WELCOME

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ringing of the Tower Bell
Let us quiet our voices and silence our communication devices as we prepare for worship

Prelude
Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr — Georg Böhm
(All Glory Be to God on High)

Welcome — Rev. Dr. Janet Parker
Practicing the Presence of God

***Introit**
Open My Eyes That I May See — Clara H. Scott (1895)
Psalm 119:18

***Call to Worship** — Daniel Russo

Leader: Come! Come, all you who are seeking God.
Come! Enter in to this place of protection and comfort
And discover that God is seeking us!
People: We rejoice to have God find us here,
as we come seeking God!
Leader: Come! Come in and experience God's joy when we come together.
ALL: Here in this sanctuary we worship, and meet God!

***Opening Hymn** — NCH #54
O Praise the Gracious Power

***Passing the Peace** — Rev. Parker
Please greet those around you with a word of God's peace and blessing.
Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you
People: And also with you

**Please rise as you are able.*

Ancient Testimony — Daniel Russo

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Song of Praise — NCH #13

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Time)

O my soul, bless your Creator;
all within me bless God's name;
Bless your Maker, and forget not
all God's mercies to proclaim.

Time with the Children — MaryAnn Terpstra

Welcome Families! Our nursery is open for children ages 0 to 4. Children ages 4 to 12 are invited downstairs to our Story classroom for Godly Play. Youth group will meet Rev. Denniston in the Youth Lounge.

On occasions when no children are present, the service will continue with the Modern Testimony

Modern Testimony Daniel Russo

Our shadow self is any part of ourselves or our institutions that we try to hide or deny because it seems socially unacceptable.... One of the great surprises on the human journey is that we come to full consciousness precisely by shadowboxing, facing our own contradictions, and making friends with our own mistakes and failings. People who have had no inner struggles are invariably superficial and uninteresting. We tend to endure them more than appreciate them because they have little to communicate and show little curiosity. Shadow work is what I call "falling upward...." God hid holiness quite well: the proud will never recognize it, and the humble will fall into it every day—not even realizing it is holiness.

Richard Rohr

Anthem Pepper Choplin

Down to the Water to Pray

Interpretation for Our Time Rev. Parker

"The Place Where All Are Welcome and None Are Lost"

***Response in Song** NCH #533

Children of God

Prayers of the People Rev. Parker

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom 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 Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

Announcements

Gifts of the Community

Offertory

Lobe den Herren Johann Walther

(Sing Praise to God)

**Please rise as you are able.*

***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.

Benediction Rev. Parker

***Closing Hymn** NCH #79
May the Sending One Defend You

***Postlude**

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To Keep In Prayer

Please keep your thoughts and prayers with: the van Veen family; Alice Forsythe; Keith Zilk; Grant Edwards; Rachel Stevens; Roger Walcker; Pat Kerwin; Jan & Ray Velez; Katherine Brumbaugh; Anne Lemar; Logan Hlavacka; Cynthia Lybarger; Richard Hall; Dick Boos; Joe Becker; Sarah Vazquez and family; Tony Ludlam; Don Sevetson's family; Mary Maxwell; Carol Lynch

Thank You from PPOP
(Portland People's Outreach Project)

TODAY
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Welcome!
Please stop by the Pencil Table to see what's happening at our church!

Fellowship Hour
is being hosted this month by folks with September Birthdays. Thank you!

Make Yourself at Home!
Large-print bulletins (including hymns and announcements) and **listening devices** are available from the ushers. **Pew cushions** are available in the back of the Sanctuary for anyone to use. Please help yourself, or ask an usher for assistance.

Give By Text or Web
To participate in this morning's offering using a credit card, text the amount you wish to give (include the $ sign) to 503-902-4744, or go to http://www.uccportland.org/give.

Your Spare Change Adds Up!
All the coins collected during each week's offering are donated to a local non- profit. The non-profit this quarter will be the Transitional School. It is dedicated entirely to the daily needs of 60-70 kids whose families are homeless, in transition and experiencing chronic poverty related crisis. Their purpose is to provide them, at no cost, with a stable supportive environment that promotes both their personal and academic growth. Beyond the classroom the school helps with the needs of kids including school supplies, nutritious meals each school day, clothing, hygiene items, health screening and dental care.

This is a wonderful, thoughtful program that deserves our support. For more information go to www.transitionalschool.org

Greeter *Debra and Roger Perry*
Ushers *Kathy Sheibley, Emily Rampton, and George Rodgers*

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