



United Methodist Church of Antioch

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

PRELUDE

This is My Father's World

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Worship, 9:15am Rev. Matt Mariani preaching Antioch Taste of Summer Table 12-3pm Missions Mtg 10:30am/White Rm AA 8-9pm/White Rm
Mon, July 17	AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Room Quilters 9-12pm/Green Rm Book Study 6pm/All Saints Rm
Tues, July 18	UMCAP 9-2pm AA 6-7pm/White Room
Wed, July 19	AA 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Rm Trustees Mtg 6:30pm/Wesley Hall
Thurs, July 20	CWM 10-11am/Kitchen AA 6-7pm/White Rm
Fri, July 21	AA 10-11am; 6:30-7:30pm; 8:30-9:30pm
Sat, July 22	AA 6-7pm/White Rm
Sun, July 23	Worship, 9:15am Deaconess Catherine Inserra preaching AA 8-9pm/White Rm

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Your mid-year statements are available for pickup in Wesley Hall. Please help the church save money on postage by picking up your statement here. All remaining statements will be mailed at the end of July. Thank you.

-There is an additional missions' opportunity in July to help veterans: a clothing & food drive for Midwest Veterans Closet in North Chicago. Did you know the Veterans Closet gave out 600,000 pounds of food last year? The following is needed and appreciated: men's shorts & summer weight clothing, new or gently used, clean & on hangers if possible. FOOD: Any type of canned or packaged food, zip tab opening on cans since many of Veterans are homeless & live on the street. A favorite is water packed tuna & chicken. Other canned foods & non-perishable foods are also needed.

-Please note, Pastor Katie will be on renewal leave for the month of July. If you need pastoral assistance while she is away, please contact the office, Beth Stahl, Jim Menzer, or Carol Dunn for the on-call pastor's information. Also, please know Pastor Katie turns her cell phone off while on vacation, so she will not receive your call, voicemail, text, or email until she returns. Thank you.

~Thank you, Howard Geier, for blessing us with your musical talents today and to Pastor Matt for leading us in worship.

MISSION STATEMENT (Unison)

The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith, to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God's love through the Holy Spirit as we reach out to our community and the world.

** Invites you to stand as you are able, or to sit with gusto!*

WE ARE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us worship God!

P: Come, let us worship our Creator!

L: God is the great Sower, scattering seeds of life and abundance across the earth.

P: We are the soil the Sower plants, created to nurture and sustain the seeds of God's life-giving love.

L: God is the great Gardener, tilling and cultivating our soil with love and grace.

P: We notice the rocks and thorns in our soil and call on the Gardener's love and grace to transform us into good soil.

L: God is the great Life-giver, sowing seeds and tending the soil to produce the fruit of abundant life.

P: May we nurture and grow God's new reality, bearing the fruit of flourishing and abundance for all God's creation. Amen.

(Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2023)

***HYMN Red Hymnal #100**

God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison):**

In times of weakness and hour of need, yours is the strength by which we carry on, the shoulder we rest our head upon. When our load is heavy and too much to bear, yours are the arms stretched out to help us, the grace that we depend on. In times of weakness and hour of need, your voice is heard, ‘Come... find rest.’ This is grace divine, the path we tread to wholeness of body and spirit, the path that leads to you, and for which we offer our offering of praise. Amen.

Written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship,
https://www.faithandworship.com/Lectionary_C/YearC_13th_in_Ordinary#gsc.tab=0.R
eposted at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/06/prayer-matthew-11-28-30.html>.

CHILDREN’S TIME

HYMN Black Hymnal #2220

We Are God’s People

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Lord, we seek to be soil. But to be soil is to wait until the gardener tends the ground. Already cracks form from dryness, arid things seek to choke the Word you have placed. Plant a seed in our hearts and help us tend it that it may grow into fruit for the kingdom. Amen

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS -Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

L: The word of God for the people of God.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION Being Planted Rev. Matthew Mariani

SPECIAL MUSIC

Piano: Howard Geier

Far from the Home I love

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Creator God from whom all blessings grow: as we dedicate our tithes and offerings, we acknowledge that you have blessed us to be the fertile soil from which the good news of your kingdom will spring forth. Move us, we pray, beyond seeing our role as passive or powerless, depending totally on the quality of the seed and the expertise of the planter. Remind us that you are counting on us for fruitfulness, demonstrating for the world your love, grace, and power as we bear fruit that eases the suffering sick, feeds the hungry, brings justice to the oppressed and love and compassion to those who feel disconnected or forgotten. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Discipleship Ministries)

***CLOSING HYMN #583**

You Are the Seed

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING**

L: Tend to the fruit God is creating in you.

P: We shall be gardeners, laboring with our hands for the Kingdom.

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: And also, with you. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Come, Thou Almighty King

Red indicates “The United Methodist Hymnal”

Black indicates “The Faith We Sing”

One License # A-739071

Worship Leadership: Sundays 9:15am

Today

July 23

Greeters

Sally Rodgers

Judy Degand

Shelby Wais

Janet Fluck

Ushers

Tom Kessell

Jerry Topcik

Soundboard

Chris Shannon

Walt Cichonski

Liturgists

Wayne Buck

Denny Sathoff

Coffee Servers

Raes

Cichonskis

Vogels

Church Openers

Bob Raukohl

Cichonskis

Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday July 9, 2023

9:15am -76

General Fund: \$3,623

Building: \$60

Boiler: \$1,200

~We have collected \$7,721 of the \$12,500 needed to purchase the handbells. Thank you for your generosity!

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ANTIOCH

848 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois 60002

847-395-1259

Email: umc.antioch@att.net

Website: umcantioch.org

See us on Facebook!

Pastor- Rev. Katie Voigt

Music Director/Organist-Debbie Gillette

Choir Director-Nicole Heyl

Custodians- Michelle Mennes & Kelly Kiple

Office Administrator-TeKeesha Fisher

UMCA Christian Preschool Director- Kim Dodd

(847) 395-1362

Scan below for July's Newsletter



Please Note:

Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month-**for the FOLLOWING month**

Send info to editorumca@att.net in Word doc or body of email.

Next deadline is August 15th for the September newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.