

# SENECA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Zayzay Gwepougee Kpadeh

Worship Leader: Dave Grau

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Prelude

- George Wilbur

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting One Another

## INVITATION AND GATHERING

Praise Song

“Jesus Loves Me”

- 191 (P)

- Debbie Stoltz, Leader

## Call to Worship (Psalm 91)

L: Those who love God,

P: God will deliver.

L: Those who know God by name,

P: God will protect.

L: Those who call out to God,

P: God will answer.

L: We gather this morning,

P: as those who trust God.

\*Hymn

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

- 514 (P)

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### Prayer of Confession (Jeremiah 32, Psalm 91, 1 Timothy 6, Luke 16)

Triune God, you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not. In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope in our future. When enduring natural disasters, suffering illness, or facing death, we often grow bitter and forget your love. Stripped of the idols of our wealth and status, we try in vain to control our lives. Eager to be powerful and successful, we wander away from you, falling into the pain of addiction, greed, and blind ambition. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear. Turn our hearts to you, that we may taste fullness of life and trust your promised salvation.

(Amy B. Hunter)

## Words of Assurance (Psalm 91)

God’s loving presence never abandons us, not even when we abandon God. God delivers those who seek and love the Lord. All we have to do is call, and God answers us. God answers us with rescue and honor, forgiveness and mercy, life and salvation.

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Time for Tots

- Wendy McKain

Offertory

Doxology

\*Response of Praise

Prayers of the People

Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:19-31

\*Hymn

“Are Ye Able”

- 530 (P)

Sermon

“Gulf Is Crossed”

- Rev. Dr. Zayzay Gwepougee Kpadeh

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.

- Choir Practice after Service

### THIS WEEK

Mon. Sept 26 - Celebrate Recovery – 7:00 p.m.

Weds. Sept. 28 - Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

### FUTURE EVENTS

- Sun. Oct. 2 - Sun. School – 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. - Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.
- Mon. Oct. 3 – Ladies’ Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.
- Mon. Oct. 3 - Celebrate Recovery – 7:00 p.m.
- Weds. Oct. 5 - Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.
- Sun. Oct. 9 – Sun. School – 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. – Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.
- Mon. Oct. 10 – Celebrate Recovery – 7:00 p.m.
- Weds. Oct 12 – Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 15 – Community Breakfast – 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Sat. Oct. 15 – Contemporary (Quench) Service -7:00 p.m.
- Sun. Oct 16 – Sun. School – 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. – Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.
- Mon. Oct. 17 – Ladies’ Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.
- Mon. Oct. 17 – Celebrate Recovery – 7:00 p.m.

**PLEASE SAY A PRAYER FOR:**

Tim and Jennifer Anderson; Don Bacher; George Bryan; Willda Chutz; Family of Theresa Chutz; Wilda Chutz; Karen Conant; Owen Cope; Elliot Crawford; Joe Drozdo; Family of Kay Ensle; Tammy Flick; First Responders; Pat and Nancy Gibbons; Mukiza Gorett & Son; 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; Jan Marzolf; Ricky Myers; Alex and Joey Petkavich; Joyce Riddle; Shirley and Steven Rickenbach; Jim Ruby; Mike Russell; Mike Roxberry; Roxberry Family; Jodene Sandin; Family of 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. The first information session was held August 15, 2022 at Galloway. We want to thank all members of leadership and laity that attended. The meeting was geared towards getting further clarifications on the disaffiliation process and other important subject matter relevant to the current state of our church. In the next series of weeks and months, Pastor Zayzay and the leadership of the church will continue to engage with each and everyone in further informing you and seeking your suggestions on the way forward. In the meantime, please continue to be patient and be in persistent prayer in further strengthening our faith in doing the work of the local church. We appreciate all of you for your understanding and consideration.

