

# Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 3, 2023

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

**Gathering of God's People**

**Choral Call to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make his deeds known among the people.

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

L: Glory in his name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember his wonderful works.**

**Morning Prayer**

**+Hymn of Praise SH# 9**

**"Praise Him! Praise Him!"**

**+Call to Confession**

**+Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in our affection for our neighbors. We have not been patient in suffering, **nor** have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive our sin, free us from fear of the power of evil, and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness; through Jesus Christ.

**(Silence) Amen**

**+Assurance of Pardon**

**+Passing the Peace**

**Our Life Together (See Insert)**

**Announcement**

**Service of the Word**

**Children's Time**

**Anthem**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture: Psalm 26:1-7**

**Romans 12: 9-21**

**Sermon: "Hugging Bullies"**

**Rev. Claire Colcord**

**Responding in Faith**

**+Hymn of Adoration SH# 217**

**"Where He Leads I'll Follow"**

**+Affirmation of Faith**

**+The Apostles' Creed**

**+Gloria Patri**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

**+The Doxology**

**+Prayer of Dedication**

**The Lord's Supper**

**Sending Out into the World**

**+Hymn of Commitment SH# 50**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

**Postlude**

**+ Please stand as you are able**

**Welcome to Unity Presbyterian Church!**

We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to know more about us, please ask. We love to share the Unity story.

Bio:

Rev. Claire Colcord

A few years ago at age 50, after working in the church for several years, Claire was surprised (gobsmacked really!) to be called to seminary and the pastorate. Trusting that God surely knows best, Claire followed God's call to First PC of Wilson where her role in the church is repeatedly affirmed. This return south, after serving in churches as far away as New Jersey and Tokyo, is a joy. She has four grown daughters (and 4 terrific sons-in-law, 8 adorably sassy grandchildren, and several granddogs) sprinkled across the US. Claire is a staunch believer that God never asks us to "check our brains at the door"; she enjoys tough theological questions and biblical tensions, lively debate, deep discussion, and not having all the answers.

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