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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, June 22, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 7

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Eucharista*

G. Winston Cassler

(Meditation on a plainsong “Kyrie”)

***OPENING HYMN:** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: You were not made for a day set aside, but the day of rest was made for you.

PEOPLE: We choose to gather on this our holy day to worship, to pray, to share with one another.

Leader: Jesus asked, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to harm, to save life or to kill?”

ALL: We choose compassion and justice and healing. On our day of rest and worship we choose life.**

Maren C. Tirabassi

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison**

Great God, who has told us
"Vengeance is mine,"
save us from ourselves,
save us from the vengeance in our hearts
and the acid in our souls.

Save us from our desire to hurt as we have been hurt,
to punish as we have been punished,
to terrorize as we have been terrorized.

Give us the strength it takes
to listen rather than to judge,
to trust rather than to fear,
to try again and again
to make peace even when peace eludes us.

This we ask through Jesus,
the one without vengeance in his heart.
This we ask forever and ever.## Amen.

Sister Joan Chittister - Benedictine Sisters of Erie

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

O holy God, we know the beauty of this June day and we are grateful. We experience the warm stirring of summer and the fullness of bountiful earth, and we are grateful. We share the love of family and friends and the family and friendship that is our church, and we are grateful. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we know the opportunity to bring new selves to this new day that we might worship with our community in joy and thanksgiving and be filled with the good news we would offer everyone. For all these things we are deeply grateful.** Amen.

Maren C. Tirabassi

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

Organ Amen

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Kings 19:1-15a Page 322

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty

nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus;”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*** HYMN:** “Give to the Winds Your Fears”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalms 42 and 43 Page 507

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your torrents; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?” As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust, deliver me! For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON: “Hope in God”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Organ Response

THE OFFERTORY: *Here I Am, Lord*

arr. John Carter

*Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE ~*unison*

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Dear God Who Loves All Humankind” V608

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Dialogue sur les grands jeux*

François Couperin

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Guest Organist is Gail DeBoer.

Deacon and Scripture Reader is Jim Bennett.

Greeter is Beth Anderson.

Fellowship Hour is hosted by Beth Anderson and Sandy Carter.

Today’s flowers are given by Susan and Lee Guckert in memory of our Dad who passed away 30 years ago. Dad, we love you and miss you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Makenzie Conley 06/23, Finley McBride 06/24, September Baraquin 06/26, Gabriella DeLuca 06/26, Susan Guckert 06/27, William Olmstead 06/28, Suzanne Light 06/29.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Jeff & Jackie Jennings 06/27.

MISSION

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

VISION

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

VALUES

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Scott's Office Hours – Scott has scheduled office hours on Thursdays from 10am – 12noon in June and July. If you are interested, please call and schedule an appointment.

6th Annual On-Line Fundraising Auction

Thank you to everyone who is dropping off items today for our upcoming fundraising auction.

After worship, you can bring the items to the chapel. If you need assistance bringing items into the church, see a member of the B Team. Thanks to Carla H., Vivian S., Sue T., Sue C., Nancy M., Martha B., Patience B., Kim C., Heather M., Kathy H., Cheryl B., Carol A., and Womens Fellowship for their donations. When the auction is live and the link is ready, around July 14, we will let you know. For any questions or for any last minute items you'd like to donate, see a member of the B Team: Priscilla B., Martha B., Patience B., Martin B.

An Artisan Craft Fair is coming to Carroll Hall on Saturday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Offered for sale will be carefully home crafted wood flags, knit and crocheted items, and a variety of needlework kits at appropriate prices. Vendors of fine quality creations have been invited to offer their wares. For sale will be a variety of quality materials and sewing equipment, landscape paintings, quilts and more! Come and see what you may find for yourself or to give as a gift. Do some Christmas shopping in July! There will be two generously filled sewing baskets offered as raffle prizes. This fundraiser will support the church. Contact Cathy Welch or Carol Mitchell for information or to help. We will be happy to talk to you at Fellowship Hour after Worship today.

