June 29th, 2025 3rd after Pentecost.

The Women of Summer: Samantha

Thought to ponder: "For we walk by faith, not by

sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7

Welcome

Announcements, Life & Work of the Church Prelude:

### Passing the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

### **Acknowledgement of the Territories:**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

### **Call to Worship:**

One: It is good to give thanks to God;

All: Let us sing praises to God's holy name!

One: We will declare God's steadfast love in

the morning,

All: And God's faithfulness night after night.

One: Let us make a joyful noise in our

worship!

All: For God is good and we know God's blessings.

One: Let us worship God with grateful hearts:

All: We will give God thanks in our prayers and praise.

Hymn: VU #606

In Christ There Is No East or West
In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great family of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith, whate'er your race may be; all children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; all Christ-like souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

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# **Gathering Prayer:**

Time for Young at Heart: Monsters under the bed!

## Hymn: MV #1 Let Us Build A House vs 1,2,4,5

Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safely live, A place where saints and children tell How hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome,
All are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, Where all God's children dare to seek To dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness And as symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

#### Refrain

Let us build a house where hands will reach Beyond the wood and stone To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, And live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger Bear the image of God's face; Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

#### Refrain

Let us build a house where all are named, Their songs and visions heard And loved and treasured, taught and claimed As words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, Prayers of faith and songs of grace; Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

#### Refrain

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### **Prayer of Illumination:**

#### Scripture:

**Galatians 5:1, 13-25** The Fruits of the Spirit **Galatians 3:23-4:11** We are all children of

God

Reflection: Why we should never ignore
Samantha...

### We Walk in the Company of...

# A litany to honor Our women of summer

One: We walk in the company of the women who have gone before, Mothers and sisters of the faith, both named and unnamed, Testifying with ferocity and faith to the Spirit of Wisdom and Healing.

All: They are the judges, the prophets, the martyrs, the warriors, poets, lovers and saints who are near to us in the shadow of awareness, in the crevices of memory, in the landscape of our dreams.

One: We walk in the company of the woman whose names have been lost and silenced, who kept and cradled the wisdom of the ages.

# All: We walk in the company of Hannah, who had great faith in God to work within her life.

One: We walk in the company of Abigail, who used her wisdom to become a peacemaker.

All: We walk in company of the woman with the flow of blood, who audaciously sought her healing and release.

One: We walk in the company of Esther, who used her position as Queen to ensure the welfare of her people.

All: We walk in the company of Rahab, who risked her life to protect those deemed unwelcome.

One: We walk in the company of Lydia, who used her wealth and resources to support the ongoing ministry of the early church.

All: We walk in the company of Deborah, who judged the Israelites with authority and strength.

One: We walk in the company of Jael, who used her cunning and strength to turn the tide of war.

All: We walk in the company of Miriam who sang and danced leading the people in worship and praise of God.

One: We walk in the company of all Mothers and Sisters of the faith, who teach us to resist evil with boldness, to lead with

wisdom and strength, and to heal with compassion and love.

All: We walk in the company of one another. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

One: God of purpose and promise, **All: Receive our prayers.** 

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Invitation to Generosity:**

# **Prayer of Dedication:**

O God, we know you to be kind and generous, so we bring our gifts in gratitude and joy. Pour out your Spirit on these gifts and on our lives, so that we may bear the fruit of your Spirit in every situation and relationship, through Christ, our Living Lord. Amen.

Hymn: MV #179

Sisters Let Us Walk Together
Sisters let us walk together,
Sharing sadness, loss and grief,
We will move
through pain to wholeness,
Brokenness transformed to peace.

Brothers let us work together, Seeking justice, healing shame Filled with hope, embued with courage, Ev'ry violence we will name.

People let us love together, Joining spirits, linking hands, We are God's unique creation, Clothed with dignity we'll stand.

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#### **Benediction:**

Sung Benediction: MV #214

May God's Sheltering Wings

May God's sheltering wings, Her gathering wings protect you. May God's nurturing arms Her cradling arms sustain you, And hold you in her love, And hold you in her love.

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# **Announcements**

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Confirmation Sunday

The new hymn books, Then Let Us Sing, for the choir were donated by Lisa Folkins in loving memory of Mom and Dad.

Reader for this week: Lee Reader for next week: Gordon Greeter this week: Donna Hall

Greeter next week: Jean Thompson Tellers this week: Linda and Sharon Tellers next week: Susan and Lori

A/V this week: John A/V next week: Lisa

**Sunday** 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service - Samantha

**Next Sunday** 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Service - Ruth, Naomi, Orpah

**Good News and Caring Corner:** If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

**Grocery Cards:** We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards and cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

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If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown.