

# Roots of Belonging

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



~ Welcome Visitors! ~

**Guide to the bulletin:** An asterisk (\*) indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit. Text printed in **BOLD** indicates everyone says them together. **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal next to your pew chair.

**Children:** Children are always welcome here. We know youth grow – in the love of God and the love of others – when they have opportunities to worship in community. After the Message for All, children are invited to attend Sunday School, sit by their family in the sanctuary, or at the Prayer Ground. There are a variety of quiet activities and fidgets the youth (and adults!) can do available by the sanctuary doors. There is also a Prayer Ground set up at the front of the sanctuary. There are several quiet activities prepared for children. We know many of us need to wiggle a bit to be comfortable. Kids do too!!! Adults are welcome to sit in this area as well! #ChildofGod. You and/or your children are welcome to get up during the service to select something to do.

## **GATHERING TOGETHER**

**Prelude**

***Softly and Tenderly***

arr. William Ringham

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

L: God scatters the seeds of reconciliation and love, and waits....

**P: So much of it lands on flat pathways or rocky roads and won't take root....**

L: God scatters the seeds of healing and hope, and waits....

**P: Shallowness and fear claim the seeds and they cannot live.**

L: God scatters the seeds of redemption and peace, and waits....

**P: These are the places of deep growth where the seed will cast down strong roots.**

L: Welcome this day to this place where God casts seeds

**P: May our hearts be the rich soil in which God's love takes root.**

**AMEN.**

**Prayer of Invocation<sup>2</sup>**

**God who gathers us together, we delight to be in community with you and one another. Let your word be proclaimed in truth. Let us burst into songs that reflect the depths of our spirits. May our prayers be formed in your name and granted by your wisdom. May we know you, Divine Mystery, and ourselves better and deeper because we have entered your presence as a community of faithful, questioning, and hope-seeking participants in your kingdom. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*God is Like a Foolish Farmer*

(See bulletin)

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Hebrew Scripture**

Genesis 25:19-34

**Special Music**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Douglas Mears

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Message for All**

Kaitlin Young

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ministrymatters.com/2020-06-01\\_worship\\_connection\\_proper\\_10\\_a\\_option\\_2\\_/](https://ministrymatters.com/2020-06-01_worship_connection_proper_10_a_option_2_/)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-7a-july-12/>

## **Prayer of Jesus**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

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## **Reflection**

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

#### **Call to Prayer**

#### **Prayers of the People**

*During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Or you can text prayers to Pastor Kris at 608-438-6307. We will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: [pastorkris@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@memorialucc.org)*

### **GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD**

#### **Sending Members and Friends to Camp and Re-Member (Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota)**

**Sending Hymn**      *Called as Partners in God's Service*      NCH 495

#### **\*Benediction**

**Postlude**      *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*      Paul Taylor

**Worship Leaders:** Jeff Darwin (Dir. of Music), Betsy Robbins (Bell Choir Dir.) Kaitlin Young (Message for All), Pastor Peter Morris, and Pastor Kris Gorton

**Readers:** John Rosch and Jill Carlson

**Usher:** Nancy Potter

**Media Room:** Bill Jetzer

**Fellowship:** Nancy & Dean Baumgardner

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**Hearing Loop and Listening Devices:** For those who have hearing aids, Memorial UCC has a t-coil compatible hearing loop. Listening devices are also available for people who are hard of hearing. See an usher if you need assistance.

**Bathrooms:** There are two bathrooms near the main entrance of the church. A third Gender Neutral and Accessible bathroom is in the hallway by the nursery. If you need assistance finding the restrooms, an usher will gladly help you.



**Giving Options—Ever-Widening Opportunities:** Checks can be mailed directly to the church or dropped off during office hours. Please indicate any special designation in the memo line. You can give securely via PayPal with your credit card, debit card, or direct withdrawals. Visit and click the "giving" link in the upper right-hand corner or scan the QR code here. If you are interested in monthly automatic withdrawals, please email Ulrika Swanson at [ulrikaswanson@gmail.com](mailto:ulrikaswanson@gmail.com), and she will get you signed up.