Food Pantry – Items needed – Please bring canned vegetables, canned fruit, and mayonnaise and place them in the basket in the Narthex.

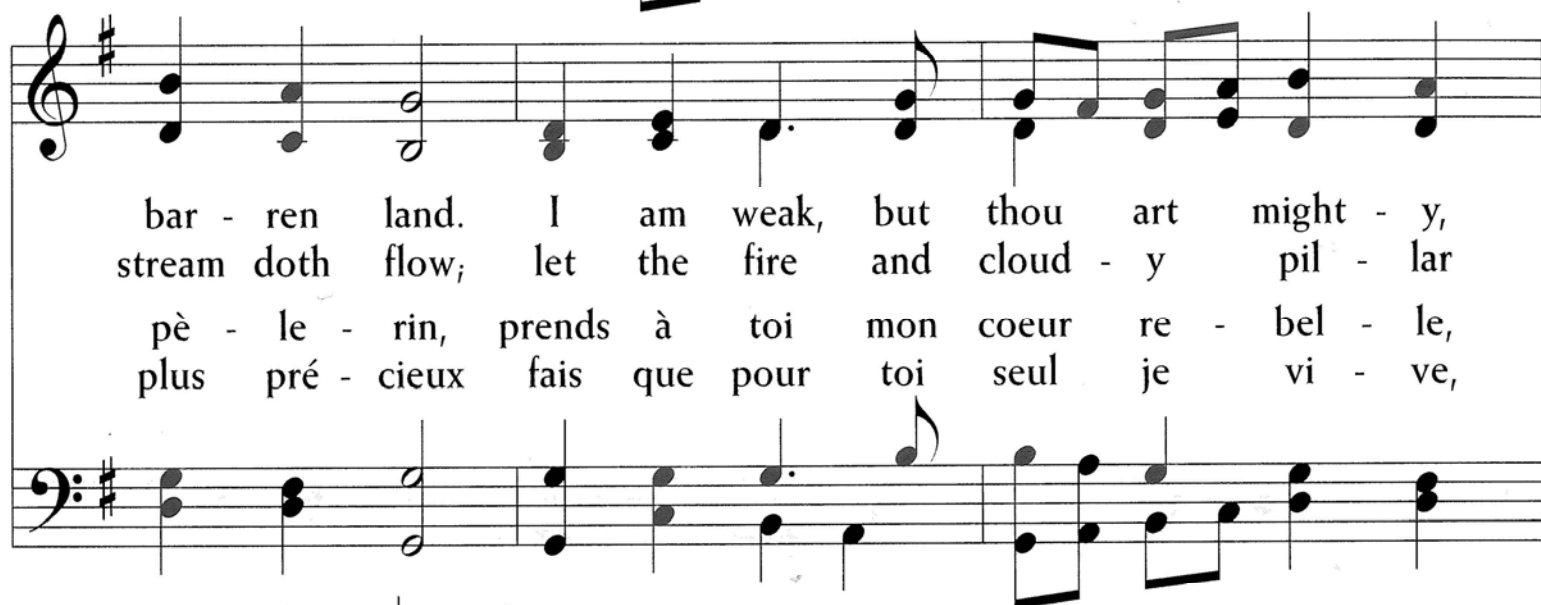
In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider.

*OPENING HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 1 Gui - de - moi, Ber - ger fi - dè - le, en ce mon - de
 2 Christ, tu es la sour - ce vi - ve des bi - ens les



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y,
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 pè - le - rin, prends à toi mon coeur re - bel - le,
 plus pré - cieux fais que pour toi seul je vi - ve,



hold me with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer,
 gui - de - moi, sois mon sou - tien, pain de vi - e,
 gui - de - moi du haut des cieux; viens, pro - tè - ge,



bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no more,
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and shield,
 pain de vi - e, de ta grâ - ce nour - ris - moi,
 viens pro - tè - ge, sois mon roc, mon bou - cli - er,

feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield.
 de ta grâ - ce nour - ris - moi.
 sois mon roc, mon bou - cli - er.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside;
 death of death, and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side:
 songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to thee
 I will ever give to thee.

