

# SENECA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

June 5, 2022

**Pastor: Rev. Dr. Zayzay Gwepougee Kpadeh**

**Worship Leader: Wendy McKain**

**10:00 A.M. Morning Worship**

**Prelude** "The God of Abraham Praise"  
"Let Us Break Bread Together" - George Wilbur

**Hymn** "In My Heart There Rings a Melody" - Debbie Stoltz

**Announcements and Welcome**  
**Acolytes and Hands of Christian Fellowship**

### INVITATION AND GATHERING - Gathering Words (John 14)

Even after the resurrection, when the disciples were weighed down with worry, **Jesus assured them that they were not alone: "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you."** Even after the resurrection, when the disciples were burdened by their fears, **Jesus calmed their troubled hearts: "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."** Even after the resurrection, when we struggle with our faith, **Jesus blesses us with comfort and hope: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."** Especially after the resurrection, when our souls are dry and barren, **the Holy Spirit blows through our lives, bringing us new life. Alleluia!**

### Opening Prayer (Acts 2, John 14)

Amazing God, you call us today, just as you called the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. You challenge and support us, revealing the brokenness of our communities; giving us the peace that our world needs. You point us to the pain of the cross, and then remind us of the joy of the resurrection. Transform us, O God, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us breathe deeply of the Breath of Life. Blow through our worship and change our lives forever. Amen. (Laura Jaquith Bartlett)

**Hymn** "Victory in Jesus" - 370 (P)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Spirit, we're not sure we're ready for your awesome power to blow through our lives; we're grown comfortable with our familiar habits and our bland routines; we're afraid to give

up our waking slumber and face the truth that we do not truly live. When we cling to our ways and the safety of familiar paths, wake us up, shake us up, heat us up, and breathe your life into us. Walk with us, O God, and give us the courage to follow the way that is like the fire of your Spirit. On this Day of Pentecost, we pray for the audacity to ride the winds of change. Amen.

### Words of Assurance (John 14)

Hear these words of Jesus: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. . . . Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." In the midst of our fears and doubts, the peace of the Holy Spirit will prevail.

**Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
**Time for Tots** - Wendy McKain

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

**\*Response of Praise**

**Prayers of the People**

**Scripture Lesson** James 1:2-17

**\*Hymn** "Spirit of the Living God" 393 (P)

**Sermon** "The God of Grace and Generosity"  
- Rev. Dr. Zayzay Gwepougee Kpadeh

**Communion Service**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*Hymn of Response** "The Church's One Foundation" - 545 (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 - 9:45am - Worship Service - 10:00am

#### THIS WEEK

- Sun. June 5 - Sun. School - 9:00 - 9:45am - Worship Service - 10:00am

- Mon. June 6 - Ladies' Bible Study - 6:00 - 7:00pm - Celebrate Recovery - 7:00pm

- Weds. June 8 - Bible Study - 7:00pm

- Sun. June 12 - Sun. School - 9:00 - 9:45am - Worship Service - 10:00am

**PLEASE SAY A PRAYER FOR:**

**Don Bacher; Wilda 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; 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, Ricky Myers; Alex and Joey Petkavich; Kevin Porter; Joyce Riddle; Shirley and Steven Rickenbach; Family of Nancy Ruby; 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; Betty Weaver; Katie Welms; Dot Wilson; Ruth Wilson; Roberta Winger; Phyllis Winkler; Ann Ziegler; Fred and Judy Ziegler; Doug Zimmerman.**

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**NEXT WEEK: June 12, 2022**

**Scripture: Malachi 3:8-12    Sermon: “Robbing God of What Is Rightfully His”**

**\*Volunteers are needed to help with VBS. Please call Wendy Struthers at (814)758-0960.**

**\*NOTICE:** “The District Superintendent, Jodi Smith, will be visiting the Church after the Annual Conference to answer any questions you may have concerning the transition before General Conference 2024. Subject matters regarding questions for United Methodists considering their options and implications in potentially leaving the UMC. Additional consideration will be given to others who will not have the opportunity to attend this pending meeting/session. Additional arrangements will be made during this year for another in person meeting where your questions will be answered. In the meantime, we seek your endurance and indulgence for prayer and humility as we all work together for a successful GC 2024.”

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

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**Reflection for the Month of June 2022**

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

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