

July 5, 2020

9:00 am

**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost \* Summer Chapel Service \* Communion**

***The Gospel Goes to Broadway – The Sound of Music (Rodgers & Hammerstein)***

*Monroe Congregational Church is an Open and Affirming congregation.*

*Our deacons and pastors hope you will feel at home here. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we welcome you in Christ's name*

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**Prelude**

Medley from "The Sound of Music"

Will Duchon

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

Susie Cuseo, Deacon of the Day

**UCC Statement of Faith**

*We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:*

*You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.*

*You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.*

*You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.*

*In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.*

*You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.*

*You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.*

*You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.*

**Call to Confession– Unison Prayer - Silent Prayer**

*Wise and loving God, you know how we are. We have rushed around, trying to make then re-adjust our expectations, and now we are exhausted. Our need for rest is so important, but we have let other things crowd in, shouting their demands on our time and energies. Forgive us, Lord, for those times when we have not sought your healing, restoring love and precious times of sabbath rest. Be with us as we enter into these summer months. Give us peace, we ask, in Jesus' Name. Amen. ~silence~*

**Words of Assurance**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

## Morning Prayers

*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.*

### Offertory

Edelweiss

Bethany Dupuis, flute

### Scripture

Matthew 13:16-18, Isaiah 40:13

Carrie Wittenauer

*But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.*

*Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,  
or as his counsellor has instructed him?*

### Communion Meditation

Climb Ev'ry Mountain

Rev. Jennifer M. Gingras

### Musical Response

Climb Ev'ry Mountain (Richard Rodgers) Bethany Dupuis, flute

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*At MCC, Communion is open to all who wish to participate. Individual sanitized cups of juice and a gluten-free wafer may be found at the hospitality table.*

### Invitation & Words of Institution

#### Sharing the Bread and Cup

#### Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

*We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

### Benediction

### Postlude

The Laendler (Richard Rodgers)

Bethany Dupuis, flute

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**God is still speaking, welcome** to all who are worshipping with us today in our outdoor Summer Chapel!

### Our Pandemic Commandments

In order to keep our community member's safe, we ask that everyone worshipping with us in-person follow these safe gathering guidelines:

- Thou shalt stay home if you feel unwell or have a fever (and catch us on YouTube)
- Thou shalt wear a mask (if you need one, we have extras at the hospitality table!)
- Thou shalt maintain a social distance of 6 feet (even when passing peace)
- Thou shalt bring your own lawn chair and use hand sanitizer
- Thou shalt find bulletins and communion at the hospitality table (please take one upon entering the worship space)

