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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Preparation Music

(Please be seated and prepare yourself for worship)

The Entrance of the Light

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

*Ringing of the Bell

Opening Music

All: It only takes a spark to get a fire going,

And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.

That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;

You spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

*Opening Prayer

All: O God, who is the rock of our salvation: Grant us the wisdom to build our lives on you and your faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Hymn: #28 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: We confess our sins this day:

—The sin of needing to be right. (continued next page)

—The sin of meeting our needs before the needs of others.

—The sin of neglect for the oppressed and hurting.

—The sin of inattention to those we love.

—The sin of mindlessness.

Forgive us we pray, O God of grace. Amen.

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Kyrie # 750

All: Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

*Act of Praise..... #760

(Please stand)

All: Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen!

Amen we praise your name, O God!

*The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please share a greeting of Christian love with those sitting around you.

Children's Time

(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery.)

Special Music: Luciano Valerio, Guitar

Reading of Scripture: Colossians 1:1-14

Sermon: "Bearing Fruit"

*Hymn: #531 "God, Speak to Me that I May Speak"

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in hope that the Holy Spirit would bring peace to the world. In lighting it we remember all past and present military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer "Pray"

Pray ____, pray ____, pray ____ for peace within our world ____.
Pray ____, pray ____, pray ____ for peace within our souls ____.
Pray ____, pray ____, pray ____ for love and unity ____;
Quiet our busy hearts, Pray ____, pray ____, pray ____ .
Pray ____, pray ____, pray ____.

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer,
Prayer of Our Savior (spoken)

All: 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 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

Our Time of Sharing

Invitation to the Offering, The Sharing of Gifts

Offering Music

*Offertory Response "We Are Giving in the Light of God" (526)

All: We are giving in the light of God,

We are giving in the light of God. (Repeat previous 2 lines)

We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,

We are giving in the light of God. (Repeat previous 2 lines)

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #532 "Come Labor On"**

***Benediction Response**

All: "Peace I Leave with You My Friends" (continued next page)



*Postlude

Our guest preacher today is The Rev. Bobbie Hinline. Bobbie is filling in for Pastor Meredith in the pulpit as well as for emergencies. You can reach her at 724-850-9342. Rev. Hinline is a United Church of Christ Pastor who currently spends her time gardening, working as a spiritual director and doing fun things like walking her dog and singing. She lives with her husband Tom in Greensburg. She is also the Chaplain at Redstone Highlands Continuing Care Community in Greensburg.

While Pastor Meredith is away, the Rev. John Titus is covering for emergencies. He can be reached at 412-243-3931 and 412-334-5496.

Please pray for Brenna Driscoll who is attending Camp Living Waters this week.

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor
Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard
Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant
Wade Anderson.....Sexton

Did you know that if you have or will miss a Sunday this summer, the church's ministry continues and the need to support our operating expenses continues? Some of our members have chosen the option of electronic giving, which eliminates the need to "make up" for Sundays when you are absent. If you choose to make your offering the more traditional way, through check or cash, please plan ahead and consider giving for the weeks that you are unable to attend.

This week:
Monday-Consistory 7:00PM

Attendance for July 3: 38
Offering for July 3: \$1,880.00
St. Paul's Continuing Care Homes: \$55.00



Our Mission Project

Our summer mission project is to assemble school kits for Church World Service. Virginia Creese has made over 50 bags, so we hope that you can assemble more than one kit. Please include these items **exactly** as listed:

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers removed from the package
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)



To My Church Family,

Thank you all for your cards, calls, notes, visits, thoughts and prayers sent my way for my recovery.

I keep you in my heart, Joe Florek

From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

Death and Life in a Small New Hampshire Church

"Pray for one another that you may be healed." - James, 5:16

My cousin Pam lived alone on a small New Hampshire farm she inherited from her parents. We did not see each other often, but the contours of her face and particularly the cadence of her voice were such that you wouldn't need a DNA test to know we are related.

Another cousin told me that Pam's cancer had recurred and death was near. So I got in my car and wended my way through the serpentine roads of New Hampshire. When I got near the little town of Hebron, NH, the GPS system quit. So I stopped at the small Congregational church, where I interrupted a Bible study, and asked if anyone knew where Pam Yinger lives. They all did.

When I got to Pam's house, the driveway was clotted with cars. Inside, there was a gentle hum of activity. I was greeted by my cousin Michael. A woman was making tea. A few others just seemed to be hanging out. One of them took me to see Pam in the living room, festooned with more trinkets than any flea market.

Pam and I chatted a bit. I learned that, besides my cousin, the people in the house were all from the church. They took turns throughout the day and night so she would be cared for round-the-clock. Before I left, this small handful of God's people, in a land that the GPS forgot, held hands with Pam and one another and we prayed. After I said, "Amen," Pam added her own, "Thank you, dears."

Pam died two days later.

They say the church is dying. ***Don't you believe it.***

Prayer . . . God, thank you that, in the presence of death, you breathe life.



About the Author . . . Martin B. Copenhagen is President of Andover Newton Theological School. His newest book is Room to Grow: Meditations on Trying to Live as a Christian.