



***The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.**
Bold print invites congregational response in unison.
*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.
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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome Chuck Samson

Announcements Bonnie Weed

***Praise and Worship**

“Sanctuary” TFWS # 2164
“Broken for Me” TFWS # 2263
“Life Giving Bread” TFWS # 2261

Words to Ponder Bonnie Weed
God offered King Solomon anything he wanted; King Solomon asked for wisdom to discern right from wrong.

Call to Worship Bonnie Weed
Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honor and majesty is His work, and His rightness endures forever.
He has gained renown by His wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear Him; He is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of His hands are faithful and just, all His precepts are trustworthy.
They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is His name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever. (Psalm 111)

Opening Prayer (in unison) Bonnie Weed
Holy Wisdom, you granted Solomon’s request for an understanding mind and the knowledge to discern good from evil. Fill us with such understanding and knowledge that we may act as instruments of your loving desire for creation, working with you to transform our conceit into concern for others, our fear into love, our violence into peace, and our brokenness into wholeness. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** “One Bread One Body” UMH # 620

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

WE HEAR THE WORD

Song of Illumination “Spirit of the Living God” UMH # 393

***Scripture Reading** **John 6:51-58** Bonnie Weed
⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” ⁵²Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”
⁵³Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Reflecting on God’s Message “You are what you eat –
Yo soy el pan de vida” Chuck Samson
“O God of Earth and Altar”

Prayers of the People Chuck Samson

Lord’s Prayer

We Respond to the Word

Invitation of the Offering Chuck Samson

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

***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

Holy God, in this moment of offering, we stand before you, acknowledging your boundless wisdom and unfailing love. As we present our gifts, we also lift our prayers for guidance and understanding. Grant us the wisdom to discern your will and the courage to walk in your ways, following the example set before us by Solomon. Bless these offerings and our lives, so that we may continue to worship you in spirit and truth. Amen. (1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14)

We Reach Out to the World

*Sending Hymn

“My Hope is Built”

UMH # 368

*Benediction

Chuck Samson & Congregation

I leave you with Paul’s letter to the church in Ephesia, chapter 5:15-20.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts. thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And from Paul’s letter to the church in Colossia, chapter 3:1-2

So if you’re serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that’s where the action is. See things from his perspective.

So go from here, take in the life giving words from Jesus the true bread of life and be blessed, that you in ALL you do you may be a blessing to all those around you and so doing even to bless God, to God be the glory.

Postlude

Harlan Otter

Event Announcements:

- Pastor’s Continuing Education: August 12 – 18 (Monday through Sunday). Chuck Samson will deliver the message on August 18.
- **Worship Team Meeting: August 25** (Sunday) following the service, in the sanctuary.
- Coffee with Pastor Lee: August 20 and 27 (Tuesdays) 12:00 – 2:00PM Panera Bread
- Ice Cream with Pastor Lee: August 24, 3:00PM at Tasty Waves 7 Main Street, New Milford.
- Weston Frontier Parish Council Meeting: August 21 (Wednesday) 7:00PM NMUMC

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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8.18.2024 | 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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Pastor’s Office Hours: 9:00AM – 12:00PM, Tuesday through Friday

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