3 Du Jourdain je suis les rives;
 quand j'ai peur, rassure-moi.
 À Sion, qu'enfin j'arrive,
 affermis ma faible foi;
 tes louanges, tes louanges,
 à jamais je chanterai,
 à jamais je chanterai.

* HYMN: "Give to the Winds Your Fears"

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1 Give to the winds your fears. Hope and be un - dis -
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms, God gent - ly clears your
 3 Even though you do not rule, yet heaven and earth and
 4 Your ev - er - last - ing truth, O God, your cease - less




mayed. God hears your sighs and counts your tears. God
 way. Wait for the time, so shall this night soon
 hell pro - claim God sits up - on the throne, and
 love, sees all your chil - dren's wants, and knows what



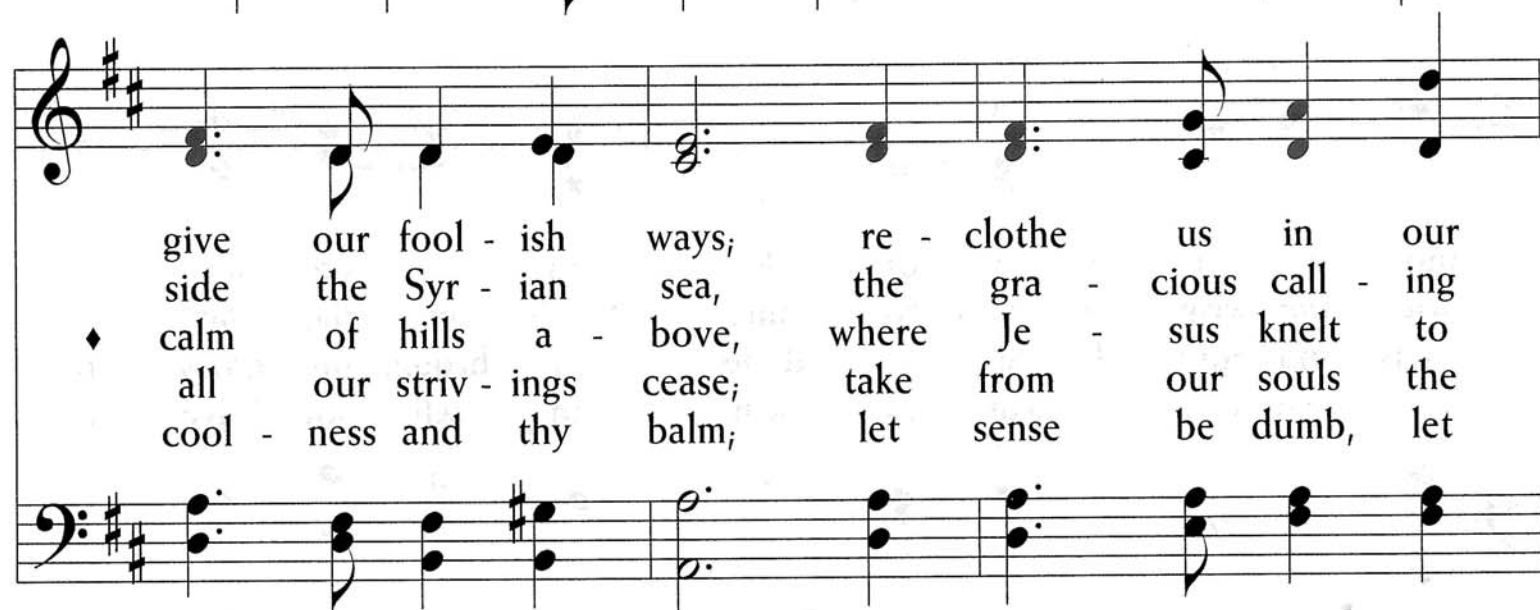
shall lift up your head, God shall lift up your head.
 end in joy - ous day, soon end in joy - ous day.
 rules o'er all things well, and rules o'er all things well.
 best for each will prove, what best for each will prove.



