

United Church of Strafford, Vermont
July 18, 2021
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
MH=Methodist Hymnal; PH=Pilgrim Hymnal

Gathering Music Annemieke McLane

Silent Prayer of Invocation Pastor Tom Kinder

Prelude English Suite IV, Allemande J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit “In the Lord I’ll Ever Be Thankful” Taizé

Call to Worship

***Hymn** PH #366 God of Grace and God of Glory *vv. 1, 3, 5*

Children’s Time and Lord’s Prayer

Anthem “Jerusalem” words by William Blake (1804)
music by Sir Hubert Parry (1916)

Readings Jeremiah 23:1-6; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Sermon Heroes and Good Shepherds:
“I Will Not Cease from Mental Fight”

***Hymn** PH #425 Men, Whose Boast It Is

Spiritual Reflection Together

“Would that all God’s people were prophets, and that God would put the divine spirit on them!” *Numbers 11:29*

“Today there are many good people when the world needs saints.”
Carlo Carretto

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for someone else. And no one makes a greater mistake than those who do nothing because they can do so little.” *William Sloane Coffin*

Questions: Who are the heroes and what are the acts of heroism you have witnessed, large or small, especially in your church or town? What heroic actions do we need today locally or globally?

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Prayer Requests

Prayers and Benediction

Postlude “We Shall Not Give Up the Fight” South African

** Those who are comfortably able may stand.
Please stay for refreshments and neighborliness outside,
weather permitting.*

Past sermons are available on the back table
and **video recorded services** are on our website.

See us on **Facebook** at United Church of Strafford

Look for updates on our **website**: unitedchurchofstrafford.com
Sign up for **weekly emails** about upcoming worship and other news
at unitedchurchofstrafford@gmail.com

Heartfulness Contemplative Training Circle gathers weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. You are invited to be part of the circle anytime in person or by Zoom. See our website.

Next Concerts Held on Fridays (except where noted), 7:00-8:15 PM. Admission by donation, 20% goes to the church’s Manheim Fund for the Arts.

Sunday, August 15th 4:00 PM “Treasure Hunt,” Family Concert
Jeremiah and Annemieke McLane

Sing with the Choir Weekly choir for ages 12-92. Gather at 8:50 AM-ish. Rehearsals start 9 AM. All are welcome.

Childcare Today Thank you to Emma Moore and Simone Prescott for providing childcare during the service!

Pastor Tom Kinder is available to talk with you. Please email him at rev.thomas.cary.kinder@gmail.com or call him at 765-2710.

Thank you Justin Wylie, Recording Engineer and Zoom Master!

Justin's Assistants Please consider volunteering to assist Justin on Sunday mornings. Christina Robinson and Tom Kinder are helping but will be away in August. We also hope to train back-up teams for Sundays when Justin cannot be here. **If you could help in any way, please let Tom know.**

Upcoming Sundays

July 25 A service of remembrance, healing, comfort, rest.

August 1 Tom's last service until September

August 8 & 15 Deadra Ashton leads worship

August 22 & 29 Rachel Guaraldi leads worship

Ice Cream! Please join us for refreshments and neighborliness on the front lawn after worship, weather permitting. Masks are optional outside. Thank you to those stocking the freezer with ice cream sandwiches or providing other treats!

Haiku by Herbert Goertz:

Fireflies at night
Dancing galaxies of light
The joy of being

***Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!***



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Morning Worship and Children's Programs at 10:00 AM

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Our Church Covenant

*We gather together with freedom of conscience
in a community of love and inquiry.*

All are welcome, without exception.

We practice Christianity with faith and compassion.

*We covenant with one another to embody the love of Christ,
to nurture contemplation and action,
and to offer our gifts, talents and energies as we are able.*