


**Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ**  
an Open and Affirming Congregation  
7th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 7, 2024

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 **Reflection** - *The renewal of the church will be in progress when it is seen as a fellowship of consciously inadequate persons who gather because they are weak, and scatter to serve because their unity with one another and with Christ has made them bold. ~ Elton Trueblood*


 **Piano Prelude** – Silent reflection to prepare your hearts for worship.

**Announcements / Welcome**


 **Introit**


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 **Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 48)  
One: Great is the Holy One who sits sovereign and near!  
**Many: The earth rejoices on the holy mountain,  
at the heights and depths of God's love.**  
One: We gather, we observe, we recognize,  
we ponder the wonders of Creator's majesty!  
**Many: God's name, like your praise,  
reaches to the ends of the earth.**  
One: The mighty deeds of power astound and amaze.  
We remember and recount  
from generation to generation!  
**Many: Our Guide reigns forever and ever.  
Praise our God!**

 **Hymn NC# 23** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*  
There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.  
There's no place where earthly sorrows are more felt than in God's heaven;  
There's no place where earthly failings have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our minds;  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word;  
And our lives would show thanksgiving for the goodness of our God.


 **Prayer Invocation**  
**Powerful One, we come into this gathering humbled by your presence among us, grateful for the companionship of your people, and eager to worship your name. As we tell your story anew, we enter your story as the objects of your attention, love, and care. May we know you more deeply and clearly. May we be transformed and transfixed by the mystery of you. May we be inspired by your deeds of power to be instruments of your reign in the world. Empower us, O Holy One. Amen.**


 **Doxology** *tune Old 100<sup>th</sup> SL#7*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low;  
Praise God, in Jesus fully know;  
Creator, Word, and Spirit One.

 **Anthem**

 **Scripture Reading p. 49** Mark 6:1-13

 **Message**

 **Hymn of Response NC#283** *Spirit of the Living God*  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, all afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (*sing twice*)

 **Prayers of the People – Help, Thanks, and Wow**  
Lift up your hearts.... **We lift them up to God.**

**Individual Prayers**

Loving and beloved God... **Hear our prayer.**

**Prayer List**

**Prayers of healing and hope for...**


**DANIELLE** Dennett, member  
**JASON** Pratt, brother of Danielle Dennett  
**ELLEN** Gill, friend of Mikki and Buddy Nevins  
**PHYLLIS** Widelo, sister of Mark Thornhill  
**NIKO** Sinodinos, husband of Maria Yorgakopoulou  
**ELAINE** Donaldson, friend of Marion, Bonnie and Patty  
**LAINÉ** Gootée, sister of Darren Sallee

PATTY Cotton, friend of the community  
JEAN Miemerstorf, niece of Anita Hickey  
PATTY Schmidt, friend of Lorraine O'Keefe and Joanne Brooks  
MIKE Carriveau, husband of Jessica Carriveau  
LORRAINE Spencer, member of the congregation  
OLLIE Bishop, member of the congregation  
LAURA Vachula, friend of Lynn Cooper  
BRENDA Hodge, sister of Mark Thornhill  
BRENDA Pelc, neighbor of Jackie and Larry Didier  
SEASON Whitenight, cousin of Julie and Stephen Holt  
MICHAEL, friend of Maria Yorgakopoulou and Niko Sinodinos  
KIMBERLY Start, daughter-in-law of Deb Barthelette  
KATHY Bergeron, friend of Wendy Wilcox  
BILL McCloud, friend of the community  
ELLIE Scott, member of the congregation  
DON Eddy, member of the congregation  
TOM Cleary, Sr., friend of the community  
RUTH ANNE Bennett, friend of Kathy and Mike Robbins  
JEAN Stawarz, friend of the Scrabble Club  
KIM Russo, friend of Lorraine O'Keefe  
JOHN Gougeon, husband of Lorrie Gougeon  
CAROL Cahill, friend of Jean Webster  
DENNY Preston, cousin of Betty-Anne Gould  
TERRI Toner, friend of Mikki Nevins  
RICK Mollison, friend of Patrick McMahon/Norwich Hill folks

