



***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.

Large print hymnals, large print bulletins, service script, pew cushions, and Listening Assistance Devices are available at the entry of the Sanctuary.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Lee

Praise and Worship

"This is the Day"

UMH # 657

"Shine Jesus Shine"

TFWS # 2173

"I Love You Lord"

TFWS # 2068

Pastor Lee

Words to Ponder

To be secure in earthly treasure, but not rich toward God, is to be poor indeed.

***Call to Worship**

Jerry Jones

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Make your petitions heard, for God saves us in times of trouble.

Christ's steadfast love endures forever.

God satisfies our hunger with good things, and quenches our thirst with living water.

The Spirit's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship.

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Jerry Jones

Eternal God, as people raised with Christ, teach us to seek the things that are above, where Christ abides in glory. Even as our true lives remain hidden in you with Christ, grant us a glimpse of our true selves, made pure and whole in your love. Renew your Spirit within us, and make us fit to bear the glory of your image. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

"This is My Father's World"

UMH # 144

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Pastor Lee

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Jerry Jones

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

***Scripture Reading**

Genesis 13:1-18

Jerry Jones

So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had and Lot with him, into the Negeb.

2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. **3** He journeyed on by stages from the Negeb as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, **4** to the place where he had made an altar at the first, and there Abram called on the name of the LORD. **5** Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, **6** and the land could not support both of them living together because their possessions were so great that they could not live together. **7** Thus strife arose between the herders of Abram's livestock and the herders of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites lived in the land.

8 Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me and between your herders and my herders, for we are kindred. **9** Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left." **10** Lot looked about him and saw that the plain of the Jordan was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar; this was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. **11** So Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward, and they separated from each other. **12** Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the plain and moved his tent as far as Sodom. **13** Now the people of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD. **14** The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Raise your eyes now, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, **15** for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. **16** I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. **17** Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." **18** So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks^[a] of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD.

Reflecting on God's Message

"Servanthood Ministry"

Pastor Lee

Prayers of the People

Pastor Lee

Lord's Prayer

We Respond to the Word

Invitation of the Offering

Pastor Lee

Offertory Anthem

Harlan Otter

***Doxology**

UMH #95

"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

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.

We Send Forth to the World

The Order For Commissioning As Missionaries

Pastor Lee

We are asking a special blessing for our U.M. Army Team, Steve Kolitz, Jayna Smyser, and Rayne Gaudette.

Dear friends, today we also send our sisters and brothers to serve the needs of the Church throughout the world. This commissioning and sending will strengthen the bonds we maintain with the faith-filled communities to which they are going, and the prayers we offer are an expression of the ties that bind us together in the larger body of Christ.

The Pastor and the congregation may stretch their hands out to them and join in this blessing.

We bless you, O God, and we give you all the praise and glory. We ask you to bless these your servants. Fill the hearts of those we are commissioning with the power of the Holy Spirit. We send them forth as messengers of salvation and peace in your name, marked with the sign of the cross and anchored in your grace. Amen.

The Pastor lays hands upon the head of each person commissioned and says:

Steve Kolitz, Jayna Smyser, and Rayne Gaudette I commission you to take the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ into all the world, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Sending Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

UMH # 159

*Benediction

Pastor Lee & Congregation

Go forth as people who have been raised with Christ to newness of life.

We go as Christ’s disciples.

Go forth as people who will be revealed in glory when Christ’s glory is revealed.

We go to store up treasure in heaven, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Amen.

Postlude

Harlan Otter

Announcements From Pastor Lee:

- Worship Team Meeting following today’s service in the sanctuary
- Coffee with Pastor Lee: July 16 and 23 (Tuesdays) 12:00 – 2:00PM 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

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



Bibilium

7.14.2024 | 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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Pastor’s Office Hours: 9:00AM – 12:00PM, Tuesday through Friday. Mondays Pastor Lee is out of the office