




Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ
an Open and Affirming Congregation
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Fifth Sunday FUN!
September 29, 2024

 **Reflection** “*You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That’s how prayer works.*” ~ Pope Francis

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

Announcements / Welcome to Worship

 **Introit**

 **Call to Worship – inspired by Psalm 19**

One: Let the words of our mouths
and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you,
Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

Many: **For we seek your presence,
the company of this community,
and the renewal of our minds and spirits.**

One: Let the words of our mouths
and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you,
Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

Many: **For you impart wisdom, inspire joy,
and instill hope as we reflect on the past,
live in the present, and consider the future.**

One: Let the words of our mouths
and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you,
Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

Many: **For wherever we gather in your name,
we find holy ground; whenever we call you,
we find a fresh encounter;
however we know you, we find belonging.
Praise God!**

 **Hymn NC #495** *Called As Partners in Christ’s Service*

Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.


Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old.
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

 **Unison Prayer of Invocation**

**Triune God, make us one as you are one. As we enter
worship, may our harmony extend beyond our songs. May
our distinctiveness be welcomed, our identities be celebrated,
and our differences be a source of delight. May your church
serve as a beacon for belonging and demonstrate the beloved
community of the kingdom in your name this day and every
day. Amen.**

 **Doxology tune Old 100th SL#7**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One!

 **Scripture Reading p. 145** Acts 2:41-47

 **Period Pack Presentation – Why Are We Doing This?**

 **Traveling Song SL # 9** *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen. Amen.

Service Project – Assembly of the Kits

Share Reflection

Litany of Dedication of CWS Kits

One: We gather today in a spirit of service
to dedicate and consecrated these Church World Service
Kits to the ministry of God's kingdom.

**Many: We gather today as the people of God
striving to manifest our faith in ways
that will provide hope and healing to a broken world.**

One: As God proclaimed through the prophet Isaiah,
"I am about to do something new.
See I have already begun."

**Many: God has begun this work through us,
empowering us and inspiring us
to do the good work of God's kingdom.**

One: We dedicate these kits to you, O God,
that they may bring something new to all those in need.
May they bring...

**Many: Comfort to children displaced by famine,
Hope to communities devastated by storms,
Restoration to nations ravaged by war.**

One: May they bring...

**Many: Healing to the hurting,
Rest to the weary,
Solace to the discouraged.**

One: May these kits be a beacon of light
to those consumed by the darkness.

**Many: For they have been filled with hope
and packed with love.**

One: Holy God, as you have called us to be your servants,
we have responded by assembling these kits.
Bless them that they may do the work you intended.
Use them that they may offer the newness you desire.
Abide in them that those who receive them
will know of your renewing and restoring love.
Amen.



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
PHYLLIS Widelo, sister of Mark Thornhill
NIKO Sinodinos, husband of Maria Yorgakopoulou
ELAINE Donaldson, friend of Marion, Bonnie and Patty
LAINE Gootee, sister of Darren Sallee
PATTY Cotton, friend of the community
JEAN Miemerstorf, niece of Anita Hickey
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
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
DENNY Preston, cousin of Betty-Anne Gould
TERRI Toner, friend of Mikki Nevins
DONNA Burns, cousin of Julie Holt
ANN O. Jones, friend of Wendy Wilcox
JENNIE Richardson, friend of Mikki Nevins
GLORIA Gagnon, friend of the community
RUSSELL Johnson, cousin of Steve and Julie Holt

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

Hymn 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.

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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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.
Refrain

Benediction / Passing of the Peace

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

Donations requested for College Students Care Packages - the Good Works community service after-school group is collecting items to mail to local college students. Below are some ideas, but you might have good ideas, too. We are mailing the items in large mailing envelopes (so nothing too large or heavy). They will be collecting items through Monday, October 14. Questions? Email Sarah Madden at sjbmadden23@gmail.com. The list of items the kids thought of to include are: Pencils, Candy, Pens, Small notebooks, Sticky notes, Key chains, Stickers, Sanitizer, Sanitizing wipes, Highlighters, Temporary tattoos, Gift cards...feel free to add your own good ideas too!

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Worship Participants

Ministers - People of the church

Interim Minister - Pastor Greg Briggs

Organist - Marcia Sullivan

Greeters -  Erika Subocz

 Wendy Blow

Lay Reader - Rick Tracy

Zoom Tech- Bob Miller

Coffee Hour - Joanne Brooks

Flowers - Pat and Bob Miller

This week at the church...

Today 11:15am - WF Holiday House Fair Planning Meeting

Wed-Fri-Sat - Food Pantry – see website for hours

Thurs 6pm - Transition Team

Thurs 7pm - Choir

Fri 7pm - AA

Ongoing - Donation for Good Works

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

October 1 ★ - Anna Loven, Keith Robbins

October 2 ★ - Daniel Engelke

October 3 ★ - Max Childs

October 4 ★ - Joseph Drake

September 30 ♥ - Jessica and Mike Carriveau

October 5 ♥ - Art and Andrea Pichette