

First Parish of Westwood UCC

Order of Worship • Summer 2021 • On the Patio at 9:30 am

OPENING

One: The world belongs to God. Psalm 24:1
All: The Earth and all its people.
 One: How good and how lovely it is Psalm 133:1
All: To live together in unity.
 One: Love and faith come together, Psalm 85:10
All: Justice and peace join hands.
 One: O God, open our lips Psalm 51:15
All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: O God our Creator, your kindness has brought us the gift of a new morning.
 Help us to leave *yesterday*,
 not covet *tomorrow*,
 and receive *today*.

By your love – generative from the Beginning, seen in Jesus, and alive through your Spirit –
 take from us what we no longer need to carry and free us to serve you and one another.

(Silence)

**All: With this new day God forgives us and sets us free.
 Thus, we commit ourselves to follow where Jesus calls and to love one another.**

WORD OF GOD

Let us listen for the Word of God.
Scripture(s) read.
 Thanks be to God.
Amen.

LECTIONARY		Old Testament and Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
June 13	Pentecost 3	1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13 and Ps. 20 or Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Ps. 92:1-4,12-15	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
June 20	Pentecost 4	1 Samuel 17:32-49 and Ps. 9:9-20 or Job 38:1-11 and Ps. 107:1-3,23-32	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
June 27	Pentecost 5	2 Samuel 1:1,17-27 and Ps. 130 or Lamentations 3:22 -33 and Ps. 30	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
July 4	Pentecost 6	Worship will be on Facebook this Sunday.		
July 11	Pentecost 7	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 and Ps. 24 or Amos 7:7-15 and Ps. 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 18	Pentecost 8	2 Samuel 7:1-14a and Ps. 89:20-37 or Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Ps. 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 25	Pentecost 9	2 Samuel 11:1-15 and Ps. 14 or 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Ps. 145:10-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21
Aug. 1	Pentecost 10	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a and Ps. 51:1-12 or Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 and Ps. 78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
Aug. 8	Pentecost 11	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 and Ps. 130 or 1 Kings 19:4-8 and Ps. 34:1-8	Ephesians 4:25-5-2	John 6:35, 41-51
Aug. 15	Pentecost 12	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 and Ps. 111 or Proverbs 9:1-6 and Ps. 34:9-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
Aug. 22	Pentecost 13	1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43 and Ps. 84 or Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18 and Ps. 34:15-22	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-59
Aug. 29	Pentecost 14	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 and Ps. 45:1-2, 6-9 or Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9 and Ps. 15	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sept. 5	Pentecost 15	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 and Ps. 125 or Isaiah 35:4-7a and Ps. 146	James 2:1-10, 14-17	Mark 7:24-37

REFLECTION

Minister or Leader may have a prepared reflection,
or all may reflect on questions such as:

1. *Why might this story or passage have been included in our sacred texts?*
2. *What question(s) does this passage lead us to ask God or each other?*
3. *Who, where, or what in the world does this reading remind us of?*
4. *How is God's Word being made manifest in these words for*
(1) you
(2) today?

PRAYER

One: Let us pray. Before we leave this gathering, we pray for our healing: the healing of sick bodies, weary hearts, confused minds, constricted imaginations, or disordered loves.

(Pause)

Before we leave this gathering, we pray for our own deepening – in faith, hope and love; in our life as a community of believers; in our own walk with God.

(Pause)

Before we leave this gathering, let us hear anew what God wants us to have or to do, and to be open to receive it graciously.

(Pause)

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

One: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

One: Let everyone give, not grudgingly or of necessity, but from the fullness of our gratitude to God.

(Pass the offering plate.)

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26, Blessing of Aaron

One: Go in peace and with this blessing from one another.

**All: May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. Amen.**

- During Pentecost, the **Lectionary** offers two options for the Old Testament and Psalm readings. The first is a semi-continuous option reading through a narrative cycle and not related to the themes of the New Testament readings. This summer is the story of David. Whereas the second option relates the Old Testament and Psalm reading to the New Testament themes.