## ***In Our Prayers***

**Jackie Ajello**(Michele Mount's mother);**Michael Barresi** (Maria's Son); **Jennifer Bittar**(Loraine Zeiner's friend);**Byron Brown & Bruce Bryant** (friends of Will Duchon); **Cheryl Ciambriello**(Wendy Colegrove's friend); **Dot Dralus; Matt Duchon; Dave Fuller** (Gail Olson's brother);**Karen Guinness** (Jennifer Nivison's friend); **Meredith Gibson**(Paul & Judy Coward's niece); **Lily Grace** (Maria Barresi's baby cousin); **Rachel Fracassini**(Jack & Linda Fracassini's niece);**Donna Jean & Ken Fredeen: Gary & Julie Hedine**(Nancy Hedine's son & daughter-in-law); **Rachel Heerema**(Julia Gutierrez's sister); **Bob Heffernan** (Ann Zeiner's son-in-law); **Brian Hopkins** (Donna Konkol's cousin); **Vera James** (Jenn Wissink's mother);**Kelti**(friend of Liska Gutierrez); **Mary-Margaret Logan**(Andrew's mother); **Beverly Lowrey**(Jackie Bleakney); **Jacquie MacLean** (Jennifer Nivison's friend); **Nicole Malia; Mike** (Janie Allen's son); **Rev. Jonathan Miller** (Paul & Judy Coward's friend);**Olivia Morrison** (Donna Nickdow's niece); **Joe Mumper** (Julie McClenathan's friend); **Kathy Nivison**(Andy's mother); **Pat Nugent; Ocampo family** (friends of Liska Gutierrez); **Bob, Missy, Jason & Mark Olson; Ray Osborne** (Colegrove's Family friend); **Dean Perosino**(Gayle Hammond's brother);**Geno Piacentini**(Karen MacDonald's husband); **P.T. Philip** (*Liz Sampson's father*); **Norman & Jan Ricker** (Linda & Jack Fracassini's friend);**Barbara Rivel** (Judy Coward's friend); **Regina Roberts** (Kathy Maiolo's niece); **Kelly Rodman** (Angela Cross' friend); **Alfredo Rodriguez** (*Osirus Gutierrez's cousin*);**Noah Santiago** (Shari Carrano's great-grandson); **Connor Scalia** (Jen Nivison's friend); **Hunter Scalzo**(*Angela Cross's nephew*);**Carlos Serrano** (Kathy Maiolo's cousin); **Al Shaeffer; Bob Sherbo**(*Jack Fracassini's cousin*);**Yessika Siccardi**(Sampson family friend); **Bernie Sippin; John Skarupa**(Barb Pellegrino's brother); **Christine Stadler; William Stadler**(Jessica Pfalzgraf's nephew); **Tom & Jane Steen** (Jessica Pfalzgraf's father & step-mother); **Christian & Dain Steiner** (Julie McClenathan's nephews); **Ellie Swindlehurst**(Joanne Malia's mother); **Olga Terwilliger**(Nancy Hedine's sister-in-law); **Ian Thompson** (Gary's cousin); **Dick Thompson** (Gary's cousin); **Meg Trogolo**(*Paul & Judy Coward's niece*);**Bill & Ruth Wakeley; Susan Walker; Rita Wissink**(Larry's mother), **Margaret Woodruff** (Mike Pfalzgraf's mother); **Charles L. Wynn, Sr.,** (and his mother)**Alleane Wynn** (friends of Will Duchon); **Allen Zeiner**(Ann Zeiner's son)

### **The concerns of our world:**

*Those who serve or live in **war** or **conflict zones**; **first responders** and those who serve in **law enforcement**; those who suffer **discrimination**; those who struggle with **mental illness, addiction, divorce or separation**; **Caregivers**; the **homeless, homebound and refugees**; Our friends living on the **Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation** and in **Oaxaca, Mexico***

### **Those serving in the military, veterans & their families:**

South Korea: **Zachary Gingras**, Washington: **Rachel Hoffman** (Vaughan Askue's daughter), Japan: **Chris Meneses** (Loraine Zeiner's friend), Georgia: **Zachary Peters** (Jacob Parker-Burgard's cousin), Kuwait: **Steven Roshong** (Judy & Paul Coward's nephew), **Bob Peters** (Don Parker-Burgard's brother-in-law), Afghanistan: **Samuel Siciliano**, North Carolina: **Jake Terifay**

## Thank you for assisting in this morning's worship!

- **Trustee:** Liz Sampson
- **Deacon:** Susie Cuseo
- **Lay Reader:** Carrie Wittenauer

Please note that our Summer Chapel worship is also live streamed on church's new YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/monroecongregationalchurchucc>

At this time, due to COVID-19 the only coffee hour we're able to host is virtual!

Join us on zoom at 10:30, when we can share updates and prayer concerns:

<https://zoom.us/j/460134127?pwd=cjYrUDhSSkppdjNMYjhvQ0ZDci9hUT09>

If your computer's video or microphone capabilities aren't working with ZOOM, or you'd prefer to call over a LAN line, you can dial 1 (929) 205-6099, enter Meeting ID: 460 134 127 and Password: 894471

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✦ We are an **Open & Affirming** congregation of the United Church of Christ, and we invite everyone to join in the full life and ministry of this church. We strive in word and deed to be faithful to Jesus' model of loving acceptance and welcome to all persons, inclusive of every age, race, ability, economic and social status, nationality, faith background, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital standing and family structure.

