



**\*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** Pastor Lee

**Announcements** Mervin Aleander

**\*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**

Do not be afraid, little ones. It is God's pleasure to give you the kingdom.

**Call to Worship** Mervin Aleander

God called Abraham and Sarah and promised to bless them.

**Through faith thy obeyed and received God's inheritance.**

God called Isaac and Jacob, as heirs of that promise.

**They too followed in faith, seeking God's realm.**

God calls us to join them, as heirs with the faithful.

**We come here in faith, assured by the hope that was fulfilled in the lives of your servants.**

**Opening Prayer (in unison)** Mervin Aleander

God of light and love, you take delight in your creation. Ignite our spirits to worship you and with sincerity. Illumine our minds with the truth of your word. Inspire our hearts to seek your treasure alone, that our hearts may be pure and our actions may be noble and just, as we share your love. Through Jesus Christ, our hope and promise, we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise** "How Great Thou Art" UMH # 77

**\*Passing of the Peace of Christ** Pastor Lee

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination** Mervin Aleander

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 16:1-16** Mervin Aleander

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian slave whose name was Hagar, **2** and Sarai said to Abram, "You see that the LORD has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my slave; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. **3** So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife. **4** He went in to Hagar, and she conceived, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. **5** Then Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" **6** But Abram said to Sarai, "Your slave is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her. **7** The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. **8** And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am running away from my mistress Sarai." **9** The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her." **10** The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude." **11** And the angel of the LORD said to her, "Now you have conceived and shall bear a son; you shall call him Ishmael, for the LORD has given heed to your affliction. **12** He shall be a wild ass of a man, with his hand against everyone, and everyone's hand against him, and he shall live at odds with all his kin." **13** So she named the LORD who spoke to her, "You are El-roi," for she said, "Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?" **14** Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered. **15** Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. **16** Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

**Reflecting on God's Message** "Speed or Direction?" Pastor Lee

**Prayers of the People** Pastor Lee

**Lord's Prayer**

**We Respond to the Word**

**Invitation of the Offering** Pastor Lee

May we offer you now our very selves: our energy, our resources, and our time. Help us reach the vulnerable; and enable this church to be a place of refuge, help, justice, love, and hospitality.

**Offertory Anthem** Chuck Samson

**\*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 God, you offer us unfailing treasure in heaven. In love and gratitude for your gifts to us, we return these gifts and offerings to you. Use them and stretch them to ease the plight of the poor and the widow, the orphan and the downtrodden. Use and stretch us, that we may do good, seek justice, and be your light in the world. Amen.

### \*Sending Hymn

“In The Garden”

UMH # 314

### \*Benediction

Pastor Lee & Congregation

Go forth in faith with your lamps lit, dressed for action.

**Through us, Christ offers love to the world. Go forth to be a blessing to everyone you meet.**

**Amen.**

### Postlude

Chuck Samson

### Event Announcements:

- Coffee with Pastor Lee: July 23 (Tuesday) 12:00 – 2:00PM at Panera Bread 169 Danbury Road, New Milford
- Ice Cream with Pastor Lee: August 24, 3:00PM at Tasty Waves Frozen Yogurt and Ice Cream Café, 7 Main Street, New Milford

# Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



*Nicklin Ngeth'e*

## 7.21.2024 | 9:00 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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