

First Fruits Food Pantry for September: Tuna, peanut butter, chicken or tomato soups, canned green beans, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, beans.

Clara's Closet Donations Needed:

Kitchenware: pots & pans, utensils, flatware, glasses, sanitary napkins, shampoo, toys (gently used).

Church Leaders: Please remember to visit your mail file next to the office and empty it!



September 17th, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Central Park United Methodist Church

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Rev. Mary A. Kelly, Pastor

Mr. Matthew Caputy, Minister of Music

Lector/Eucharistic Minister: Mr. Steve Hunt

*We are a Christ-centered community of faith and love,
reaching out to all.*



**You are
welcome
here.**



Today's flowers are given by Elizabeth 'Elsie' Antolin,
in celebration of her birthday.

Prelude: "Elevation" T. Dubois

Greeting

+Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits--
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast
love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is
renewed like the eagle's.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

+Opening Hymn: Hymnal #89
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

A Call to Repentance and Prayer (Unison): Jewish Prayer for Forgiveness
**Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence
filled with regret for our many sins and failings.
Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness,
we have often denied our better selves
and refused to hear your voice
calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.
For there is weakness in us, as well as strength.
At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured.
We do not care to look within,
and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.
O God, we are too weak to walk unaided.
Be with us as a strong and wise friend,
and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.**

{All offer prayers of confession in silence.}

*The Lord God is merciful and gracious,
endlessly patient, loving, and true,
showing mercy to thousands,
forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin,
and granting pardon. Amen.*

A Time for Children Ms. Jackie Paterniti

Choral Anthem "Make A Joyful Noise" D. York

Listen with love to God's instruction revealed in the scriptures
we're about to hear...

The Epistle: Romans 14:1-12 pew Bible page #163

+The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 pew Bible page #20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

The Sermon The Rev. Mary A. Kelly

Musical Response: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Hymnal #349

Tithes and Offerings

+Offertory Anthem: "His Voice As the Sound" Robert Shaw

+Blessing our Gifts

Holy Communion Hymnal #15

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal #895

+Closing Hymn: Hymnal #127
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

+Blessing:
*Bear witness to the love of God in this world,
so that those to whom love is a stranger
will find in you generous friends.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.*

+Postlude "Magnificat" J. F. Dandrieu

+denotes standing, as you are able.

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Today! District Youth Gathering at 1:00pm.

Ad Hoc Finance Team meeting Sept. 21 at 6:00pm.

Upcoming Dates:

"The Five Means of Grace" six-week Book Study:

Sept. 19 & 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24.

Seward/Plimpton Wedding: September 23 at 2:30pm

Pre-Game Soup Sale: Sunday Sept. 24 at noon till we sell out.