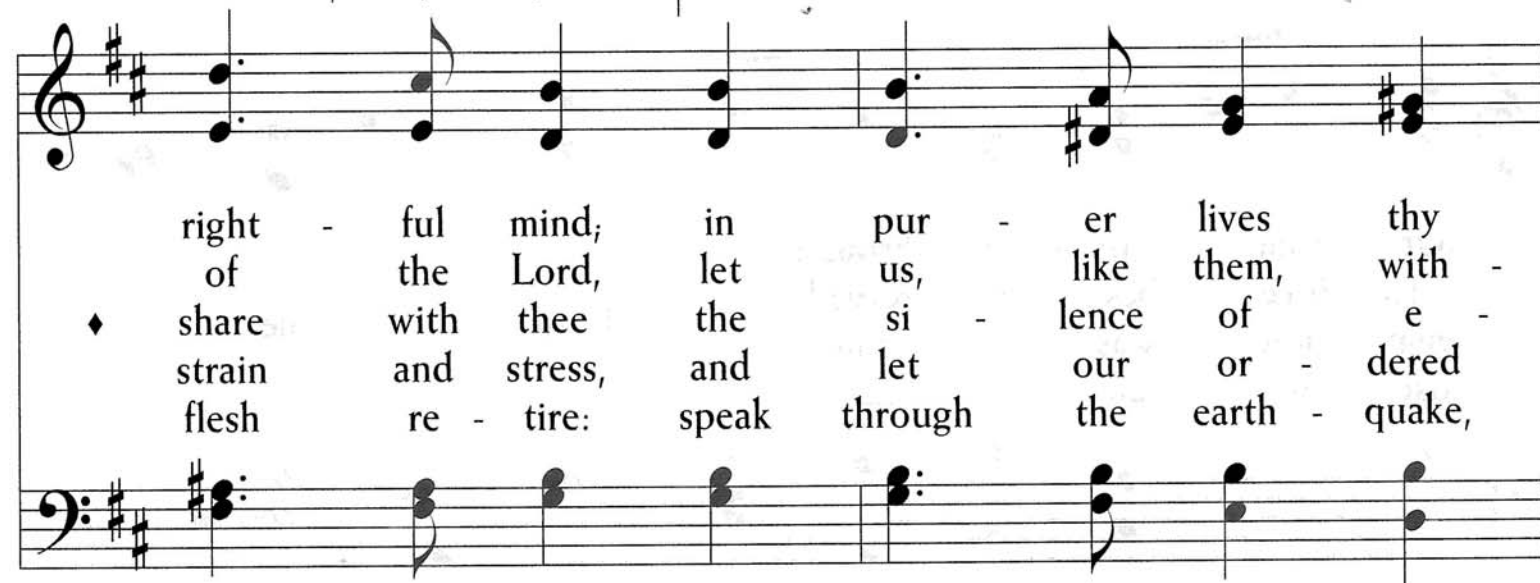
***CLOSING HYMN: “Dear God Who Loves All Humankind” V608**



