

SENECA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Zayzay Gwepougee Kpadeh

Worship Leader: Dave Grau

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Prelude

- George Wilbur

Announcements and Welcome

Acolytes and Hands of Christian Fellowship

Opening Prayer (Hosea 11, Psalm 107):

Loving and forgiving God, be present with us now, as we offer praise and thanksgiving for the abundance we have received through your grace. You have gathered us in, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, to be your people. Like a loving parent, you have sustained our needs—sharing your love with us, satisfying our thirst, and filling our hunger with good things. Help us, Lord, to heed your call, that we might find deliverance through Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Hymn

“We Will Glorify”

INVITATION AND GATHERING

Call to Worship (Psalm 107, Luke 12)

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

P: **God’s love and warm embrace last forever.**

L: When we cry out in distress, the Lord hears our call.

P: **Praise the Lord who delivers us from sin and death.**

L: Christ calls us to clothe ourselves in righteousness.

P: **Worship the One who wraps us with justice, and helps us grow in the image of our Creator.**

L: Love well, for your heart is where your treasure is.

P: **May our hearts be filled with God’s blessings, divine provisions that meet our true needs.**

Prayer of Confession (Colossians 3, Matthew 12)

Gracious God, in our wanderings and selfish desires: we have forsaken fellowship with our families, our friends, and our neighbors; we have neglected our communion with you, choosing worldly pleasures and desires over truth, justice, and righteousness. In a world of

plenty, we have hoarded our earthly blessings, rather than storing up our heavenly treasures. Free us from such bondage, that we may truly reveal the presence of Christ in our lives.

Amen. (J. Wayne Pratt)

*Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

- 140 (P)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Words of Assurance (Colossians 3)

In faith, we call out to a loving and forgiving God, seeking to put aside our old life and put on Christ. God surely answers our prayers. In the name of Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Scripture Lesson

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Time for Tots

- Nancy Horne

Offertory

Doxology

*Response of Praise

Prayers of the People

Special Music

“El Shaddai”

- Deb Osberg

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:1-8

*Hymn

“Leave It There”

- 522 (P)

Sermon

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

- 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 am – Worship Service – 10:00am

- Mon. Aug. 1- Celebrate Recovery – 7:00pm

THIS WEEK: - Sun. Aug. 7 - Sun. School – 9:00 – 9:45am - Worship Service – 10:00am

- Mon. Aug. 8 – Celebrate Recovery – 7:00pm

FUTURE EVENTS:

- Sun. Aug. 14 - Sun. School - 9:00 - 9:45am - Worship Service - 10:00am

- Mon. Aug. 15 – Celebrate Recovery - Tues. Aug. 16 – Lydia Circle Mtg. – 9:30am

PLEASE SAY A PRAYER FOR:

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; 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 – 08/07/22 - Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 - Sermon: "Faith Based on Evidence"

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

- Sat. Sept 17 – Contemporary Service (Quench) 7:00pm –Need Greeters/Helpers

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Zayzay G. Kpadeh

Ministers: Congregation

Organist: George Wilbur

Pianist: George Wilbur

Children's Church: Wendy Struthers

July Greeters: TBA

July Ushers: TBA

Welcome Connection Center

Reflection for the Month of July 2022

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (2 Corinthians 9:10-12)

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