



***The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

Italicized Bold print invites congregational response in unison.

*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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You're encouraged to check-in at NMUMC on Facebook & share recorded service.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder Bonnie Weed

If we, who are merely human, give our children the food they need, how much more will the Holy Spirit give to those who are beloved by God?

Welcome and Announcements Bonnie Weed

***Call to Worship** Chuck Samson

We gather to hear what the Holy One will speak

God will speak peace to the faithful, those who turn to love in their hearts.

Surely wholeness is at hand for those who stand in awe.

Show us your steadfast love, Holy One, and grant us your wholeness and peace.

Let steadfast love and faithfulness meet us today.

Let us worship the God who calls us.

Hear our prayers and supplications.

***Opening Prayer (in unison)** Chuck Samson

Holy Mystery, in ancient days, you spoke to your prophet Hosea, telling him to give his children names that warned of hard times to come. Even though the people heard, "You are not my people," you insisted that they remained your beloved children. When his disciples asked him how to pray, Jesus called them beloved children of God, telling them to ask only for each day's bread. Today, we stand in awe, waiting to hear your word, yearning to know that we, too, are your beloved children. Give us the bread that we need today, so that we might feed a world that hungers for wholeness. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "To God Be The Glory" UMH # 98

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Bonnie Weed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Chuck Samson

Jesus said, when you pray, say, "Give us each our daily bread."

Yet we hoard our money, our time, and our love, wanting much more than what we need each day.

Jesus said, say to your Father and Mother in heaven, "Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us."

Still, we hold grudges, refusing to forgive, even when the debt is paid.

Jesus said, say to the Holy One, "Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come."

Holy Mystery, forgive the times we take your name in vain and heal our refusal to love each day in your holy realm.

Words of Assurance Bonnie Weed

Hear the good news: If you, who are merely human, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Holy Spirit come to those who ask?

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Hymn of Response "Faith of Our Fathers" UMH # 710

Prayer of Illumination Chuck Samson

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

1st Reading **Genesis 12:1-4** Chuck Samson

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

(Musical Interlude)

***Epistle Reading** **Hebrews 11:8-10** Chuck Samson

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Reflecting on God's Message "Journey of Faith" Pastor Lee

Prayers of the People

Bonnie Weed

Invitation of the Offering

Bonnie Weed

Offertory Anthem

Harlan Otter

*Doxology

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“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God, from Whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Offering Prayer

Bonnie Weed

Generous Giver, having received so much from you, we offer our tithes and offerings into your hands, that they may bring hope and gladness to a hurting world. Amen.

Holy Communion

Pastor Lee

We Respond to the Word

Order of Welcome

Bonnie Weed

The time has come to say welcome to our new Pastor... see the insert

*Sending Hymn

“Standing on the Promise”

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Benediction

Pastor Lee & Congregation

As you have received Christ Jesus, continue to live your lives in him.

Remain rooted and built up in him, abounding in thanksgiving and established in true faith, just as you were taught.

Forgiven, loved, and filled with the Holy Spirit, let us go in peace to love and serve the world.

Amen.

Postlude

Harlan Otter

Announcements From Pastor Lee:

- **Pastor's Office Hours: 9:00AM – 12:00PM, Tuesday through Friday. Mondays Pastor Lee is out of the office**
- **Coffee with Pastor Lee: July 16 and 23 (Tuesdays) 10:00AM – 12:00PM at Panera Bread 169 Danbury Road, New Milford**
- **Ice Cream with Pastor Lee: July 20 and August 24, 3:00PM at Tasty Waves Frozen Yogurt and Ice Cream Café, 7 Main Street, New Milford**

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



Watchtower Online Library

Welcome Pastor Lee

7.07.2024 | 9:30 am

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ. Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here! Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.

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