

sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer"

Hear our prayer, O Lord. hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy peace.

SERMON "Jonah Part IV: A Mad Prophet, a Hot Wind,
and a Hungry Worm" Rev. David A. Jones

OUR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "Lord I Want to Be a Christian"
Douglas E. Wagner

* THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

* HYMN #415 (Green Hymnal) "We Are Called to Be God's People"

* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "The King of Glory" Mary McDonald

*Please stand as you are able

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You are a
merciful & compassionate
GOD, *slow to get* angry & filled with
unfailing love.
You are *eager* to turn back
from destroying people.

JONAH 4:2

July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Reader: Deborah Follett

God is Still Speaking ...

"Grace means that God steps into the lives of particular individuals with the purpose and effect of saving them. God needs no permission to do this, nor is God under any obligation to do so."
- Colin S. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "The Lord Is My Light" Mary McDonald

* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jonah was angry because God showed mercy to Nineveh, yet God taught Jonah about His boundless compassion.

People: We come to worship the God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: When we are quick to judge, God calls us to show mercy and compassion.

People: We gather to seek God's heart and to learn God's ways.

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord, who is patient with us and teaches us to love as He loves.

People: We worship the God of compassion and mercy.

*HYMN #436 (Green Hymnal) "Freely, Freely"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and compassionate God, we confess that, like Jonah, we often struggle to accept your mercy for others and for ourselves. We have harbored anger and resentment, and we have been unwilling to show compassion and forgiveness. Forgive us for our hard hearts and our lack of understanding. Teach us to love as you love, to show mercy as you show mercy, and to extend grace as

you extend grace. Help us to see all people through your eyes and to embrace your compassion in our lives.

Silent confession...

* KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

* WORDS OF GRACE AND MERCY

My friends, hear the good news: God's compassion is greater than our failings and God's mercy knows no bounds. Just as God patiently taught Jonah about the gift of boundless love, the same God offers us forgiveness and grace. **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

SPECIAL MUSIC "How Great Thou Art" Stuart Hine
Charleigh Myers – Trumpet, Emery Myers – Flute, Kaylee Wise - Clarinet

CHILDREN'S SERMON

COMMISSIONING OF THE 2024 MISSION TEAM

Destiny and Matt Chernich, Kathy Follett, Heidi and Owen Fox, Dave Jones, Vickie Ristenbatt, Al and Peg Scholl, and Russ Scholl

THE SCRIPTURES (insert)

Old Testament Jonah 4
*Gospel John 6: 1 - 14

* THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

* PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH – THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and

Commissioning of St. Mark's UCC 2024 Mission Team

God calls us into the world to accept the cost and joy of discipleship. There are times when God's vision of discipleship leads us to meet new people, to enter the places where they have difficulties, and to share gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love. St. Mark's United Church of Christ is a church that values action. It is not enough to merely talk about God's good news. A mission trip offers the opportunity to get personally involved and to act in ways that demonstrate God's love in the world. A church that "talks the walk" and "walks the talk" will be dynamic as we address the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ and avoid excluding others as the result of self-righteous beliefs or preconceived notions. May we seek to build up God's Kingdom on earth, so that the limitless love of Christ is experienced by all in God's Creation.

Commissioning of the Team and Covenanting with the Congregation

One: You are going on a journey in which you will experience people and places in different ways as you offer help and assistance in their lives.

Mission Team: May we develop new habits of faithfulness on the journey ahead

Many: We promise to go with you in spirit and prayer.

One: You are embarking on a trip where you will be challenged into new thinking. At times, you may realize that there are new ways of understanding our relationship with God and with each other.

Mission Team: May we be open on this journey to discover new forms of discipleship.

Many: We promise to listen to you and follow your lead when you return.

One: You are seeking to share your time and talents as an example of loving our neighbors.

Mission Team: May we also commit ourselves to loving God with all our heart, soul and might.

