

Roots of Belonging

Ninth 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

Morning Prayer

Matt Schinske

Welcome & Announcements

*** Opening Song** *We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

NCH 500

*** Call to Worship**

One: The Holy One is in this place! Do we know it?

Many: The Holy One has searched and known us, our path, and all our ways.

One: The Holy One is in this place! Such knowledge is too wonderful!

Many: Wherever we go, Spirit goes with us! We cannot flee for God is there!

One: The Holy One is in this place! Spirit bears witness with our spirit, and we gather and wait in hope.

Many: The Holy One is with us. Praise God!

***Opening Prayer**

Holy Love, God of Sarah and Rebekah, we come before you knowing you go before us and you keep us in safety. We come to this place in space and time across distance and difference as your offspring to receive an inheritance of your promise and to renew our lives in your covenant. Let our spirits receive your word and our hearts ignite with your compassion, mercy, and righteousness. Let your kingdom spread in us and through us as we worship and follow you. Amen.

***Hymn**

Help us to Accept Each Other

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HEARING THE WORD

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 28:10-19a

Special Music

All Creatures of Our God and King

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, arr. Jay Althouse
featuring Brenda Boutelle & Kris Gorton

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Message for All

Tiffani Roltgen

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 ***We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*** NCH 500 vss 1 & 2

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 or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

Song For Going Out ***Among a Field of New-Sown Wheat*** in bulletin

***Benediction**

Postlude

The Solid Rock

Mark Hayes

Worship Leaders: Jeff Darwin (Music Director), Pastor Peter Morris, and Pastor Kris Gorton
Readers: Marty Smith and Merry Spangler
Ushers: The Roltgen Family
Media Room: Jeffrey Lipford
Fellowship: Marcy Brant

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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, 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 or 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.

Among a Field of New-Sown Wheat

Text: David Bjorlin, Music: Robert Boyd

Dm Am Bb F/A C/G F Bb

seeds, an en - e - my snuck in at night and plant - ed
joy are turned to dan - gers, fears, and threats we strug - gle
sin, pro - ject - ing all the mess and murk we wor - ry
sow, not rip - ping out the things you hate but plant - ing

Gm Am⁷ Dm F C

nox - ious weeds. "We'll pull them out!" the work ers cried,
to de - stroy. And so we treat a fer - tile field
lurks with - in. But we are all a com - plex mix,
what must grow. For grace ex - pands be - yond the bounds

Dm Gm/Bb Am Dm C/E F

their voic - es loud and sure. "You'll kill it all," their
where plants can grow and thrive with pu - ri - fy - ing
a wound - ed work of art; the line of saint and
of all we un - der - stand, and ev - 'ry thing is

Bb F/A C/G F Bb Gm Am⁷ Dm

boss re - plied, "in try - ing to be pure."
chem - i - cals till noth - ing can sur - vive.
sin - ner runs through ev - 'ry hu - man heart.
har - vest - ed by God's re - deem - ing hand.