

**Morning Worship**  
**Sunday, September 6, 2020, 10:00 am**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Beginning Music** "Breathe On Me Breath of God"  
**Prelude** "Greater Than Sin" Ron Giannattasio

**Words to ponder:** "The love of God brings peace to our lives.  
The judgment of God brings peace to our world."

**Additional Scriptures for this Sunday:**  
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149 or Psalm 148; Romans 13:8-14;  
**Scriptures for 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:**  
Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12;  
Matthew 18:21-35

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Welcome** Pastor Ed

**Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Leader  
Leader: Praise the Lord!  
**People:** Sing to the Lord a new song  
Leader: Let all God's children rejoice.  
**People:** Clap your hands and praise God with dancing.  
Leader: Shout for joy and praise God with music.  
**People:** For God brings justice to the peoples.  
Leader: God brings judgment upon the powerful.  
**People:** Sing to the Lord a new song.  
Leader: Let all God's children rejoice.

**Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) God of love and judgment, when the Egyptians enslaved your people, your love set them free; when rulers oppress the poor and powerless, your judgment brings peace and justice to the land. Reach our minds, O God, that we may fulfill your law of love. Touch our hearts, Holy One, that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Amen.

**Opening Hymn** "Be Still My Soul" Sheryl Rajpolt, Dave York  
RoseAnne Homola

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**A Time for Children of All Ages** Marsha Moore

**WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD**

**New Testament** Philippians 1:21-30 (MSG) Leader  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God!  
**Gospel Reading** Matthew 18:15-20 Leader  
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ!

**Hymn of Preparation** "Spirit of the Living God" Eunice Alberts

**Sermon** "Living on the Edge" Pastor Ed

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*) Leader  
Merciful God, help us become the people you have created us to be. We yearn to build communities of love, but it is easier to tear down than to build up. We long for the healing of the nations, but it is easier to harm than to heal. We want to bear our grief with dignity, but it is satisfying to parade our wounds for all to see. Bind up our spirits, Gracious One, that we might reconcile with those who have caused us pain. Help us cast aside the things that chain our spirits, that we might be free to care for one another and fulfill your law of love. Amen.

**Silent Meditation**

**Words of Assurance**

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns** Patti Early  
*Response: "Lord, hear our prayers."*

**Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering of our Gifts** (*Please mail in your offerings*)

**Doxology**

**Offering Prayer (Unison)** In celebration of their deliverance from slavery, the Hebrew people offered you their worship and their praise. May the offering we bring before you this day be a sign of our celebration of your saving love and your never-failing grace. Just as Passover stands as a perpetual observance of your love and care, so may our weekly offering be a perpetual observance of your love in our lives. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

**Sending Hymn** "Standing on the Promises" Sheryl Rajpolt,  
Dave York, RoseAnne Homola

**Benediction** Pastor Ed

### Our Worship Tech Team

Rose Aiello  
Eunice Alberts  
Patti Early  
Bill Florin  
RoseAnne Homola  
Amy Rajpolt  
Sheryl Rajpolt

Ed Dayton – Pastor

Liturgist: Nicole Summers; Children's Time: Marsha Mason

Bill Florin – Joys and Concerns Leader

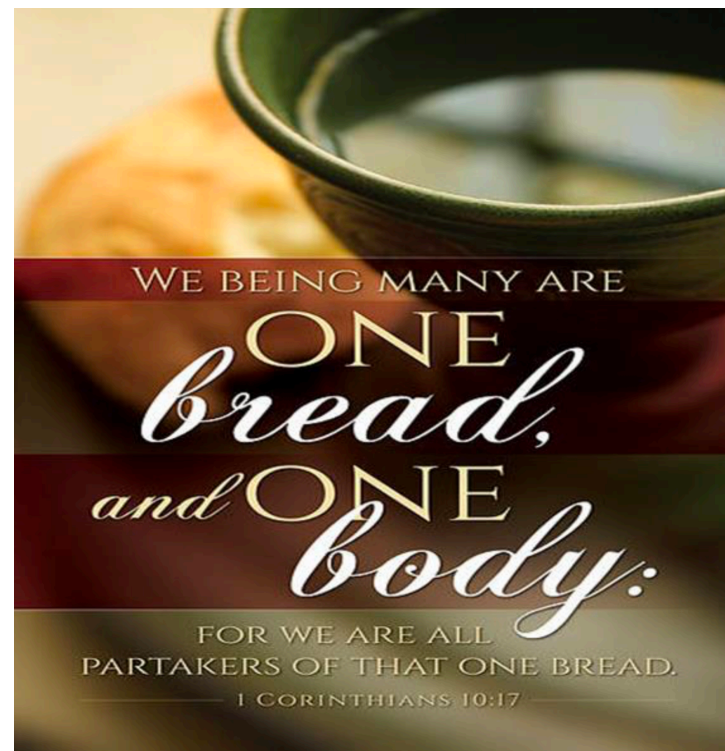
Soloists: Sheryl Rajpolt, Dave York

Pianist: Ron Giannattasio; Organist: RoseAnne Homola

UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn

Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts - Music Leaders



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