

# Ebenezer United Methodist Church

August 16, 2020



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a*

*Stephen Ministry Congregation.*



*Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and  
In Loving Memory of Olive and Norris Greenplate.*

*Presented by Suellen and Gary Ward and Family.*

## Participating in Service

Pastor: Rev. Mary H. Browne  
Music: Robert Rudolph  
Worship Leader: Michael Lynch  
Vocalist: Laurel Wirtz  
Live Stream Team: Rick Browne and Bill Clark  
Good Chimes Handbell Ensemble:  
Mary Browne, Rick Browne, Mark Clausing,  
Maria Gillette, Beth Jackson and Laurel Wirtz

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*"[Jesus] answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'  
[the Canaanite women] said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs  
that fall from their masters' table.'*

*Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish.'" Matthew 15:26-28a*

August 16, 2020

10:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MUSIC

"Old Time Religion in My Heart"  
Good Chimes Handbell Ensemble

arr. Linda R Lamb

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

When hatred and division separate us,

**God's love binds us together.**

When quarrels estrange us from one another,

**Christ's light shows us the way to reconciliation.**

When we feel excluded and left out,

**the Spirit's peace eases our pain.**

When all hope of fellowship seems lost,

**God's grace restores our hope.**

Come! Let us worship God, who makes us one.

### \*PRAISE SONG (UMH 408)

"The Gift of Love"

GIFT OF LOVE

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship and are freed.**

\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Merciful Savior, your suffering has saved our lives,  
secured our future, and restored us to relationship with God.  
Remove the shame and fear that cause us to cower in your presence.  
By the power of your Spirit, open our eyes and hearts  
to your Word of love, mercy, healing, and blessing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 15:21-28

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Standing on the Promises"  
Good Chimes Handbell Ensemble

arr. Linda R. Lamb

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL TIME

MESSAGE

"A Fool for Love"

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (UMH 393)

"Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

OFFERTORY

"Largo"

Whitford/Vivaldi

\*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**Gracious Lord,**

**you have given us more mercy than we could imagine  
and more blessings than we deserve.**

**Receive now these gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you,  
that your mercy may be multiplied and your blessings abound  
to embrace all those in need. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN (UMH 548) "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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**In Christ there is no east or west,  
In him no south or north,  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord  
Close binding humankind.**

**In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek,  
And neither slave nor free;  
Both male and female heirs are made,  
And all are kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,  
In him meet south and north,  
All Christly souls are one in him  
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth in the love of God, shed abroad in your hearts by the Holy Spirit.  
Go forth more for the needs and concerns of others than for your own interests.  
Go forth to honor the name of Jesus Christ—  
ushering in his kingdom for all to see.

The blessings of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
source of life,  
power of life,  
redeemer of life,  
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

"Praise the Lord"

Whitford/Beethoven

*Please remain seated during the Sending Forth; we will dismiss you by rows using the  
side aisles when the music has ended.*

*\*please stand, as you are able*  
**bold text indicates congregation response**

*UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal (red)*  
*TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black)*

††This Order of Worship is subject to the direction of the Holy Spirit. ††

Lectionary Scriptures for 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 23:  
Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20



## Our Prayers

Anna Marie Beasom Sharon Bey ++ Judy Bogert + Mary Ellen Bogert ++ Dale Boisvert ++ Jim Bradley + Velda Harlan ++ <b>Jerry Hershey</b> Mike ++	Demira Wallace ++ Eric Weber + Becky Wolfe +	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Barbara Donald Bogert Roy Brown Judy Crescenzo Frieda Crossan Max Dawson Ruth Dore Victoria “Bo” Fulton Ken Johnson Kristin Howard & Louise Pierce Curtis Reedy Denise Reedy Zach Trexler Josh Vible Alex Wiant
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In an effort to list all prayer requests each will appear for 4 weeks as indicated by the number of + after the name

**Please pray for all Law Enforcement Officers.**

**Please continue to remember all who serve our country in the military,  
especially pray for those represented from our congregation.**

### Missionaries We Support:

Matt & Erin Reinders	(Unalaska UMC)	Catherine & Andy Kellogg	(Florida)
Joy & Robert Vargas	(Paraguay)	Valentine Shutsha	(Congo)
Sue Givens	(Paraguay)	Jacquea Akasa Umembudi	(Congo)
Michael Fisher	(I-Tec)		

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Blessing of the Backpacks

**Students** join us at our 10:00 service on **Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>** and bring your backpacks! You or your parents must call the church office to register for the service. Pastor Browne will give a special blessing for a great 2020-2021 school year!

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All year long we collect items for **Stockings for Soldiers**.  
Suggested items of the month: **August**: Cans or packs of canned fruit, meats and fish.

The collection box is in the narthex. Thanks for your contributions for this worthwhile project. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Ann Varey 302-540-7488



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