# WELCOME TO MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH 7th Sunday of Pentecost July 24, 2022

\* please stand as able

**Prelude** 

Welcome

Candle Lighting

Life & Work of the Community

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

**Opening Prayer** 

\* Hymn What A Friend We Have In Jesus 664VU

**Prayer of Confession** 

**Words of Affirmation** 

**The Nicene Creed** 

Minute for Mission Donna White

Scripture Readings: Becky Gosbee

Colossians 2:6-15

Psalm 138 860VU

\* Hymn Make Me A Channel 684VU

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon: "Let Us Pray"

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer** 

Offering

Anthem

**Offertory Prayer** 

Hymn Let There Be Light 679VU

**Commissioning and Benediction** 

\*Sending Forth Go Now In Peace

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings July 31, 2022

Psalm 107; Colossians 3:1-11: Luke 12:13-21

## **Upcoming dates**

July 31 - 10:30 - Rev. Dr Larry Siebrands August 7th - 10:30 - Rev. Canon Mark Tiller August 14 - 10:30 - Rev. Dr Larry Siebrands August 14 - Congregational BBQ after 10:30 service. Bring a chair, a salad or dessert.

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

On August 14th we will hold Church outside (weather permitting). After church we will have a BBQ/Pot luck. Hot dogs will be supplied but please bring a lawn chair, HAT, salad or dessert.

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.

Choir does not meet this week. Their next meeting is Wednesday, August 3, 1:30 p.m. here at the church.

If you would be willing to read a Minute for Mission some Sunday, speak to Becky Gosbee. Also, if you would be willing to read the lessons some Sunday, please contact Kay Saunders. Thank you.

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.

### A Prayer at the Time of Conflict in the Ukraine

### War is terrible but you find us, Loving God.

You find us anxious as conflict rages in the country of Ukraine.

You find us angry at the senseless loss of life,

you find us distressed as civilians are caught up in a terrible war,

you find us grieving over the death of innocent bystanders.

## War is terrible but you listen to us carefully, Loving God.

You listen as we ask the politicians, "Can't you work for a peaceful solution?"

You listen as we say to the aggressors, "Don't put children or hospitals at risk."

You listen as we give thanks for countries that welcome those displaced

with big hearts and open arms;

you listen as we fear for journalists who put themselves in danger

to report the truth.

# War is terrible but you give us hope, Loving God.

Hope that leaders will patiently give peace a chance.

Hope that despite the heartache, the terror, and the loss,

places of sanctuary will be found and acts of kindness will take root and grow.

Hope that feelings of revenge for broken livelihoods and broken bodies

will be replaced by a willingness to restore community and to forgive.

We pray in the name of Jesus, crucified one. Amen

—David Sparks

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