

*Hilton United Methodist Church*

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, September 20, 2015, 10:00 am

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev. Jennifer Green

Choral Introit:

“O Word of God Incarnate” *W.W. How/F. Mendelssohn*

Opening Prayer

Don Brumbaugh, Lay Liturgist

*See insert*

We Hear God’s Word

\* Hymn:

“How Majestic Is Your Name” TFWS #2023

The Psalter Lesson:

Psalms 119 with sung resp #1 UMH Pg #840

The Word for Little Disciples

*Children ages 6-12 may now be dismissed for Jr. Church*

Choir Anthem:

"I Give My Song" *Joseph M Martin*

The Old Testament Lesson:

Ezra 4:4-24 p 336 lp 737

Message:

“Swimming Upstream” Rev. Jennifer Green

We Respond to God’s Word

\* Hymn:

“My Hope Is Built” UMH #368

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer and Personal Confession

Prayer - *See insert*

Giving to God

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

\* The Doxology #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go Forth to Serve God

\* Hymn:

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” TFWS #452

Ministry Opportunities

The Benediction

Benediction Response:

“Make Us One” sing 2 times TFWS# 2224  
Congregation please join

Postlude

\* Stand in body or spirit P = Bible page number, LP = Large Print Bible page  
TFWS # = The Faith We Sing Hymnal; UMH # or # = The United Methodist Hymnal

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**Welcome to worship.** We pray you feel God’s presence in this place. Please sign the attendance pad so we may get to know you and pray for you and your family.

Please consider joining us for refreshments and fellowship immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall, which is located down the stairs near the entrances.

**The Grand Sweep** - Our Grand Sweep adventure of reading through the Bible continues. Sunday School will be meeting at 11:30am in the Multipurpose Room today to discuss this past week’s readings. There is also a group that meets at 1:00pm on Thursdays in the church library that you are welcome to join.

**This Week’s Reading (Week #23) : Nehemiah 1- Esther 6 and Psalms 94-97**

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Persecuted Christians around the world;

The Hand to Plow Process;

Our Mission Outreach Children: Marbelly and Ariel Velasquez Alvarado.

Residents of Care Facilities: John Bean; Gloria Hamm; Eleanor Harrington; Marie Nundy, Betty Schultz; Ethel Wyant.

Ongoing Health Concerns: Kay Britt, Bob Comstock; Ron Davies; Ed Earnhart; Betty Everts; Alea Floyd; Margaret Hendershot; Bill Hess; Michele List; Anna Ponton; Mike Postilli; Meg Shubert; John Sweeney; Chris Wanjon.

Service people: Sgt. Michael T. Bigley; Gen. James Blackburn; St. Sgt. Jason Brackley; Sgt. Ryan P. Campbell; LCpl. Nathan Coffey; Sgt. FC David Colucci; Msgt. Matthew Emerson; Capt Scott Fuller; Pvt Annika Moody; Cpl Nick Mucci; Maj. Jathan Payne; LCpl Scott Ponton; Maj Nathan Thompson; AIC Steven Trembley; Sgt. Cody Wise. \* If you know of anyone that should be added to this list please let us know.

**The Christ-Centered Woman: Finding Balance in a World of Extremes** A Small Group study for women First Thursday of the month starting October 1<sup>st</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>; 7 -8:30 p.m. 10 Rolling Meadow Dr. N Hilton, N.Y. Please e-mail or call the church office to order your copy of the participant book by Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the book will cost about \$15.

**Apple Fest is October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

For the Cookie Booth: We need help making the cookie dough at 9am this Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, and help rolling out, baking and making frosting next Sunday, September 27 – 11:30 – 2:00pm. See Angie Merrill for more information youth@humcny.org or visit Signup Genius online to volunteer to help:

Supplies: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70aOd48aaa629a57-apple1>

Work Schedule: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70aOd48aaa629a57-apple2>

Cookie making <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D48AAA629A57-cookie1/21327466>

We will **NOT** be doing a food booth at the Apple Fest Auto Show this year.

