

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021
United Church of Christ – Rev. Jacoba Koppert

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PRELUDE *“Shall We Gather at the River?”*
Lowery/J.S.Bach arr.Anna Laura Page Karen Mohr

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are urged to lead lives worthy
of the life God has called us to live.

**We want to be reminded of the
ways of the Lord. May the Lord
lead us on the paths we are to
take.**

We have known people with
sincere faith.

**Even though like all of us, they are
not perfect – they have set
examples for us.**

May God rekindle in us the faith
that lives within us.

**May God’s grace, the love of Jesus
Christ and power of the Holy Spirit
be among us as we worship God.**

***HYMN** *“Teach Me, O Lord Your Holy Way”*

Verse 1-2

**Teach me, O Lord, your holy way,
And give me an obedient mind,
That in your service I may find
My heart’s delight from day to day.**

**Help me, O Savior, here to trace
The sacred footsteps you have trod;
And fully trusting in my God,
To grow in goodness, truth, and grace.**

***PRAYING TOGETHER**

**Lord, you sent the prophets and then Jesus to
teach us your expectations of us. We have not
always kept our promises to you. Forgive us
and remind us again of your commandments**

**and ways. Lead us to again repent and renew
our commitment to be faithful to you. God of
love, as we remember your teachings, guide us
to share with others what we know about who
you are and who we are. We want our children
to have the faith that has helped us through
life. Show us the ways we can caringly reach
them. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our
best teacher ever! Amen.**

BLESSING OF SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF
(and Backpacks)

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 25

⁴Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me
your paths. ⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach
me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you
I wait all day long. ⁶Be mindful of your mercy,
O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have
been from of old. ⁷Do not remember the sins of
my youth or my transgressions; according to
your steadfast love remember me, for your
goodness’ sake, O Lord! ⁸Good and upright is
the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in the
way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and
teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰All the paths of
the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for
those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
¹¹For your name’s sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt,
for it is great. ¹²Who are they that fear
the Lord? He will teach them the way that they
should choose.

II Timothy 1:3-14

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a
clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I
remember you constantly in my prayers night
and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you
so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded
of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in
your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice
and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason
I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is
within you through the laying on of my

hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS
PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN *“Teach Me O Lord, Your Holy Way”*
Verse 3-4

**Guard me, O Christ, that I may ne’er
Forsake the right, or do the wrong:
Against temptation make me strong,
And keep me in your sheltering care.**

**Bless me, in every task I face,
Begun, continued, done for you:
Fulfill you will in all I do,
And grant me your abundant grace.**

**THE BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

Karen Mohr

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive

Announcements

WELCOME - We welcome you to our service of worship!

We are glad that you have joined us in-person, through the internet or on the radio. We pray that you will experience the love of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

RADIO BROADCAST

11 AM Sunday radio broadcast on WCCN 98.5FM and 1370AM -

**We would like to thank Karlene Wallace for sponsoring this week’s radio broadcast
In memory of husband, Tom Wallace**

Monday, September 13th 6:30 PM - Women’s Meeting to discuss 2021 Holiday Fair held in church basement

Tuesday, September 14th 4:30 PM - Deacons Meeting

Every Wednesday 6:30 PM – Working on Crafts for Holiday Fair upstairs

**Sunday, September 19 – Outdoor Service (If weather is inclement the service will be indoors)
Meal Give Away will be offered to everyone.**

**We highly recommend everyone attending services wear a mask
and practice social distancing.**