

SENECA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Zayzay Gwepougee Kpadeh

Worship Leader: Andrew Ritsig

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Prelude

- George Wilbur

Praise Song

“Here I Am to Worship”

- Debbie Stoltz, Leader

Announcements and Welcome

Acolytes and Hands of Christian Fellowship

Opening Prayer:

Surprising God of mercy and love, thank you for calling to us this day. We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in need. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge. We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

INVITATION AND GATHERING

L: The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

P: Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.

L: The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

P: Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.

L: Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

P: Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy. AMEN.

*Hymn

“Faith is the Victory”

- 425 Red Hymnal

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer of Confession:

Forgiving God, you know how easy it is for us to celebrate with joy the wonders of your love. We create wonderful art to represent the joy we feel. Our music soars to the heavens in praise of you. Yet how often we have left our service to you as mere thoughts and intentions without fulfillment. You ask us to be ready to serve you at any time, but we place our commitment on the "to do" list of life; we will do these things when we get to them. Forgive our hesitancy and our self-serving ways, O Lord. Heal us of the disease of seeking first our own comfort before we engage in acts of justice and mercy. Open our eyes and ears to the

cries of those in need. Help us to give and also to receive ministries of love and reconciliation as we serve you with our whole hearts. Then our music, our art, our worship will truly reflect your awesome and abundant love for us. AMEN. (Nancy C. Townley)

Words of Assurance:

It is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom. It is our joy to serve God by helping each other and all those in need. Be assured of God's tender mercy toward you and continue that love in all that you do. AMEN.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 33:12-22

Time for Tots

- Wendy McKain

Offertory

Doxology

***Response of Praise**

Prayers of the People

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

***Hymn**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

- 189 (P)

Sermon

“Faith Based on Evidence”

- Rev. Dr. Zayzay Gwepougee Kpadeh

Service of Holy Communion

LORD'S PRAYER

***Hymn of Response**

“His Name Is Wonderful”

- 174 (P)

Blessing of the Blankets

***Benediction**

***Response**

“He Is Lord”

- 177 (P)

***Postlude**

*(Indicates when the congregation is welcome to stand, if able)

Today: - Sun. School – 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. – Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

This Week: - Mon. Aug. 8 – Celebrate Recovery - 7:00 p.m.

Future Events: - Sun. Aug. 14 – Sun. School – 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

- Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

- Mon. Aug. 15 – Celebrate Recovery – 7:00 p.m.

- Tues. Aug. 16 – Lydia Circle Meeting – 9:30 a.m.

- Sat. Aug. 20 – Community Picnic – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Outside)

- Sun. Aug 21 – Sun. School – 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. – Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

- Mon. Aug. 22 – Celebrate Recovery – 7:00 p.m.

- Sat. Sept 17 – CONTEMPORARY SERVICE – (QUENCH) – 7:00 P.M.

(Need Greeters and Volunteers to help)

PLEASE SAY A PRAYER FOR:

Tim and Jennifer Anderson; Don Bacher; Willda Chutz; Theresa Chutz; Karen Conant; Owen Cope; Elliot Crawford; Joe Drozdo; Tammy Flick; First Responders; Pat and Nancy Gibbons; Josh Harman; Health Care Workers; Mary Ann Kaminske; Greg Kassick; Lydia Kelly; John "Bags" King; Kathy Larson; Sue Lindey; Long-term Care Facility Staff; Residents and Families; Peggy Mathers; Raymond Kellerman; Stacy Kellerman; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; Larry Larson; Ricky Myers; Alex and Joey Petkavich; Ozzie Reynolds; Joyce Riddle; Shirley and Steven Rickenbach; Jim Ruby; Roxberry Family; Jodene Sandin; Ed and Mary Ann Shreffler; Angelo Sibio; Marcia Slye; Gerry Stivanson; Deputy Troy; Jeanne Udovic; Unspoken; US Military men and Women; Emily Vanhook; Betty Weaver; David and Cindy Waters; Katie Welms; Dot Wilson; Ruth Wilson; Ann Ziegler; Fred and Judy Ziegler; Doug Zimmerman.