Hullabaloo was rescheduled for Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center

Save the Date: **What's NEXT in the Hand to Plow Process?**

ALL Church Retreat

**Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> 9am – 4pm**

Morning snacks and Lunch included

Come have input in what is next. Get involved.

**Staff at HUMC**

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Green  
Office Mngr: Patricia Van Vleck  
Music Coord.: Karen Bernhardt Kuntz  
Custodian: Bill Schubert  
Organist: Hye-Bin Song  
Youth Coord.: Angela Merrill  
Nursery: Amy Quartieri

**Disciples Active In Worship This Week**

Head Usher: Jim Lee  
Greeter: Mike & Katie Johnson  
Coffee Hour: Ernie McKenzie  
Sound Booth: Patti Sullivan  
Worship Coord.: Scott Campbell  
Nursery Ass't: Drew Wegman  
Financial Sec.: Sally Lee  
Ministers: The Whole Congregation

**This Week:**

Monday: Prayer Group @ 9:15a  
Chums @ 12 noon  
Tuesday: GS #939 – Fellowship Hall 6-7:30p  
Trustees – Library 6:30p  
Wednesday: PCF Family Night – FH 6p  
GS #189 – Craft Room 6:30-8p  
Choir Rehearsal at 7p  
Thursday: Cookie Dough Making – Kitchen 9a  
Bible Study @ 1p  
**Church Council – MPR – 7-8:30p**  
Friday: AA – FH 6p  
Saturday: PCF Worship – Sanctuary 8:30a  
Sunday: Worship @ 10a  
Sunday School at 11:30a



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## Prayers of the People

O God, through Jesus' sacrifice  
you have restored us as your forgiven children.

In his name we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

Help us to know you through your inspired Word  
and to live by it as children in your family.

**Hallowed be thy name.**

Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts,  
and use us to extend your kingdom of grace to others.

**Thy kingdom come.**

Make us zealous to carry out your will as gladly as the angels do,  
and to conform our will to yours.

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Merciful Lord, since you are the provider  
of all things necessary for our bodies; fill us with trust.

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

Continue to erase our sins,  
and help us gladly to forgive  
and to do good to those who wrong us.

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

We know the devil seeks to destroy our souls  
and the world lures us to ruin by appealing to the desires of our flesh.

Guard us from the poison of misbelief  
and the trap of unrepented sin.

**And lead us not into temptation.**

Keep safe our bodies and souls, our property and honor,  
and above all send the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith in Christ  
which leads to life everlasting.

**But deliver us from evil.**

For all these petitions we look to you  
as King of Kings and Lord of your church.

**For thine is the kingdom,**

You alone hold the power to grant our requests,  
**and the power,**

We worship you from whom all blessings flow.

**and the glory forever and ever.**

Relying on Jesus, who cancelled our sins  
and made us acceptable in your sight,  
we pray with confidence:

**Amen. It shall be so.**

## Opening Prayer:

Leader: Look for the Lord, while God is present;

Call out to God who is close at hand.

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways  
our ways.

You look at the ugliest soul and see, still unstirred, the wings of an angel.

**All: We scan the finest of our neighbors,  
Anxious to find the flaws.**

Leader: You see our lives in the context of eternity,  
And make a time for waiting, for yearning,  
For putting all things in proportion.

**All: We demand instant results: and look for tomorrow before savouring today.**

Leader: You know that only one who suffers can ultimately save,  
So you choose to walk the way of the cross.

**All: We feel judged and threatened by that love which risks all for all.**

Leader: Your thoughts are not our thoughts,

**All: Nor are your ways our ways.**

*Pause*

Leader: Not to have our worst confirmed,  
But to have our best liberated,  
We pray for your grace and your pardon.

**All: Forgive in us what has gone wrong,  
Repair in us what is wasted,  
Reveal in us what is good.**

Leader: And nourish us with better food  
Than we could ever purchase:  
Your Word,  
Your love,  
Your interest,  
Your daily bread for our life's journey.  
In the company of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**