

***We are here to: Love God, Love our Neighbor and Serve the World.***

*September 29, 2019 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM*

### Gathering in God's Presence

**All are welcome** to this time of worship, and in this faith community.  
*If you are visiting today, please visit the Welcome table at the entrance*

#### Announcements and Welcome

#### Greeting One Another

**Prelude**      *Joy In The Morning*      Sleeth

#### \*Gathering Words

God of Creation, You raised the sun up this morning,

**Just as You raised Your Son from death to life!**

Even if dark clouds and rain darken the view,

**You are the Light of the World, and You have called us to be Light.**

Help us to recognize that we brought nothing into this world, and will take nothing out of it.

**If we have food and clothing and the love of others, we can be content.**

Guide us to fight the good fight of the faith;

**To seek righteousness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness in all that we do.**

In the darkest of the night, we know that daybreak is coming.

**The Hope of the World is in You. Join our hearts together in worship, so that we might experience Your Light more fully. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**      *Take Time to be Holy*      UMH #395

### Proclaiming the Word

**Scripture Reading**    1 Timothy 6:6-12; 17-19 ; Luke 16:19-31    NRSV

**Young Disciples' Time**    Please join us in singing verse 1 of *Jesus Loves Me.*  
(10:30)

**Anthem**      *Nearer, Still Nearer*      Morris

**\*Proclaiming Hymn**    *It Is Well With My Soul*      UMH #377

**Message**    *Lazarus, the Rich Man and Scrooge?*    **The Rev. Doug Mackey**

### Responding to God's Word

#### Our Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory**      *Blue, Green Hills of Earth*      Winter

**\*Singing Our Praises**      *Doxology*      UMH #94

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

#### Our Church Family in Prayer

**Prayer Song**      *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*      TFWS #2193

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Going Forth To Serve

**\*Hymn of Going Forth**    *Take My Life, and Let It Be*      UMH # 399

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

\*You are invited to stand if you are able or comfortable

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, September 29

9:00 AM      Worship/ followed by Coffee Hour  
10:30 AM      Worship/Sunday School/Coffee Hour  
11:30 AM      Youth Choir/Voices of Hope Rehearsal

#### Monday, September 30

9 AM      Early Birds  
6 PM      Girl Scouts  
6:30 PM      Brownie Scouts  
7 PM      Spiritual Life Team

#### Tuesday, October 1

9:30 AM      Old Testament Bible Study/Pastor Holly  
6:30 PM      SPRC  
7 PM      Boy Scouts

#### Wednesday, October 2

8:30 AM      Fixits  
9:30 AM      Explorers  
6 PM      AA Meeting  
7 PM      Old Testament Bible Study/Pastor Holly

#### Thursday, October 3

9 AM      Seekers-Sisters in Christ Book Study  
10:15 AM      Altar Comm. Mtg.  
6 PM      Blessing of Animals  
7 PM      Boy Scouts  
7 PM      Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, October 4

4 PM      Men's Retreat-Skye Farm

#### Saturday, October 5

cont'd      Men's Retreat-Skye Farm  
10:30 AM      Caregiver Support Group

#### Sunday, October 6    **World Communion Sunday**

9 AM      Bible Study on Moses  
9:00 AM      Worship followed by Coffee Hour  
10:05 AM      Cherub Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 AM      Worship/Sunday School/Coffee Hour  
11:30 AM      Youth Choir/Voices of Hope Rehearsal  
\*Blood Pressure Screenings\*

# Announcements

**TODAY** Coffee Hour is hosted by  
Young Families Ministry

There is a special offering being taken today for Flood Buckets and hurricane relief for the Bahamas.

The **Early Birds Study** is held every Monday at 9 AM. We will be studying 8 major themes of the Bible. Materials will be provided.

**Explorers Bible Study** is held every Wednesday at 9:30 AM. Each week, we watch a 30-minute video on some aspect of Christianity. This year's study is entitled *The World of Biblical Israel*, by Professor Cynthia R. Chapman. The course traces the history of biblical Israel from its origins (1200 B.C.) to its emergence as a nation, and then, to a pair of kingdoms. It continues with its conquests by Assyria and Babylon, and finally, their return to Israel. Each week's session can be viewed on its own, so you need not attend every week. Contact Pat or Mike Thomas for more information.

