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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2016

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: Gracious and eternal God, Maker of all things good, wise, and wonderful, we gather once more in this sacred space to not only worship You but to seek Your counsel for the living of these challenging days. We have come just as we are, without pretense, knowing full well that we cannot hide our sins from You. But we also come filled with the desire to follow more closely Your Son, Jesus Christ, and to proclaim His love and grace with our lives, our actions, and, if necessary, our words. (continued on next page)**

Make us deeply aware of the presence of Your Holy Spirit so that all that we do in worship and all that we do during the coming week will bring glory and honor to You. We pray in the name of Your Precious Son, Jesus Christ, our Strength, our Rock, and our Redeemer! Amen.

\*Hymn: # 42 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

**All: Christ Jesus, we are aware of the state of the world and our part in it. We watch the news with little surprise at the violence and destruction that arises every day. We confess that if we are not part of the solution, we are part of the problem. Grant us the will to make a difference in our corners of the world, so that we might be a light in the darkness as representatives of your light as we pray in your name. 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. The Kindle Tablets are also available for the children's use.)

Special Music: Fred Hayes, Piano

Reading of Scripture:

Amos 8:1-12

Psalms 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Sermon: "Before the Buzzword"

**\*Hymn: #200 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"**

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 #224 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

\*The Benediction

**\*Benediction Response**

*Refrain*

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in  
all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to  
you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

\*Postlude

**We welcome to our pulpit today, the Rev. Dr. Robert McKie.** Bob was born and raised in Winsted, Connecticut. He is a graduate of Springfield College, Andover Newton Theological School, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He served three years in the Army Transportation Corps, including a tour in Vietnam.

He retired in March 1, 2011 after 18 1/2 years as Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Greensburg, now with a total of 45 1/2 years

as an ordained United Church of Christ minister. He and his wife, Susan, reside in the Charter Oak section of Unity Township along with their four feline "kids." Bob sings with Meredith in the Westmoreland Choral Society and is a passionate ferroequinologist.

The core of our church is Christ Jesus with.....  
 The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ  
 As well as.....  
 Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor  
 Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard  
 Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant  
 Wade Anderson.....Sexton

**Did you know** that our summer mission project is assembling 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)

This week:  
 Monday-The office will be open, but Pastor Meredith will be on vacation. She will return on Wednesday.  
 There is a Worship Committee Meeting on Wednesday at 7:00PM.

Please pray for Maddie Driscoll, Natalie Hartung and Hanna Miller who are attending Camp Living Waters this week. This will be Hanna and Maddie’s last summer as campers, as they just graduated from High School. We hope that this week gives everyone the inspiration that they need to walk their life journey and that they have wonderful fun and fellowship. The congregation has helped them to go by paying 50% of their tuition. Thank you!

Attendance for July 10: 51  
 Offering for July 10: \$1,773.00

*The flowers gracing the Altar today are in loving memory of Doris Galko.*

**From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ**

The Psalmist Gets the Blues

"My tears have been my food day and night." - Psalm 42

There are more prayers of lament in the Bible than prayers of praise. Fully one third of the psalms are psalms of lament. Psalm 42 is one of them. A biblical lament is an impassioned plea: "There is something wrong here. Things are not right. I must give voice to my complaint."

Lament is not whining. God does not like whiners, whereas lament is a legitimate response to hardship. The great Mahalia Jackson used to say, "Anybody singing the blues is in a deep pit yelling for help."

I once asked a blues guitar player in my congregation to put this psalm to music. Sure enough, the words of the psalm and the wailing guitar were a perfect match: "Tears have been my food, day and night."

Tears that are never shed do not go away. They become something else—bitterness, depression, hardness of heart, increased grief. We can offer lament in the confidence that God invites us to bring the fullness of our sorrow. In Psalm 56 there is this plea to God: "Put my tears in your bottle." Imagine: God receives our tears—the literal tears and the musical ones—as readily as our songs of praise.

Prayer . . . Today I offer a prayer of thanksgiving that you invite our prayers of lament.

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