Many: We pray to be part of your efforts to change the world for the glory of God.

All: May it be so.

One: Let us pray...

All: Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit upon them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Jonah 4

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And Jonah said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand

persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

John 6: 1 – 14

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Andy Shearer
Deb Weise
Ken and Charlotte Wengert
Lynn Balmer
David Ansalvish (Cindy Johnson's Brother)
Rod Nissley (Deb Ellis' son)
David Minnich (Friend of Deb Ellis)
Stephanie Wagner (Faye Fox's niece)
Jeffrey Clouser
Trudy Berkheimer
John Blanda (Lynn Balmer's brother-in-law)
Ed Olden
Marie DiFava
Cindy Johnson
Eva Miller
Regine Halsall (Friend of Deb Ellis)
Meg Nagel
Megan, Jaxon and Ava Tilley
Lisa Beard (Holly Brandt's co-worker)
Peg Clark
Tony Furman
Larry Houser
Michael Worhach (Russ Scholl's son-in-law)
Members from our church family who are shut-in or
home bound
The People of Ukraine
The Victims of War in Israel and Palestine

ST. MARK'S CALENDAR
For the Week of July 28, 2024

Sunday Koffee Klatsch – 9:30-10 AM and 11-11:15 AM
Worship Service – 10 AM
Mission Trip Meeting – after worship service
Adult Sunday School – 11:15 AM
Monday Bell Quartet Rehearsal – 6 PM
Wednesday Bible Study – 10 AM
Saturday Mission Team – Leaving for NC



ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the Communion table are presented by Yvonne Myers to the Glory of God.

The bulletins are presented to the Glory of God.

Flowers and Bulletins – Dates available for flowers are: August 11. Dates available for bulletins are: August 4, 11, and 25. Please contact the office if interested in sponsoring any flowers or bulletins.

Roof Repairs – There are envelopes in the narthex labeled "Roof Repairs." We would appreciate your help with this project.

Mission Trip – Please take slips from poster in narthex for food, supplies, etc. for the Mission Team. Please have items back to church by July 28th.

Annual Church Picnic – will be held August 18th @ 10 AM at Pine Acres. Hot dogs and hamburger barbecue will be provided. There will be sign up sheets in narthex for members to bring side dishes on July 28th. Activities will include bingo, hymn sing, rock painting and a scavenger hunt. Pastor Dave will have a prayer path.

Collection for LCCM – We will be collecting food, paper and hygiene items for LCCM for Sunday, August 4th. Bryan Smith from LCCM will be here that day as our speaker.

Bosco's Coupons – are now available till September. Cost is \$5.00 per coupon. Shopping day is Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Save the Dates:

August 3-10 Mission Trip

August 18 Annual Picnic at Pine Acres @ 10 AM

September 7 Women's Fall Retreat – Pine Acres – 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Conference Call information:

Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284

Press* when asked for your attendee pin

Did you know the church has three types of roofing on the building?

***A rubber roof covers the Christian Education building.**

It was last replaced in 1988 making it 36 years old!

***A shingled roof covers the addition to the building completed in 1991.**

It is the original roof making it 33 years old!

***A slate roof covers the remainder of the building.**

It was the original roof replacement in 1975 when the sanctuary was turned around and remodeled making it 49 years old!

All three roofs have been repaired many times over the years and two of them - the rubber and the shingled - need to be replaced within the next two years to avoid any major repairs and/or damage to the building.

A campaign will begin June 30, 2024, to receive donations for the replacement of the rubber and shingled roofs. Estimates have been received that total almost \$105,000 for this work. That money is not in the budget or the building fund. We are hoping that members can help to fund the remaining amount that is needed.

One member of the congregation will match the first \$4,500 that is donated to the roof fund. Another portion of the money will be requested from the Endowment Fund in 2025 and 2026.

Every dollar counts! Please help if you are willing and as you are able.

Special giving envelopes will be available for your donations.

THANK YOU!

St, Mark's Consistory