**Happy Birthday** to the following people and to anyone we may have missed, we will keep you in our prayers. (Number is birth date)

Geraldine Esposito<sup>(05)</sup>

Vanya Fraser<sup>(06)</sup>

Jim Vance<sup>(08)</sup>

Kim Riffard<sup>(05)</sup>

Carrie Friend<sup>(06)</sup>

Bruno Crosnier<sup>(11)</sup>

Jane Allen<sup>(08)</sup>

Warren Griffiths<sup>(08)</sup>

Derek Heffelfinger<sup>(11)</sup>

Jessica Konkol<sup>(11)</sup>

**Happy Anniversary** to the following people and to anyone we may have missed, we will keep you in our prayers. (Number in parenthesis is anniv. date):

Gary & Gail Thompson<sup>(10)</sup>

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### **The Gospel Goes to Broadway: 2020 Summer Chapel Worship Series:**

Every year musicals are produced in theaters around the world. Some are successful, and some are not. When we look at critically acclaimed works that stand the test of time, we see that they have some things in common. In addition to being

well written, directed and produced, they all find a way to touch the depths of the human spirit. If the musicals on Broadway deal with life's truths in such a way to touch the heart, there must be some of God's truth to be found in them. Let's take some time this summer to plumb the depths together.

7/5 The Sound of Music

7/12 Wicked

7/19 Les Miserables

8/9 South Pacific

8/16 Phantom of the Opera

8/23 Carousel



### **Socially Distanced Office Hours**

Pastor Jenn will be offering socially distanced office hours by appointment on the parsonage side lawn, provided the weather holds. If you are unable to leave your home, she can also come to you and stay (socially distanced) outside your storm door for a chat. Arrange with her by calling 203-895-5607.



### **"Compassion Camp", an At Home/Virtual**

### **Vacation Bible School!**

**For more information check your July Steeple or the MCC-UCC.org website!**



### **Faith First Aid**

On Tuesday mornings at 10:30am and Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm we will be having an Adult Faith Formation Group "Faith First Aid". In this group we will look at and discuss ways that Scripture intersects with our lives and can be a tool for helping during times of difficulties.

The dates for the group are Tuesday mornings, August 4<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday evenings, August 5<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. All gatherings will be held via Zoom.

Please register by clicking the link below. On your registration please indicate which day you will be participating. Please register to receive the Zoom links.

<https://form.jotform.com/201756451956159> Thanks, Debi



### **Silver Lake At Home – Coming to YOUR Home in July!**

For more information check your July Steeple or the MCC-UCC.org website!



**Bible Study Reunion!** Join us on the parsonage side lawn on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 for an outdoor, socially distant, in-person reunion (rain date Friday, July 31). We've been praying for each other virtually for a long time, it will be nice to gather safely to share updates, joys and concerns. Please wear a mask and bring some food for yourself.



### **Ladies Room Renovation Capital Campaign Project Update**

Thank you for your generosity! As of today we have received of \$12,000 (including the \$2,200 from Gingerbread fund raising). It would be great to get this project completed while the Rexford House is essentially closed, and have a beautiful, safe, functional restroom when we reopen! However, we have been instructed not to start the project until we have all the funding. **We still need to raise an additional \$6,225.**

Thank you again. Be safe. Stay well. Peace.

*Arlene Redmond for Your Ladies' Room Repair & Improvement Team*

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Most of you, along with me, have missed that incredible fragrance of boiling strawberries filling the MCC kitchen and hallways. We are working on a plan to make jam in the fall.

Do you want to help?

Unfortunately, we are on our own this year. If you would like to help by donating a few quarts of strawberries so that we can make jam...here's what we are looking for. Go

to Jones Tree Farm and pick some quarts, wash, hull and freeze in your own freezer. Shoot me an email at [johnnymaiolo@gmail.com](mailto:johnnymaiolo@gmail.com) and let me you know if you have strawberries ready for future jamming! Once we have the go ahead from the health department, I'll contact you for your berries! Please follow Jones website for more information about their picking hours and safety rules.

If you are not picking and you still want to help, there will be other supplies I can call on you for when it's time for JAM sessions. Just let me know. John Anthony Maiolo [JAM]



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to the Monroe Congregational Church  
during this challenging time.*



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