

Central United Church

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Sunday, July 26th 2020
Eighth after Pentecost

We gather....

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

* Passing of the Peace:

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you

Response: **And also with you**

PSALM 105:1-11, 45b

**O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
He is the Lord our God;
his judgements are in all the earth.
He is mindful of his covenant for ever,
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
the covenant that he made with Abraham,**

his sworn promise to Isaac,
which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
saying, 'To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance.'
Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive.

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

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 and ever. Amen.

We hear....

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 34:1-10

Epistle Lesson Romans 8:26-39

* Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Message: **"Much Wants To, But Nothing Can...."**
Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd

We respond.....

Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

Pastoral Prayers

* Commissioning and Blessing

Next Week's Bible Readings

We invite you to read the scriptures in preparation
for next Sunday, Ninth after Pentecost:

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Take Note

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