### Silent Prayer

### Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer NB#G-6 (any version you wish)

 **Response:** Hear our prayer O Lord, hear our prayer O Lord,  
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

### Offerings of the People – Time, Talents, Treasures, and Testimonies

#### Offertory

  **Hymn of Praise SL#40** *We Praise Thee, O God*

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee.  
We bless Thy holy name; glad praises we sing.

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

#### **SC# 753 Communion Hymn** *Come Share the Lord*

We gather here in Jesus' name;  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame,  
For thru the loving Son the Father makes us one:  
Come take the bread, come drink the cup, come share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.  
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He join us here; He breaks the bread.  
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead.  
The one we love the most is now our gracious Host:  
Come take the bread, come drink the cup, come share the Lord.

We are now a family of which the Lord is Head;  
Tho' unseen He meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;  
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:  
Come take the bread, come drink the cup, come share the Lord.

### Service of Communion

#### Invitation

#### Prayer of Transformation and New Life

**Gracious and Loving God, have mercy on us. We confess our own forms of rebellion and stubbornness. We seek our own way and fail to wait for your counsel, wisdom, and insight. We hold fast to hopes and dreams that do not include your kingdom or our neighbors. We choose comfort over holy confrontation, doctrine over faithful discipleship and position over spiritual power. Awaken in us hunger and thirst for righteousness. Amen.**

#### Words of Grace

Power-filled beloved, the Holy One is with you and fuels your journey. God grants you power to be the church, to be faithful, and to be active agents in the kin-dom. You have power to make things new in your heart, in your neighborhood, and in your community. Receive the grace to try even when your way is uncertain, to hope even when circumstances seem dim, and to love even when love does not come easily. God is with you and will be with you.

## Telling the Story

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

#### Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Abundance, we give thanks for having shared in this meal that spans continents and centuries to connect us with Christians in all times and places. We give thanks and hope that the power of God will increase to saturate us. We hope the power of God ignites a new vision in us. We hope that the power of God inspires us to follow the way of Jesus in the world. Thank you, our God of peace and power, for showing us how to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. Amen.

#### ↑ 🎵 Hymn SC# 785 *God Be With You (all verses)*

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

*Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

God be with you till we meet again, 'neath His wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you. God be with you till we meet again. (R)

God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put His arms unfailing round you. God be with you till we meet again. (R)

God be with you till we meet again, keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you. God be with you till we meet again. (R)

#### ↑ Benediction

#### ↑ Passing of the Peace

#### ↑ 🎵 Cong Response SL #785 *God Be With You*

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

#### ↑ 🎵 Piano Postlude

↑ Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so



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#### **Worship Participants**

Ministers -	People of the church
Interim Minister -	Pastor Greg Briggs
Pianist -	Julie Holt
Greeters -	↑ Janice and Bill Tracy ↓ Charlotte Wood
Lay Reader -	Charlene Cross
Special Music -	Stacey Jenkins
Zoom Tech-	Bob Miller
Coffee Hour -	Julie and Stephen Holt
Flowers -	Sarah Madden

#### **This week at the church...**

Wed-Fri-Sat -	Food Pantry – see website for hours
Thurs 6pm -	Transition Team
Fri 7pm -	AA
Next Sunday -	Coffee and Transition Conversation

#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries...**

July 7 ★ -	Pat Miller, Alden Montague, Rose Montague,
July 8 ★ -	Danielle Dennett
July 9 ★ -	Charlene Cross
July 10 ★ -	Garett Antosz
July 11 ★ -	Julie Holt, Dylan Schwallie
July 12 ★ -	Julie Couture
July 11 ♥ -	Bob and Deborah Fuller