**Spiritual Life Team Invitation** Feeling a nudge lately to lead or assist with a book study, bible study, discussion, gathering, field trip, or other activity that helps grow our faith and bring us closer to God and each other? If so, please join us on Monday, September 30, at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. The Spiritual Life team, part of the Grow team, will be gathering to brainstorm and plan studies and activities to be offered to our church and beyond, and we invite everyone interested to participate. We also would love to hear ideas or topics you'd like to see offered. If you are interested but can't make this planning event, contact Pastor Holly, Pastor Doug or Renee Mesh and we will find a way to include you!

**Next Steps** To continue the Educational Series responding to questions raised at May Table Discussions, the Next Steps Team will be presenting two Bible study sessions— each offered twice. On Tues. 10/1 at 9:30 AM, and again on Wed. 10/2 at 7 PM, Pastor Holly will lead a session looking at the relevant Old Testament Scriptures. Then on Tues. 10/15 at 9:30 AM and Wed. 10/16 at 7 PM, Pastor Doug will lead a session considering the relevant New Testament passages. These sessions are open to anyone interested and it is hoped that having both a daytime and evening session will allow anyone with an interest to attend.

**Seekers - Sisters in Christ: new book study** Please join us for our book study, *Hearing with the Heart: A Gentle Guide to Discerning God's Will for Your Life*, by Debra Farrington. In her book, the author leads you through a gentle process for discovering how to invite God's presence into every aspect of your daily life. Filled with a wealth of exercises, guidelines, and tools, this book gives you the practical help you need to bring you closer to God. Pick up a book in the office and join us in the Fireside Room for this 8-week session. Our first session began on September 26, and you are welcome to join in at any time.

**Blessing of the Animals** There will be a simple Service on Thursday, October 3rd at 6 PM. Like last year, the service will take place on the lawn in front of the Sanctuary. All animals and their humans are welcomed to attend.

**Mens' Retreat** is planned for Oct 4th-5th at Skye Farm. If you are interested in hiking, campfire cooking, sharing and fellowship, consider joining us. Arrival time is from 4-6 PM on Friday night, 10/4, and ending time is around 3 PM on 10/5. The cost is \$50. The last day to register is Monday, 9/30. Please respond to Pastor Doug or Mike Thomas at pmthomas6@mac.com or call 518-885-5889.

**Imagine No Racism Workshop**—for all interested United Methodists. Saturday, October 5, from 10 AM—3 PM, at Saratoga Springs UMC.

**Sunday Bible Study** A 6-week Bible study on Moses will begin next Sunday, October 6 at 9:00 AM in the Fireside Room. Dick Chatterton is leading the study using the book and video, *Moses; In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*, by Adam Hamilton. Do you know who saved the baby Moses from the wrath of the Pharaoh? Join us and learn about these four brave women. You can sign up for the course and purchase a book for \$12 now in the Church Office. Dick suggests you read the introduction and Chapter One in advance.

**Mark your calendars!** Saturday, October 19, is our Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. Eat in or take out, from 4:30-7 PM. Adults: \$11, children 5-10: \$6, and under 5: free. Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Please consider helping out wherever you can. Thank you.

**The Albany District** is offering a once-a-month gathering between October and next June to help build lay leaders committed to go out and find Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. The District will lead alongside participants, to provide opportunities to serve through an outward focus in the surrounding community. The series of 9 monthly meetings will include a District support team, other clergy and laity from churches throughout the District, guest speakers and three major topics: *Intentional Disciple-Making, Simple Church and External Focus*, using 3 books as resources. The schedule for each meeting would begin with a light supper from 5:30 to 6:00 PM followed by the Learning/Discussion session from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Our core group would love to expand by including you! If you are interested, please contact one of the pastors or myself. We will register at a location convenient for the majority.  
—Paula Miller pbmiller0@gmail.com 518-399-7422

**Pub Explorations** There will be no Pub Explorations in Theology this week, or on October 16, so that everyone may attend the Next Steps Bible

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