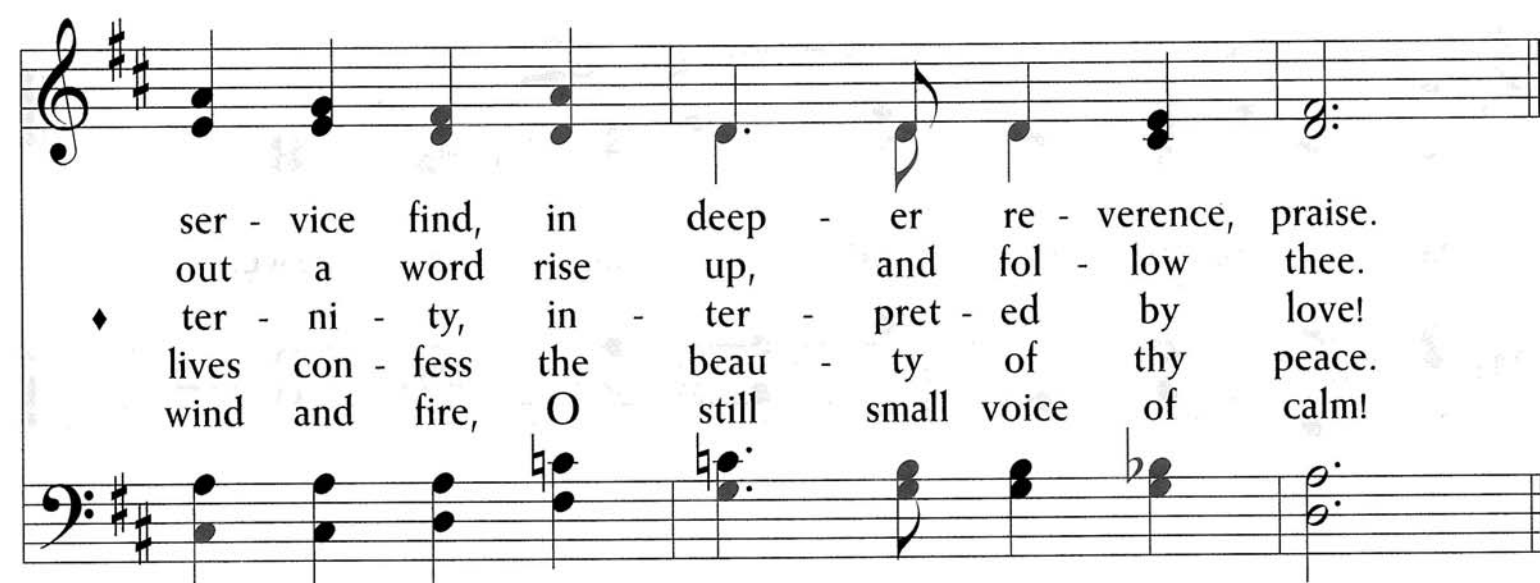
1 Dear God, who loves all hu - man - kind, for -
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
 ♦ 3 O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
 4 Drop thy still dew of qui - et - ness till
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



give our fool - ish ways; re - clothe us in our
 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
 ♦ calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



right - ful mind; in pur - er lives thy
 of the Lord, let us, like them, with -
 ♦ share with thee the si - lence of e -
 strain and stress, and let our or - dered
 flesh re - tire: speak through the earth - quake,



ser - vice find, in deep - er re - verence, praise.
 out a word rise up, and fol - low thee.
 ♦ ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 wind and fire, O still small voice of calm!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	6/22	9:30 a.m. 10:45	WORSHIP: Second Sunday after Pentecost AUCTION DROP OFF DONATIONS
Monday	6/23	1:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	6/24	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 7:00 7:00	Al-Anon (K) 10-11:30 PLP (Library) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) PASTORAL TRANSITION Music Under the Stars (Green)
Wednesday	6/25	9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:00 p.m. 5:15 7:00	WINDOW DEADLINE (JULY/AUGUST) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Danish Sisterhood (K) COMMUNICATIONS MT (Zoom) PARKING LOT CAMPAIGN (L)
Thursday	6/26	10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 6:00	Rev. Scott Morrow – Office Hours FOOD COUNCIL (L) WEDDING REHEARSAL
Friday	6/27	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN WEDDING
Saturday	6/28		
Sunday	6/29	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Third Sunday after Pentecost

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Bold print starts new day.

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
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Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
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Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
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