Next Week 10/02/22 - Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 - Sermon: "Rekindle the Gift"

**NEEDED:** SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

\*- Information for Oct.-Nov.-Dec. Newsletter – please email to [dkweaver918@comcast.net](mailto:dkweaver918@comcast.net)

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Pianist: George Wilbur

Children's Church: Wendy Struthers

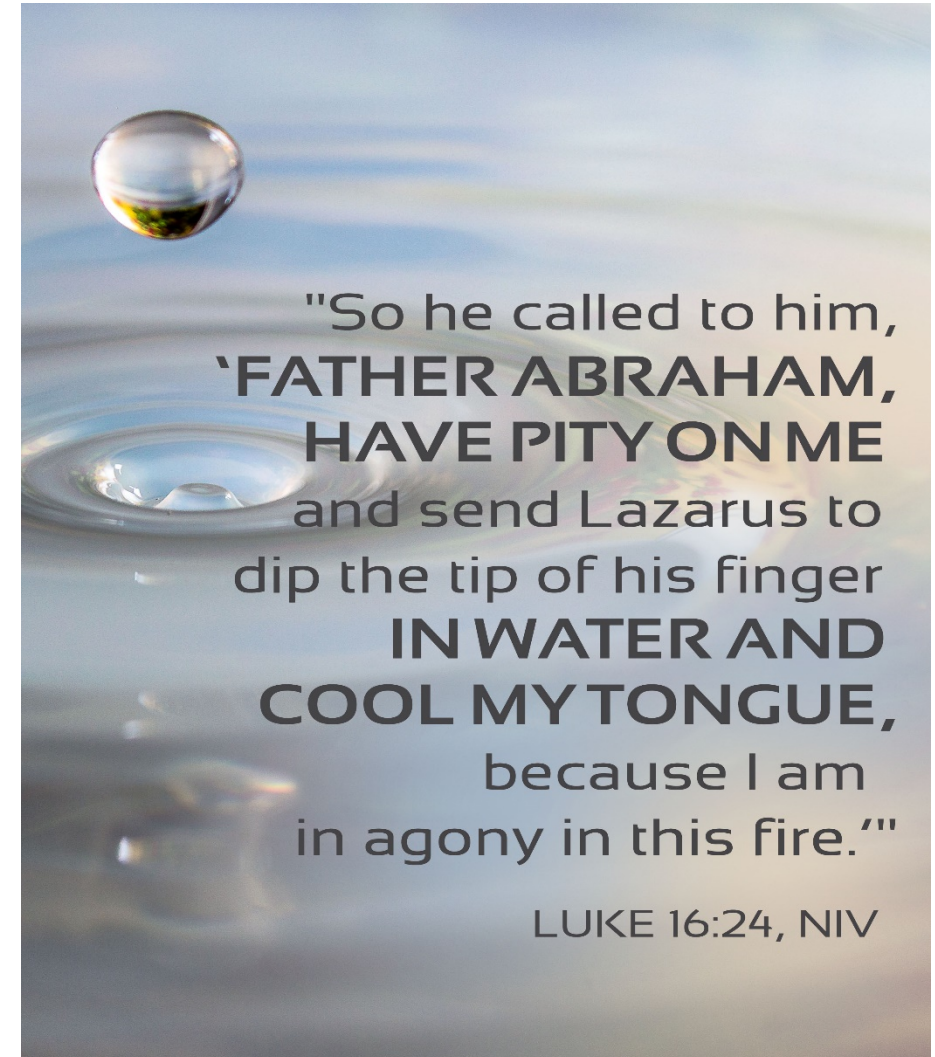
September Greeters: TBA

September Ushers: TBA

Welcome Connection Center

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## September 25, 2022



"So he called to him,  
**'FATHER ABRAHAM,  
HAVE PITY ON ME  
and send Lazarus to  
dip the tip of his finger  
IN WATER AND  
COOL MY TONGUE,  
because I am  
in agony in this fire.'**"

LUKE 16:24, NIV

### Reflection for the Month of September 2022

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful  
in prayer."

Romans 12:12

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