



**Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost
September 14, 2014**

A Meditation before Worship

God provides minimum protection, maximum support—
support to help us grow up,
to stretch our minds and hearts
until they are as wide as God's universe.

William Sloane Coffin

All of life is the exercise of risk.

- *William Sloane Coffin*

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Gathering the Community

*Our focus during September:
"Awakening to the Holy in our diverse world"*

ORGAN PRELUDES

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Sharon L. Mook

INTROIT

The Worship Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Turner

One: Children of the Living God, come and worship the Holy One,
the One waiting for you.

**Many: We stand together here, a seeking community,
longing for love and acceptance.**

One: Children of the Holy God, come with singing, with praise, with thanksgiving.

**Many: We gather together, a confessing community,
ready to share what we have found.**

One: Children on the Jesus way, come to the table to eat the bread of life.

**Many: We sit together around the table, a receiving community,
in need of renewal and strength for the journey.**

One: Children following the Spirit, come to discover your place in the world.

**Many: We join together in love, an adventurous community,
with an awesome hope to share with every Child of God.**

One: Children of the Living God, come and worship the Holy One.

All: We come with joy, we come with hope, we come with love.

*HYMN # 515 (GG)

"I Come with Joy" (vv. 1 - 3)

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tom Turner

When difficult things are pressing in upon us, we confess, Holy God, we sometimes lose sight of you and forget your presence with us. When we have become too comfortable and too complacent, we confess, Holy God, our fear of venturing out to discover all that you have for us.

**Comforting God, when the issues are too large, and the solutions too few;
when the winds of turmoil and confusion are whipping us about;
when the path is hidden from our view, and we cannot find our way;
may we feel your love, always here for us,
to comfort and reassure, to ease our pain, to fill us with hope yet again.**

**Creating God, when the safety and security we seek become our idols;
when our search for happiness gets in the way of honesty and truth;
when it is time to venture out, but we want to remain in the garden;
may we feel your love, always here for us,
giving us the courage to dare to risk something big.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS

(in silence)

RESPONSE IN SONG *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”* (v. 3)

**Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power, surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.**

ASSURANCE

RESPONSE IN SONG *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”* (v. 1)

**Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.**

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Tom Turner

THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 3: 1 - 6
(pp. 2-3 in pew Bibles)
God’s Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

Tom Turner

PRAYERS WITH THE CHILDREN

THE SECOND READING

Genesis 3: 22 - 23
(p. 3 in pew Bibles)
God’s Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

Tom Turner

ANTHEM

“All You Works of God”
The Worship Choir
Edward Kingins, Music Director

-Marty Haugen

COMMUNION MEDITATION **“Journeying into the World Around Us”**

Dr. Sharon L. Mook

*HYMN # 320 (PH)

“The Lone, Wild Bird”

THE RESPONSE

*AN AFFIRMATION

(in unison)

Tom Turner

(A New Creed, United Church of Canada, 1980, New Century)

**We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE IN SONG # 294 (PH) *"Wherever I May Wander"*

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

(Loose offering will be used by the Deacons for their work)

OFFERTORY

Ray Staroscik

*DOXOLOGY # 591

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tom Turner

HYMN # 769 (GG) *"For Everyone Born"* (vv. 1-3)

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Dr. Mook

COMMUNION PRAYERS

ORGAN MEDITATION

Ray Staroscik

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Communion will be received in the pews. Please hold the elements until all have been served. The corn tortillas on the plates are gluten free.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN # 515 (GG)

"I Come with Joy" (vv. 4 and 5)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Mook

(Please sit quietly enjoying the postlude as part of your worship experience)

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*You are invited to rise in body or spirit at your discretion

Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, refreshments will be served in the Keely Commons. Please join us!

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A NOTE ABOUT OUR HYMNALS

To clarify which hymnal we are using for a particular hymn, please note that when (PH) follows the hymn number, we are singing from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (blue). When (GG) follows the hymn number, we are singing from *Glory to God* (new, purple hymnal). At this time, we have a limited number of new hymnals, so please share with someone sitting near you. You will receive *Glory to God* when you enter the sanctuary. Please return this hymnbook to the Narthex as you leave the sanctuary.

FALL ADULT EDUCATION

At the stated meeting of the Session on September 3, it was decided that the Bible study using Mark Achtemeier's new book will not begin this Sunday, September 14, as previously scheduled. More information will be forthcoming.

Liturgist	Tom Turner
Acolyte	Emeka Uduma
Sound Technician	Nancy Jackson
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Reception Coordinator	Valerie Edwards

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

- Large Print Hymnals
- Hearing Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap Restroom--using elevator to second floor

We are delighted that you are here!

- * Visit the information and display tables in the Church House.
- * Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.
- * Capable and loving nursery attendants are ready to care for little ones through age 4 during the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- * A tape recording and CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered in the Church House after worship @ \$3.00 each.
- * You may add to the beauty of our weekly worship by contributing a floral donation. Flowers are usually given in memory of or in honor of persons or events. Contact Pam Sharrow at Sharrow13@gmail.com. The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

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Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

Prayer List for the month of September 2014

Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Harrison/Lorraine Coleman, Bobbie Edwards, Rose Grosscup, Shannon Howard, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Lemus family, Don/Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Cheryl Myers, Sarah Morgan, Jerry Naragon, Derrick Parker/family, Kevin Pearson, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, David Poole, Price family, Richard/Suellen Sale family, David Shillito, Benjamin Solomons/family, Turner family, Wanda Sumner, Patricia Walsh.

Prayers for Military loved ones.

Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Taylor Hansen USMC, Jonathan Heyler, SSGT Shanell Howard AFB, Sgt. Christopher King, Capt. Michael Kurtti, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, USMC Captain Katy Spicer Hess, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.