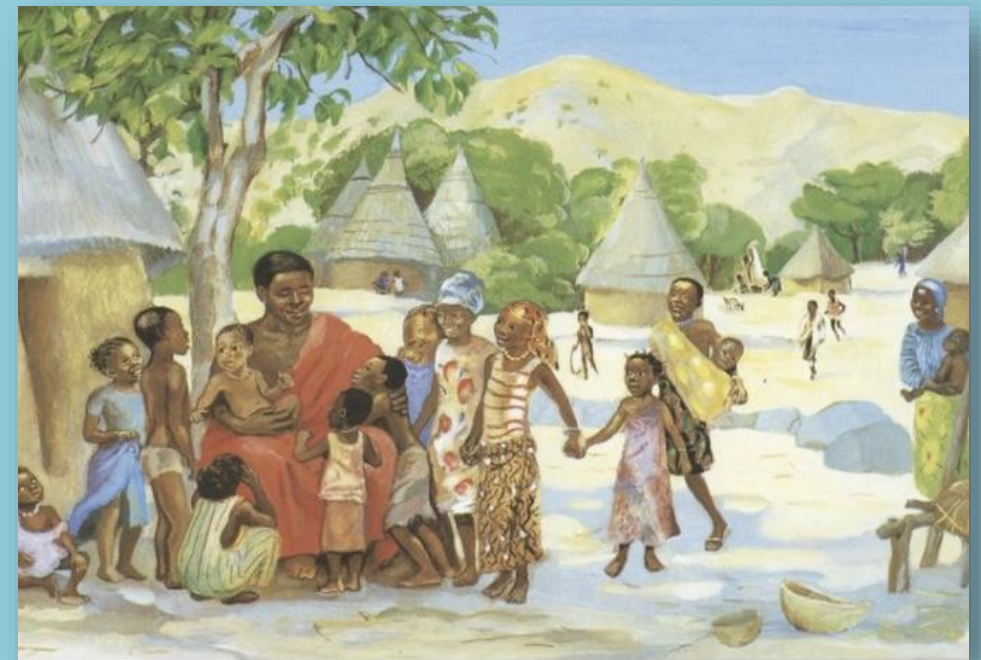


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Sunday Service

September 19, 2021 – 10:00A.M.

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Amy C. Gopp

1400 E. Main Street, Kent, Ohio 44240

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL CONGREGATION

19 SEPTEMBER 2021 – 10:00 AM

An asterisk (*) indicates that you are invited to stand. Feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

**Due to COVID, only the director of music and choir section leaders will sing.

PRELUDE *Prelude on “Old Hundredth”* arr. Kevin Uppercue

GREETING The Rev. Amy Gopp, senior pastor

**OPENING HYMN *Little Children, Welcome* SAIPAN
*You are invited to follow along silently and prayerfully as the director of music
and our chancel choir section leaders lead us in singing during this time of pandemic.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP Eileen West, liturgist

One: Jesus challenges us in today’s gospel:

Many: Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

One: Then Jesus took a little child and put it among them;
and taking the child in his arms, he said to them:

**Many: Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.
And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.**

One: We are still learning today what Jesus came to teach us two thousand years ago.

To change the world we must change the way we love and welcome all children!

Many: May we learn to love all children as if they were our own!

One: Will all the children present please lift up your voices so all of us adults can hear you?

Say your name and say “Hello!”

Children: Say their names and “hello” – a happy chaos moment!

All: Welcome, children!

*INVOCATION Eileen West

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*You are invited to turn around in your pews
to look, wave, and share a sign of peace with one another.*

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

CHILDREN’S SNAP CHAT Pastor Kim

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK Eileen West
Mark 9:30-37
Here ends the reading from God’s word.
Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.

SERMON The Descent Pastor Amy

ANTHEM Servant Song David Schwoebel
Chancel Choir Section Leaders

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Amy

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Creator
who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kin-dom,
and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

HYMN OF COMMITMENT Lord of All Hopefulness SLANE
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OUTREACH MOMENT Neighbors in Need Donna Hess, outreach ministry

OFFERING INVITATION Eileen West

****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.**

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Pastor Amy

****CLOSING HYMN** Children of God WELWYN
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*BENEDICTION Pastor Amy

POSTLUDE Postlude E.L. Ashford

*Please remain seated until the ushers release you from your pews.
You will be released from the back to the front.*



***Our service has ended. Now our service begins.
You are the Body of Christ, and the whole world awaits you.***

*The flowers today are a loving offering from Ruth Saltzman in Memory of
Glenn Saltzman's birthday and in celebration of daughter Jill Saltzman and great-grandson
Nick Saltzman's 4th birthday.*

Did you know that approximately **17 people per 10,000** experience homelessness each day?



"With 552,830 US individuals living in a state of homelessness, things are just not looking great. Still, it is a small percentage compared to the overall US population — which counts over 327.2 million." (source: Whitehouse)

As we begin to pivot away from a world too long shrouded under the grip of a pandemic, there will be those whose households were tragically impacted economically. **To that end, 2021 NIN grants will support the needs of the unhoused/homeless.**

For more information visit: <https://nationalhomeless.org/>

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♥ www.ucc.org/nin. **Thank You!**



Rise Up and raise our voices in support of **permanent housing** for women, men, and non-binary persons.

The National Coalition for the Homeless categorizes homelessness into three types:

- 1 Chronic homelessness** are people who consider shelters as their permanent home rather than just an emergency arrangement.
- 2 Transitional homelessness** pertains to those who go to shelters for a short period of time before transitioning into a more stable home.
- 3 Episodic homelessness** are individuals who go in and out of the homeless situation due to their personal problems regarding mental health, unemployment, and substance abuse.