

*The Salutation and the People's Amen -

To all God's people here who are called to be saints, grace, mercy, and peace to you and from the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Call to Confession –

Recognizing that we are easily swayed by the wrong advice and that we have strayed from the ways of the Lord, let us confess our sins to God, with the hope of finding his love and mercy.

Prayer of Confession -

God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Redeemer. Amen.

Words of Assurance -

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but the people who fear the Lord are praised. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and we can resume to live in peace.

Prayer of the Day -

God of the first and the last, give us strength of mind, that we might walk the path of obedience and discipleship without wasting our time thinking about who is more important. Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions that we may be like children, totally dependent on you, welcoming all with hospitality and love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

Anthem Let There Be Peace on Earth

arr. Althouse

The Word of God

The Junior Sermon

The Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Your Word is our wisdom; it gives us insight, strength, and courage. Open our hearts and our minds on this day, that we might receive what you want to give. Speak to us, O Lord. Your people listen! Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 1

This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Lesson Mark 9: 30-37

This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon “Lasting Peace “

The Response of God's People

*Hymn Lord of All Being, Throned Afar

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The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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 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.

*The Benediction –

Go out into the world endeavoring to be the last of all and the servant of all. Welcome children, for in doing so, you welcome Jesus. Submit yourselves to God, resist all evil; draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. May God, who watches over the righteous, give you the gifts you

need to be capable servants. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.

*The Postlude Come, Thou Fount
(in the setting of Tschaikowsky's Concerto Op. 23)

Wyeth/Berry

Announcements

On September 23, from 11-3, Rev. Viki Brooks will begin holding weekly office hours to provide pastoral support for our Church family. She is happy to have private conversations with you regarding the church, your faith, your relationships, or the general state of the world! While Rev. Brooks is not a licensed therapist, she is an excellent listener and an experienced pastor who has served the greater Church for 36 years. Rev Brooks was also the chaplain at Union College for 20 years. You may reach her at the church in the Christian Ed office or call or text her at (518) 698-7496 to set up a meeting.

- Our annual Flea Market will be on September 25th from 9am- 4pm. We still need volunteers and cooks to make our famous vegetable soup, chili, chowder, and pies. Contact Ellen if you can help!
- The History & Archives (H & A) Committee will host two Revolutionary War cemetery tours on Saturday, October 2nd. The tours begins at 10 and 11 a.m. There are **no** advance reservations required this year. Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior to your tour time to check in, inside of Fellowship Hall. A \$5 donation will be collected at the door in support of the church's archives preservation projects. There will be complimentary cider, donuts, and cookies along with a video presentation for those who wish to stay indoors.
- Parents with infants and small children are reminded of the room behind the balcony with an audio system to hear the worship service if needed.

Psalm 1

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his Law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither — whatever they do prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 9:30-37

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?”³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.” This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**