**Want to Know More About Us?** Co-pastors Kris and Peter would be happy to set up a time to chat further. Feel free to contact either of them at [pastorkris@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@memorialucc.org) or [pastorpeter@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorpeter@memorialucc.org). You don't need to be a formal member to get involved here. There is a lot of information on our website at [www.memorialucc.org](http://www.memorialucc.org).

## **MUCC BOOK GROUP--MONDAY**

The next book group will meet Monday, July 13, 8:30 at The Rolling Pin Bakery. The group is recommending a choice of 2 books, both about the middle east:

**One Day Everyone Will Have Been Against This by Omar El Akkad**  
**Night of Power- The Betrayal of the Middle East by Robert Fisk**

## **SCRIPTURE & SCONES - BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday, July 15: The readings for discussion will be [Exodus 14: 5-7, 19-31](#) and [Luke 24: 13-23, 28-35](#)

All are welcome to participate in Bible study. Bring a sense of wonder. No experience necessary!!!

JOIN US FOR THE IN-PERSON MORNING EDITION @ 8 AM in Memorial UCC's library

JOIN US FOR THE ONLINE EVENING EDITION @ 6:30 PM on ZOOM

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR SUMMER FUNDRAISER!**

Planning is officially underway for our exciting, combined **Garage Sale and Pie-a-Palooza!**

- When: Friday, August 21 and Saturday, August 22

This is a fantastic, fun event with a role for everyone. You can donate items, bake a delicious pie, volunteer to help with setup, or assist during the sale itself. And of course, everyone is welcome to come out and shop!

- Donation Drop-off Window: July 26 through August 16
- Donated items can be brought to the music room during church office hours

Want to donate items? Please check the donation guidelines located in the narthex for [a complete list of what we can and cannot accept](#).

# Shadow and Substance

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Dan Damon, 1989

Gen. 1:26-27

Unison G C/G G C/G

1 Shad - ow and sub - stance, won - der and mys - ter - y,  
2 We are your im - age, formed in com - mu - ni - ty;  
3 Nam - ing the name - less Spir - it of u - ni - ty,

Bm Em7 Am7 D G C/G

spell-bind-ing spin-ner of at - oms and earth; Soul of the cos-mos,  
sis - ters and broth-ers of Ad - am and Eve. You gave us col - or,  
scan-ning the heav-ens for signs of your care; God of the a - ges,

G C/G Bm7 Em7 Am7 D7 G

per - son and en - er - gy, source of our be - ing: we sing of your worth.  
cus - tom and his - to - ry; teach us to hon - or what oth - ers re - ceive.  
give us hu - mil - i - ty; guide us to mys - ti - cal un - ion in prayer.

# Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.  
 John Zundel, 1855  
 For another key, see 43, 368

# God is Like a Foolish Farmer

Text: David Bjorlin, b.1984; 2022

Music: Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

Arr. Owen F. Pugh, 1867–1920; 1905

Capo 1: Em Fm G Ab

1. God is like a fool - ish farm - er sow - ing  
 2. God is like a fool - ish lov - er, dis - re -  
 3. God is like a fool - ish rul - er throw - ing  
 4. God is like a fool - ish shep - herd los - ing  
 5. God, sub - vert our hu - man wis - dom - law and

C/G G D G Bm/D Em  
 Db/Ab Ab Eb Ab Cm/Eb Fm

rare and cost - ly seed in a soil too  
 gard - ed and be - trayed, vow - ing to be  
 guests a lav - ish feast, shut - ting out the  
 count - less nights of sleep far a - way from  
 log - ic's cold em - brace - use in - stead your

D/F# G Em G Em C Em Em/B Bm7 Em  
 Eb/G Ab Fm Ab Fm Db Fm Fm/C Cm7 Fm

hard and ar - id for the har - vest to suc - ceed.  
 fierce - ly faith - ful, lov - ing still the one who strayed.  
 rich and might - y, wel - com - ing the lost and least.  
 flock and fam - 'ly search - ing for a sin - gle sheep.  
 "fool - ish" meth - ods; star - tle us with stun - ning grace.