

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; Maggie Worboys, Liturgist.

For Next Sunday:

1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24); Psalm 146; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 30; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17.

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary

in memory of a family member or loved one, contact Roberta Alexander (586-7730).

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

Mon. 05/30	Tues. 05/31	Wed. 06/01	Thurs. 06/02	Fri. 06/03	Sat. 06/04	Sunday 06/05
Mahjongg: Noon-4 PM Zumba: 6 PM	AA: 6 PM	Ukulele Learning Group: 7 PM	Mahjongg: Noon-4 PM Al-Anon: 6 PM		Horse & Buggy: Noon	Sunday Service & Sunday School: 10 AM

Committee Contacts:

- **Church Clerk:** Anne Wilson (586-2825)
- **Church Council:** Andy Moffatt (586-2248)
- **Community Supper:** Barb Strong (586-2516)
- **Deacons:** Andy Moffatt (586-2248)
- **Horse & Buggy Club:** Paula Massé (586-2857)
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- **Memorial Committee:** Diane Sanville (586-9642)
- **Prayer Circle:** Norma Waterhouse (586-2285)
- **Religious Education:** Barb Strong (586-2516)
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May 29, 2016

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Second Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TO BE PRESENT WITH GOD

PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(The first spoken words of our worship time are
"The peace of Christ be with you.")*

The congregation is invited to respond, saying, "And also with you."

INTROIT

GATHERING MUSIC, PRAYER, INVOCATION & MEDITATION

HYMN # 6; V. 1-3 (Black)

Sing Praise to God

(Alternating with reading from Psalm 96)

CALL TO PRAYER OF CONFESSION, HEALING AND FORGIVENESS

UNISON PRAYER FOR HEALING OF BROKENNESS

Holy God, how hard it is for us to see with new eyes; to live in your Creation with hearts full of hope and joy; to imagine ourselves as being one with all of your blessed spirit-beings. We cling to the old for its comforts, bitter though they often end up being. We resign ourselves to the world's hopelessness and cynicism. How broken we – and the world - are when we do so. Shake us from our meager comforts. Show us that path to a new world where being numb or bitter is no longer good enough. Shine your light on a new hope; a new joy, not fully known to us until now...

SILENT PRAYER

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Creation's sweetest music is always a song that calls us to be fully alive with God. It calls us to new and grace-filled life. It calls us to beauty, gratitude, humility, and new hopefulness.

All: God never stops loving; God never stops calling. We listen and answer anew, knowing that our "Yes" - and only our "Yes" - makes all well with our refreshed souls.

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 words spoken, sung, and prayed, be acceptable in your sight. For you are our rock and our redeemer. AMEN

TIME FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART

THE WORD OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE

- 1 Kings 18:20-21, 30-39
- Luke 7:1-10

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

REFLECTION

"Lord... Trouble Yourself"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S HOLY INVITATION

*HYMN # 403 (Black)

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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 # 440 (Red)

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE # 590

Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE

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

CALL TO PRAYER OF CONFESSION, HEALING, AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in worship, filled with memory, hope, gratitude, doubt, suffering and brokenness. We come not with one mind, but many; some in contradiction with each other, but always seeking peace and resolution. So we begin each journey by clearing away that which keeps us from being fully present. Confession of brokenness is not a chore to be assumed, but a refreshment to be welcomed; it opens each heart to God's grace and forgiveness...

Opening Reading, May 29, 2016

Psalm 96:1-9

SING

O sing to God a new song;
sing to God, all the earth.

Sing to God, bless God's name;
tell of God's salvation
from day to day.

Declare God's glory
among the nations,
God's marvelous works
among all the peoples.

For great is God,
and greatly to be praised;
God is to be revered
above all gods.

SING

For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but God made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before God;
strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.

Ascribe to God, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to God glory and strength.

Ascribe to God the glory
due God's name;
bring an offering,
and come into God's courts.

Worship God in holy splendor;
tremble before God, all the earth.

SING

Scripture for May 29, 2016

1 Kings 18:20-21, 30-39

So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, "How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." The people did not answer him a word.

Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come closer to me"; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down; Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, "Israel shall be your name"; with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt-offering and on the wood." Then he said, "Do it a second time"; and they did it a second time. Again he said, "Do it a third time"; and they did it a third time, so that the water ran all round the altar, and filled the trench also with water.

At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back." Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt-offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench. When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The Lord indeed is God; the Lord indeed is God."

Luke 7:1-10

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

(At close of reading: "This is the Word of God, the story of Jesus Christ, who brings light and truth to the world.")