



***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

Light the Candle Arianna O'Rourke

Welcome Pastor Lee

Welcoming Statement Together

Announcements Kimberly Rothen

***Praise and Worship**
"Open The Eyes of My Heart" WS # 3008
"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" On Screen

Words to Ponder Kimberly Rothen

It is not what we do that saves us. It is the mercy and grace of God, poured out in love. The first shall be last, for God's love turns our expectations upside down.

Call to Worship Kimberly Rothen

Jesus Christ, we assemble with all your creatures in this circle of life.

We ask you to join our circle and celebrate with us.

Jesus Christ, as we join in celebration with you and all creation,

**we ask for your blessing, your shalom, on the creatures
that we love and, on all creatures, celebrating in the wild.**

In the name of God, who creates all life, in the name of Jesus Christ,
who redeems all life, and in the name of the Spirit, who renews all life,
we cry with all in the circle of life:

Shalom! Shalom! Shalom! May your blessing come!

Opening Prayer Together

**Creator God, we give thanks that all things belong to you. We praise you for giving us the animals,
birds and fish which fill your world. We give thanks for our pets that bring us joy and who help
teach us the value of unconditional love. Grant that we may be good caretakers for our pets, and
that they may also know the joy of unconditional love. May our shared lives together always bring
joy to others as we live, serve, and love all of your creatures, both great and small, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer Together

***Hymn of Praise** "This Is My Father's World" UMH # 144

***Passing of the Peace of Christ** Kimberly Rothen

Children's Church Pastor Lee

WE HEAR THE WORD

Words of Illumination Kimberly Rothen

In Jesus, we have one who has experienced pain and struggle. He understands us, and leads us to the one who offers grace and forgiveness. He reminds us that all things are possible for God. **Glory to God. Amen.**

***Scripture Reading** **Gensis 7:1-12** Kimberly Rothen

The Lord then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. ²Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, ³and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. ⁴Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made." ⁵And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him. ⁶Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. ⁷And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. ⁸Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, ⁹male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰And after seven days the floodwaters came on the earth. ¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. ¹²And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reflecting on God's Message "Blessing of All The Animals" Pastor Lee

Prayers of the People Pastor Lee

We Respond to the Word

Invitation of the Offering Pastor Lee

Jesus challenged the rich man to sell what he had and give to the poor. He challenges us today to be generous in our giving, trusting God's provision for our lives. Amen

Offertory Anthem "The Beauty of Thy Love" Chancel Choir
by: Lloyd Larson

*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

Together

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks for all the animals and other creatures that have enriched our lives. With all animals around the throne, we bless the Lamb of God.. Amen.

We Reach Out to the World

*Sending Hymn

“I Sing The Almighty Power of God”

UMH #152

*Benediction

Together

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God’s presence on Earth, and the presence of Christ within you. Go in peace! Serving Christ and loving all creatures!

We go in peace, serving Christ and loving our animal kin.

God, our Creator, help us to love all creatures as kin, all animals as partners on Earth, all birds as messengers of praise, all minute beings as expressions of your mysterious design, and all frogs as voices of hope.

We go out into the world to love one another. Cherish our animal family. Protest against abuse and neglect of our animals. Exercise stewardship of all creation, so that all can experience God’s Shalom. Amen.

Postlude

Harlan Otter

Event Announcements:

- **Animal Blessing Sunday:** October 27 at 2:00PM on the Green
- **Committee Reports for the Church Conference Due: Sunday November 3**
- **Veterans Ham Dinner & Craft Sale:** November 9 in Fellowship Hall
- **Church Conference:** Sunday November 10 at 2:00PM at Bethel, CT UMC
- **Church Directory:** November 24 family pictures including pets are due to the church office.
- **GIVING STATEMENTS are ready and on the table in the church lobby.**

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost



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Blessing of the Animals Sunday

10.27.2024 | 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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Ministers: *All members of the New Milford UMC*
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