

**The Mount Carmel  
Congregational Church**  
*A United Church of Christ*



*The Lord's Prayer, Unknown. Arabic Calligraphy c. 2022*

**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## Prelude

“Hymn to Joy”  
*Arr. Thomas Keesecker*

## Greeting

### Passing of the Peace of Christ

#### Call to Worship

One: We have gathered today to worship God together.

**All: We have gathered to give thanks to God.**

One: We have come to seek God’s guidance and to celebrate God’s strength.

**All: We remember all the wonderful work God has done.**

One: We are living proof of the power of God’s love.

**All: Remembering how God continues to seek and save, let us worship together.**

#### \*Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”

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### The Call to Confession

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives: that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition too easily. We are too quick to judge and condemn. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. We see ourselves as the center of things far too often. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

#### Words of Assurance

##### The First Lesson:

Isaiah 55: 6-11

Mark Leach



## **The Joys and Concerns of the Parish Family**

*Altar flowers for this week's service have been given by Sandee Martin in loving memory of her sister, Marianne Pivarnick, who passed away on 8/12/17.*

Please remember the following persons in your prayers: Sterling Marenholz; Karl Paulette; Carmen McKee; Amos Hewitt; Rhonda Pruzinsky; Gilbert Spencer; Ron Vanacore; and Kathy Willey.

## **Moments of Silent Prayer**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer (Manny Santiago)**

Our Parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation.

May your reign be a reality here on earth.

May we become more interested in building your kingdom here and now than in waiting for it to come down from above.

Let us share our bread with those who hunger.

Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.

Help us through the time of temptation and deliver us from all evil.

For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth.

Amen.

#### **Blessing of the Prayer Shawls (Unison Prayer)**

*(Please join us in this unison prayer for the Blessing of the Prayer Shawls.)*

God of Hope and Comfort, the circumstances of our lives can often feel cold. During our times of winter, we look for you to warm our hearts. In the long nights of loss and change, you embrace our weary souls. As these shawls wrap around your children, may they feel your warmth and comfort. May they know they are not alone. May they know that you are resting as they rest and journeying as they journey. God of Restoration, bless the hands that have crafted these shawls. Help them to see how they co-create with you as they offer tangible reminder of your love when evening is long and loneliness lurks. As these shawls warm the hearts and bodies of our loved ones, continue to remind us of our deep connection to you and to one another through the loving thread of Christ. Amen.



# “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”



*Unison*

B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$

1 He's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the  
 2 He's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the  
 3 He's got the ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in his hands, he's got the  
 4 He's got you and me, broth-er, in his hands, he's got

Fm7 B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$

whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world  
 wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the wind and the rain  
 ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in his hands, he's got the ti - ny lit - tle ba - by  
 you and me, sister, in his hands, he's got you and me, broth-er,

Cm Gm Fm7 B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$

in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.  
 in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.  
 in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.  
 in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.

## **SUMMER WORSHIP: A LOOK AHEAD**

*Please join us every Sunday at 9am (10am starting September 10<sup>th</sup>) for service!*

### **August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Scripture:** Genesis 45: 1-15  
Psalm 133  
Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

### **August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Scripture:** Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Psalm 124  
Romans 12: 1-8  
Matthew 16: 13-20

### **September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Holy Communion, Last Service at 9am Time**

**Scripture:** Exodus 3: 1-15  
Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26  
Romans 12: 9-21  
Matthew 16: 21-28

### **September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Service Returns to 10am Time**

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Scripture:** Exodus 12: 1-14  
Psalm 149  
Romans 13: 8-14  
Matthew 18: 15-20

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