WELCOME TO MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH 8th Sunday of Pentecost July 31, 2022

* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

Candle Lighting Tim Mear

Life & Work of the Community

* Hymn Seek Ye First the Kingdom

356VU

Gathering Prayer [responsive reading] VU916, Eternal Spirit

Children's Sermon

Minute for Mission Ruth Wolker

* Hymn: In the Quiet Curve

VU #278

Scripture Readings: Margaret Brady

Psalm 49:1-11 774VU

Colossians 3:5-11

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon: "A full silo but an empty heart"

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering Anthem Mary Lou and Karen, duet

Offertory Prayer

* Hymn Let All Things Now Living 242VU

Commissioning and Benediction

*Sending Forth God Will Find A Way

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings July 24, 2022

Psalm 50; Hebrews 11 Luke 12

Thanks to The Rev. Dr. Larry Siebrands for conducting today's service. Rev. Canon Mark will be leading the service next week.

In Quiet Prayer [see Luke 12:13-21]: Let the sincerity of our worship be matched by the depth of our commitment to justice. In a world where money rules supreme, may you alone be our master, and may we find our delight in serving each other. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen. [From Prayers for Sunday and Seasons, Year C, Peter J. Scagnelli, LTP, 1992.]

Custodians for July: Larry and Wendy Siebrands. As they finish to month, be helpful by taking your bulletin with you to share with someone else. Thanks.

In case you wondered....today's music was chosen with the Gospel story – the rich man building a bigger barn – specifically in mind. The first hymn, Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God, was selected, because it might God's word in song to the rich man, telling him what was most important. The middle hymn, The Quiet Curve, reflects the refrain, "You are there," words the rich man desperately needs to hear. And last, the closing hymn, Let All Things Now Living, highlights the phrase, "guiding us on to the end of our days." That phrase connects with the words of Jesus to the rich man, "Fool! This day you soul will be required of you; then to whom will all your possessions given?"

Choir will meet Wednesday, August 3, 1:30 p.m. here at the church. All hymns and anthems for August will be selected at that time.

Don't forget!!! Sunday, August 14 [rain date is Aug. 21], we will be worshiping outdoors, weather permitting. Bring your chair [if you forget, we'll see that you will get one], your hat, a salad or dessert, and your appetite, since we will be grilling hot dogs after our service.

The altar table cloth is green during these Sundays of Pentecost.

Delite has made available in the narthex Rapid Response kits, which are used to test for Covid. Assuming there are some still left, please take one if you think you might want to use it.

How did it happen, God? How did we come to believe in scarcity? In "not enough to go around;" In "you gotta look after yourself"?

How did we miss the plenty bursting out around us?
How did we fall for the deception that what we can grasp in our hands would ever be enough?
How did we grow so blind and so foolish, that we would allow so much beauty and life, joy and laughter, sharing and love, to pass us by unnoticed?

How poor we have become, and how poor we have made others, simply because we forgot your infinite, overflowing abundance; because we allowed ourselves to think that sharing and giving leaves us with less;

because we nurtured appetites that are never satisfied unless they have far more than is needed, thinking our gluttony would silence our fear.

Forgive us, and teach us about your generosity again; remind us that you are able and willing to do far more than we can imagine; and open our eyes to the plenty we enjoy, the plenty we can share,

and all the plentiful goodness in our world that cannot be owned, but can enjoyed by all. Amen.

From Broadview [July/August], our denominational magazine, available in the narthex: Wanikiya Lives On – The Indigenous Ghost Dance renews the new heaven and the new earth. The Trouble with Childcare – Women are obligated to rejoin the workforce during their most stressful and vulnerable years. That needs to change now.

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