



August 14, 2022

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.*

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

MH=Methodist Hymnal; PH=Pilgrim Hymnal

“Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.” *Luke 10:41-42*

Gathering Music

Carol Rousseau

Silent Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Tom Kinder

Prelude

Blessing and Lighting the Peace Candle

Leader: In him was life, and the life was the light of the world.

People: **The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness does not overcome it.**

Leader: Let us pray for peace and the things that make for peace
as we light the peace candle.

Introit “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” African-American

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Responsive Reading *from Psalm 138* Debby Richie, Reader

Leader: I give you thanks, O God, with my whole heart;
before the gods, I sing your praise;

People: **I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and faithfulness;**

Leader: For your name and your word
are exalted above everything.

People: On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

Leader: Even the kings of the earth shall praise you,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

People: All shall sing of your ways, for great is your glory,
for though you are on high, you are with the lowly,
while the haughty keep you at a distance.

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies.

People: You stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
O God, fulfill your purpose for me.

Leader: Your steadfast love endures forever.

People: You will not forsake the work of your hands.

***Hymn** PH #68 I Sing the Mighty Power of God
*And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.*

Children's Time and Lord's Prayer

Anthem "Way Over Yonder" Carol King

Scripture Luke 11:1-13

Sermon There Is Need of Only One Thing

***Hymn** The One Thing Needed Is to Pray *hymn folder*

Sharing of Joys, Concerns, Prayer Requests and Reflections

Reflection Questions: What does prayer mean to you, and what has prayer done for you?

Time of Prayer

Call to Offering

*Benediction

*Sung Benediction Response

Now Is the Time Approaching *hymn folder*

Silent Prayer *We invite you to end the service in a spirit of prayer.*

Postlude

Video recorded services, bulletins and newsletters are available
on our website unitedchurchofstrafford.com.

See us on **Facebook** at United Church of Strafford
Sign up for **weekly emails** about upcoming worship and other news
at unitedchurchofstrafford@gmail.com

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

Covid Precautions at Church We continue to require that everyone wear an effective mask while in the church building, but we take them off when we gather outside. Thank you for helping the church be a safe and healthy place for all! *from The Steering Committee*

Spiritual Exploration and Childcare for the Children We welcome children of all ages to the United Church of Strafford! Childcare is available during the church service, provided by teens and adults for children second grade and younger. Older children are welcome to stay with their families during the service itself (as are youngsters, if they prefer).

Haiku by Mel Goertz:

When the buds opened,
there were two rose hollyhocks
on a gray morning.

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While Tom Is Away Pastor Tom Kinder will be away from the church from August 15th to October 12th. Pastoral Care will continue to be provided by the Rev. Deadra Ashton. We are blessed to have three gifted spiritual directors and teachers in our midst to lead worship:

August 21	Rev. Deadra Ashton
August 28	Rev. Deadra Ashton
September 4	Rachel Guaraldi
September 11	Mark Kutolowski
September 18	Rachel Guaraldi
September 25	Mark Kutolowski
October 2	Rev. Deadra Ashton
October 9	Rachel Guaraldi
October 16	Pastor Tom Kinder returns

Pastoral Care The Rev. Deadra Ashton is now our Pastoral Care Provider. If you are in need of spiritual direction or of individual, couples or family pastoral counseling, please be in touch with Deadra at revdeadra@gmail.com or by leaving a message on the church phone at 765-4585.

Heartfulness Contemplative Training Circle offers an informal meditation gathering on Zoom every evening at 7:30 PM. On some Thursdays while Tom is gone the Circle will meet for a longer, more in depth session starting at 7:00 PM instead of 7:30, with an in-person option in the Parish Hall as well as Zoom. We will send out an email to the Heartfulness list to let people know, so please sign up for the list if you would like to hear the Thursday schedule each week. You are invited to be part of the circle anytime. Please see our website Welcome page for details and the different Zoom links for the daily 7:30 PM sessions and the special Thursday 7:00 sessions. For more information or to get on the weekly email list, please talk with Jane Mann or email her at janemannyyoga@gmail.com

Fulfilling Our Vision The Fulfilling Our Vision committee depends on people joining in when they are interested in specific projects. We are continuing our focus on anti-racism and becoming officially Open to and Affirming of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Climate and other environmental issues have also consistently been part of our concern. The vision we are fulfilling is our Future Directions Statement that you can find on the pew card or Welcome page of our website. Please consider participating! We meet the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. Our next two meetings are August 16th and September 6th. For more information, please speak with Kate Reimanis or email her at kreimanis@gmail.com.

Mission Committee Update: Helping the Victims of Flooding in Kentucky...With Meals! Once again, we are thankful for the quick response and action of World Central Kitchen. You may have seen the photos of the damage from the “1 in 1,000 year rainstorm” that caused devastating flooding in eastern Kentucky. Right away, World Central Kitchen arrived and started cooking. On their first day of service, they fed our neighbors in Kentucky 1,000 plates of food. We are proud and honored to support their work on behalf of the church and welcome you to join us in supporting their labor of love. With love, Danette Harris, Maggie Hooker and Cameron Speth

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.
August 19th, Stuart and Sylvia Smith, benefit for Strafford Library
September 16th, Cellist Emily Taubl with music by. Brahms, Dvorak
October 14th, Violinist Alicia Casey