***NOTICE:** "The District Superintendent, Jodi Smith, has notified our office that at the end of a recent cabinet meeting in Pittsburgh following the just ended Annual Conference, the cabinet in consultation with the Office of Bishop has resolved those churches interested in exploration or testing the waters for disaffiliation will take place on the regional level. Churches interested in such conversations around faith related matters concerning potential disaffiliation will have to make such formal request through the office of the District Superintendent with the advice and consent of the pastor and the local leadership. On Tuesday, July 12, 2022, Council conclusively took such decision in the affirmative at its July meeting to engage with Bishop and Rev. Mikell in an effort aimed at getting further information. Meanwhile, based on our request to DS Jodie Smith, a meeting has been scheduled with the leadership to meet with Bishop and her team at Galloway UMC at 7pm on August 15, 2022. In the meantime, we ask for your persistent prayers for God to guide all of us during this time of transition. Best wishes!

Next Week – 08/14/22: - Scripture: Luke 12:49-56 - Sermon: "The Paradox of the Gospel"

NEEDED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER FOR 3RD AND 4TH GRADES

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Zayzay G. Kpadeh
Ministers: Congregation
Organist: George Wilbur
Pianist: George Wilbur
Children's Church: Wendy Struthers
August Greeters: TBA
August Ushers: TBA
Welcome Connection Center

Reflection for the Month of August 2022

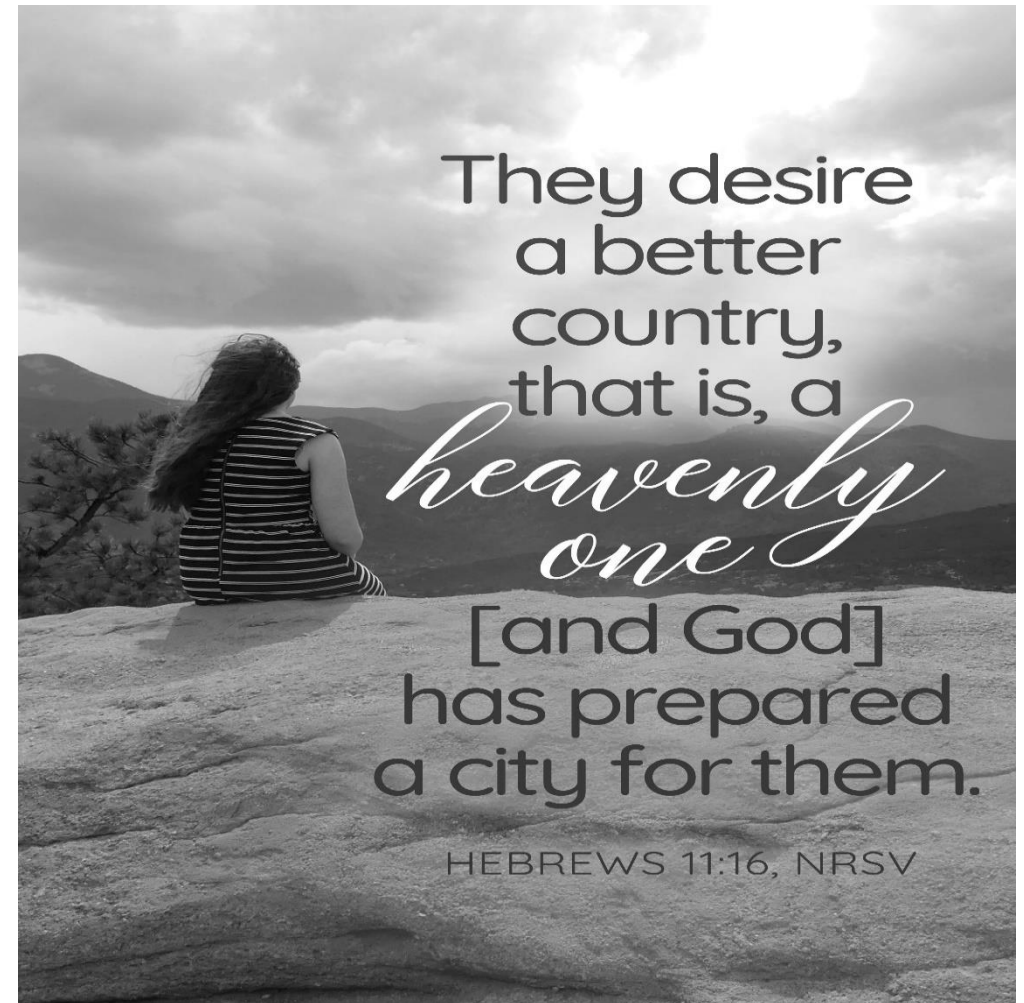
Love for God and His Children

"Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

- 1 John 5:1,2

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