



Kent United Church of Christ

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL, and W.I.S.E. CONGREGATION

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance

arr. Mark Hayes

GREETING

Rev. Amy Gopp, senior minister

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Brenda Schneider, liturgist

Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day.

Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.

God ordained the Sabbath, rest and restoration.

God is worthy of worship, our Creator, Healer, and Inspiration.

With grateful hearts, let us worship God!

OPENING SONG

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Taizé

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

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INVOCATION

Brenda Schneider

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May that peace be with you today and always.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SNAP CHAT

Pastor Amy

"Jesus Loves the Little Children" is sung to bless our children as they depart

Je - sus loves the lit - tle chil - dren, All the chil - dren of the world. Ev' - ry

co - lor, shape and size, they are pre-cious in his eyes. je - sus loves the lit - tle chil - dren of the world.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

Brenda Schneider

John 21:1-14

Here ends the reading from God's Word.

Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.

SERMON

Breakfast is Ready!

Pastor Amy

HOLY COMMUNION

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go
Rebecca Ellsworth, violin solo

Albert L. Peace, arr. Shaw

LORD'S PRAYER

The New Zealand Prayer Book

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE

Bless the Lord

Taizé

p Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

p Bless the Lord my soul who leads me in - to life.

Congregation: Unison or parts

WORDS: Jacques Berthier (Ps. 103:1)

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier and the Taizé Community

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BLESS THE LORD (TAIZÉ)
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INVITATION TO SHARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pastor Amy

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God for all that love has done;
 Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING SONG

In God Alone

Taizé

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
 God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my
 soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. In

Last time

A LITURGY OF SENDING AND BLESSING

Jeff Roeger and Sue Otterson

~by Rev. Bart Kelso

Moderator: Let us join together as a congregation and church family in sending and blessing our pastor as she takes her sabbatical:

All: Holy One, we bring before you our sister in Christ, our pastor and spiritual companion, Amy. We send her on sabbatical with our earnest prayers, asking your blessing upon her, and upon this congregation that she serves.

Jeff: May this sabbatical be for Amy a time of adventure and discovery. May her travels introduce her to people and places new to her but known to you; may she reconnect with old friends and family.

All: Guide her steps, O God. May she know your accompanying presence on her journey and find you waiting for her and welcoming her at each destination.

Vice Moderator: May Amy enjoy, in these weeks away: a release from responsibilities, a child-like curiosity, and a thorough refreshment of body, mind and spirit.

All: "Come to me," says Christ, "all you that are weary and are carrying heaven burdens, and I will give you rest...for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt 11: 28 & 30)

Jeff: Grant to her, Gracious God, times of reading, play, and deep contemplation; of rich conversation, and both leisurely dreaming and focused reflection. And enable her to gaze in wonder at the beauty of your creation.

All "O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (Ps. 8:1) "O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." (Ps. 104:24)

Sue: Hear your servant sing your praises, God! Hear her when she prays to you, O Holy One. Watch over her, and draw her close to yourself.

All: We now seek her counsel and blessing as well as yours, O God.

Pastor Amy: Beloved, hear these words of Paul to Christ's people in Corinth. Let them be my words to you as well as God's: "Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the God of love and peace will most certainly be with you."

(1 Corinthians 13:13 and 2 Corinthians 13:11)

All: "You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace." (Isaiah 55: 12a) God below you, God before you and behind you, God everywhere you turn and within you.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

POSTLUDE

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

arr. Marilynn Ham



***Our service has ended. Now our service begins.
We are the body of Christ, and the whole world awaits us.***

*The flowers today are an offering from Jaime and Scott Baughman
in celebration of their 34th wedding anniversary!*

BBQ & BLUES FUNDRAISER

Want to spend a summer evening enjoying great food, listening to some wonderful blues music, and enjoying time with friends and family? The Social Justice Ministry is hosting **Blues & BBQ** Saturday, August 20 from 5-8 (food served until 7). The Back Alley Relics will play on and off the entire time. We'll also have yard games, corn hole, and face painting activities. It will be held on the back parking lot or indoors in case of inclement weather.

All proceeds will go to the Nancy and Bruce Hansford NAACP Scholarship fund. This scholarship is given annually by our church, through NAACP, to deserving young men and women for future education after high school graduation.

The cost is \$15 per person and \$7.50 for children 5 and over. Kids under 5 are free. You'll get a pulled pork or chicken sandwich from Pit Stop BBQ, side dishes, beverages, dessert, and lots of great music. The Social Justice Committee is taking reservations on Sundays at church, or you can call the church office at (330) 673-9534.

We need help with desserts, set up, serving, and clean up. To volunteer, please use our sign-up genius by clicking [here](#).

If you can't attend but wish to donate to the scholarship fund, you can donate online through Engage at <https://engage.suran.com/kent-ucc/s/give/new-gift> and select the scholarship fund. Or, you can send a check payable to the church and note that it is for the Hansford NAACP Scholarship.

We look forward to seeing many of you and your friends there!

