

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from Sharon Reed's flower garden in loving memory of her mother, Audrey Reed and her grandparents, Homer and Olive Reed.

Welcome to the United Church of Craftsbury.

If you're visiting or new to our congregation, please sign our guest book. The greeters can supply a hearing device or magnifier to assist you during our service. *We would love to keep in touch; please leave us your contact on a form in the pew rack.*

Participants today:

Rev. Alan Parker, Pastor; Sandalyn Chadwick, Accompanist; Todd Hardie, Liturgist.

Special Music: Autumn, Sadie & Lauren Chamberlain

For Next Sunday:

Genesis 22:1-14 with Psalm 13 or Jeremiah 28:5-9 with Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18;

Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.

Lighting of the Bell Tower in someone's honor may be arranged by contacting Michelle Warren.

Bulletin news due at church via e-mail, phone message, or note by Friday morning. You may also contact Michelle Warren at 586-9632 or email unitedchurchcraftsbury@gmail.com.

Upcoming Weekly Church Calendar:

Sun. 06/22	Mon. 06/23	Tues. 06/24	Wed. 06/25	Thurs. 06/26	Fri. 06/27	Sat. 06/28
Service: 10 AM	Zumba: 6 PM	AA: 6 PM		Zumba: 4:45 PM Al-Anon: 6 PM		

Committee Contacts:

- **Church Clerk:** Anne Wilson (586-2825)
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- **Community Supper:** Barb Strong (586-2516)
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June 22, 2014

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

WE GATHER TO BE PRESENT WITH GOD

PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

GATHERING MUSIC, PRAYER, INVOCATION & MEDITATION
HYMN (Insert; 3 verses) Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
 (Alternating with reading from Psalm 86)

CALL TO PRAYER FOR HEALING AND FORGIVENESS

UNISON PRAYER FOR HEALING OF BROKENNESS

Holy God, it's not easy to confess our brokenness to you. When we might speak up for the outsiders, we cast them off into the wilderness of hopelessness. When we might shout Good News to a needy world, our voices fail us. When we might abound in grace, we indulge instead in self-focus. Trapped by the sorrow and viciousness of the world, we lose the path that leads to your warm and kindly welcome. Listen to our confessing hearts and forgive us; have mercy on us. Draw us back to you. Save us when we cannot save ourselves.

SILENT PRAYER

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: All that we might ask for in a time of humble confession is granted.

This loving God forgives gladly and eagerly. God wants us to be whole.

All: With souls refreshed, life begins anew, fresh as the morning Sun.

Thanks be to God that this is so. AMEN

CHORUS OF ASSURANCE

(SING) *It is well with my soul. It is well with my soul. It is well;
it is well with my soul.*

WE LISTEN TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ((Unison)

O God, may our reading, hearing, and understanding of your Word, and our own spoken words, be acceptable in your sight. For you are our rock and our redeemer. AMEN

SCRIPTURE

- Genesis 21:8-21
- Matthew 10:24-39

*(At the conclusion of Gospel reading, the congregation responds, saying,
"Thanks be to God, who brings light and truth.")*

REFLECTION

"When the Water Is Gone"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S HOLY INVITATION

***HYMN # 423 (V. 1, 2, 3 & 6)**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER, PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION, & 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

(SING) *Hear our prayer, O God; hear our prayer, O God.
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

WE OFFER GIFTS OF OURSELVES AND DEPART IN PEACE

CALL TO GIVING AND RECEIPT OF OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN # 494**

We Would Be Building

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE # 590**

Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE

*** *We rise, either in body or in spirit***

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 2193

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, ___

Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; ___

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, ___ send us

love, send us power, send us grace. ___

WORDS: Ken Medema

CHILDREN PRAYING

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2) SINGING

3) PRAYING

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CALL TO PRAYER FOR HEALING AND FORGIVENESS

When we try to hide our lostness, brokenness, and failings in a dark place, God invites us to air them in the light of love, grace, and forgiveness. With this hopeful promise, we begin to dare to confess our apartness from this God who is the source of our holy hearts. We pray together...

HYMN (Insert; 3 verses) Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
(Alternating with reading from Psalm 86)
(Michelle – song attached)

Scripture for June 22, 2014

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said:] "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

"For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

End of reading: "This is the word of God; the story of Jesus Christ, who brings light and truth to the world."