our mission trip fund which helps our church family to go on mission trips.