

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021
United Church of Christ – Rev. Jacoba Koppert

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PRELUDE Kelly Nielsen

WELCOME

MISSION MOMENT David Harnisch
"Neighbors in Need"

CALL TO WORSHIP

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake
in the heart of the sea;**

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble
with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation
of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city;
it shall not be moved; God will
help it when the morning dawns.

⁶**The nations are in an uproar,
the kingdoms totter; God utters
his voice, the earth melts.**

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸**Come, behold the works
of the Lord;
see what desolations
God has brought on the earth.**

⁹The LORD makes wars cease to
the end of the earth; God breaks
the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still and know
that I am God!**

**I am exalted among the nations, I
am exalted in the earth."**

¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the
God of Jacob is our refuge.

***HYMN #237** "I Come to the Garden"

I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

Refrain And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that he gave to me
with in my heart is ringing.

Refrain

I'd stay in the garden with him,
though the night around me be falling;
But he bids me go; through the voice
of woe his voice to me is calling.

Refrain

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Almighty and Merciful God, you created and are
creating still. In the midst of the beauty of
nature, we celebrate your glory. We also
acknowledge we have not cherished your
creation. Forgive our willful neglect of your
word, and our insensitivity to the needs of
others, and our failure to feed the spirit that is
within us through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

***SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

CHILDREN'S TIME "Roots"

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 17:7-8

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose
trust is the Lord. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted
by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It
shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves

shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit

Colossians 2:6-7

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Ephesians 3:16-17

¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

MEDITATION

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

“Rooted in Faith and Love”

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 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 #433 “In the Bulb There is a Flower”

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there’s a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There’s a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
There’s a dawn for every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing,
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Kelly Nielsen

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 Phil and Donita Follen for sponsoring this week’s radio broadcast
In appreciation of the church family**

**Tuesday, September 21st 5:30 PM - Trustees Meeting and 7:30 PM – Council Meeting
Every Wednesday 6:30 PM – Working on Crafts for Holiday Fair at Carla Marty residence**

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