



United Methodist Church of Antioch

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

PRELUDE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Worship, 9:15am Phil Georgia preaching AA 8-9pm/White Rm
Mon, July 10	AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Room
Tues, July 11	UMCAP 9-2pm AA 6-7pm/White Room
Wed, July 12	AA 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Rm Finance Mtg 6:30pm
Thurs, July 13	AA 6-7pm/White Rm Antioch Taste of Summer Table 11-4pm
Fri, July 14	AA 10-11am; 6:30-7:30pm; 8:30-9:30pm Antioch Taste of Summer Table 11-4pm
Sat, July 15	AA 6-7pm/White Rm Morning Gardening 9am Antioch Taste of Summer Table 11-4pm
Sun, July 16	Worship, 9:15am Rev. Matt Mariani preaching AA 8-9pm/White Rm Antioch Taste of Summer Table 12-3pm

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-CWM will be handing out invitations for our next Golden Gems luncheon today following the service. Please stop by to pick up your invitation for our Summer Celebration on August 3rd! If you are 80yrs or older and haven't received an invitation, please stop by so that we can add you to our list of invitees! Peace, Carol

-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.

-“Who’s that?” If you have found yourself asking this question every Sunday since going to one service, please know you are not the only one. No worries; we have a plan and hope you will play along. The ushers have been equipped with name tags to help us begin putting names to new faces. Nametags will also be useful to our guest preachers/speakers during the month of July. Have fun getting to know one another!

- We need volunteers for Antioch’s Taste of Summer, July 13-16. We will set up a card table along Main Street and hand out water bottles and church pamphlets. We will set up from 11-4pm Thurs - Sat and Sunday will be 12-3pm. A sign-up sheet is in Wesley Hall. We need to have 2 volunteers per shift. We are still collecting bottled water and/or funds to buy the water (in the blue donation box near the volunteer signup sheet). We expect to give away 1000 bottles of water. If you have a wagon we can borrow to help move all this heavy stuff to our station, please call Carol C. or the church office.

-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.

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: Some days are easy to celebrate and rejoice.

P: Other days are a slog and we struggle to know which direction to go.

L: We gather for worship to remind each other and ourselves that we do nothing without Jesus walking alongside, giving us strength.

P: We come to remember and to choose the path of Christ.

***HYMN Black Hymnal #2158**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

***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 Red Hymnal #191

Jesus Loves Me

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING

When we don't know where to turn, when we don't know what to do, we easily forget that we are yoked with you, Jesus, in all of life. Open to us again today your Word being read and proclaimed. We ask that your teaching would guide our steps. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

-Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Phil Georgia

Lessons I Learned from Dad: A Tribute to Missionary Stew

SPECIAL MUSIC

Solo: Nicole Heyl

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

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD

God of compassion and mercy, you claim each one of us as your children. Like a parent, you are joyful when we find joy and your heart aches when we fall, fail, or feel less than the beloved heirs to the kin-dom you meant us to be.

The yoke the Bible describes doesn't burden us but reminds us that you yearn for us to be a church, a community, that supports, steadies, and sustains when life makes us weary. The gifts we give this day we give in gratitude for this yoke that helps us finish the race in faithfulness. Bless our giving and its use, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #526** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING**

L: Christ comes along side us, promising to go with us wherever our journeys take us.

P: When the week is overwhelming and just too much, we will remember to take on the yoke of Jesus to help us through.

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**

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

Black indicates "The Faith We Sing"

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~Thank you, Paul Bleadow, for blessing us with your musical talents today, and to Phil Georgia for preaching.

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

Next deadline is July 15th for the August newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.