

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
UNITED CHURCH
12th Sunday of Pentecost
August 28, 2022**

* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

Candle Lighting

Life & Work of the Community

* Hymn Here I Am, Lord #509 VU

Responsive Reading: Hymn #603 [Pastor reads verse 1, etc.]

Gathering Prayer

* Hymn: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing #559 VU

Minute for Mission Margaret Brady

Scripture Readings: Psalm 112 #834 VU

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1-6

Sermon: Remember the Sabbath

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering Anthem

Offertory Prayer

* Hymn I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #575 VU

Commissioning and Benediction

*Sending Forth Go Now in Peace

"This service has now ended. Our service now begins."

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

Announcements

Quiet Prayer: Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to always think and do what is right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may be able to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

We had a nice time a couple of weeks ago when we tried to have an outdoor service but were forced inside because of the weather; what made it nice was the fellowship after the service, as we ate hot dogs and salads, etc. If you think we should do more of the same [or similar], share your thoughts with your neighbour church member or a Session member or Trustee or Office Administrator. Fellowship is good for us. As our text for the day from Hebrews reminds us, "Let mutual love continue."

Reminder: Our offering plate is located near the sanctuary doors. Please place your contributions there, since we will not be taking an offering as we have in the past. It's one way to be mindful of the Covid restrictions.

Why I like PAR, [Pre-Authorized Remittance]. "It's a direct debit program that allows me to support my church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from my bank account. No more having to write checks, no more remembering if I have my offering, no more dealing with church envelopes. Though I think about my stewardship and supporting the church, I no longer need to be locked into the work of doing it!" – contributed

Interesting reading? On the table by the nursery, we have denominational magazines, Broadview/Observer, that have good articles about United Churches in action. Take one home, give it a read, and return it when finished. From the September issue: Leonard Cohen wrote the acclaimed song, Hallelujah, during his 40s. He recorded it in 1984; it was covered by the likes of Bob Dylan in 1988, when it "took off." Read the article about the story behind the song and how it was meant to describe Cohen. It's in the magazine located in the narthex. By all means, listen to Hallelujah as soon as you can. It's moving!

Today's Hymns: Here I Am, Lord #509 VU. The chorus of this hymn uses the refrain, "I have heard you calling in the night, I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart." These are the reasons we are Christians: We've heard you calling in the night. We feel you leading us. We have a desire to hold your people in our heart. So we respond to you, including worship on the Sabbath..

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing #559 VU. Robert Robinson penned the words at age 22 in the year 1757. He was a barber's apprentice who had lost his father and fell in need of help;' it appears in 1 Samuel 7, where the prophet Samuel sets up a stone as a monument [mount] to remember God's past help. In the hymn, the idea is that we will be motivated to greater praise when we remember how God has helped us, chiefly in Jesus having "sought" us when we were "strangers" and "wandering" away." It was not we who found God, but rather God who came to "rescue" us. We celebrate that in our Sunday worship.

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #575 VU. This is a joyful African-American spiritual that describes a Christian's outcome from worship, hearing the Word and a desire to respond.

We wish Godspeed to Madison as she leaves for Algonquin College in Ottawa on Wednesday, September 1. Please remember her in your prayers. AC has 17,606 full-time students and 5,415 part-time students. We will miss her, esp. during our Sunday church services.

Choir returns to regular weekly meeting times on Thursday, September 2, 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Our sympathy to Kay on the passing of her daughter, Donna, last Saturday, August 20. Donna has been ill for 15 long years. "In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us, we are not alone. Thanks be to God!"

The 70-mile Yard Sale is coming September 17-18. We received a donation of over a hundred sausages and buns from the folks at the Old Anchor Inn, which we hope to have available at our sale. And if you have some things to donate to the sale, bring them by the church soon!

From Rev. Debbie: "We [Session] are scheduled for a Zoom meeting on September 13th at 7 p.m.."

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