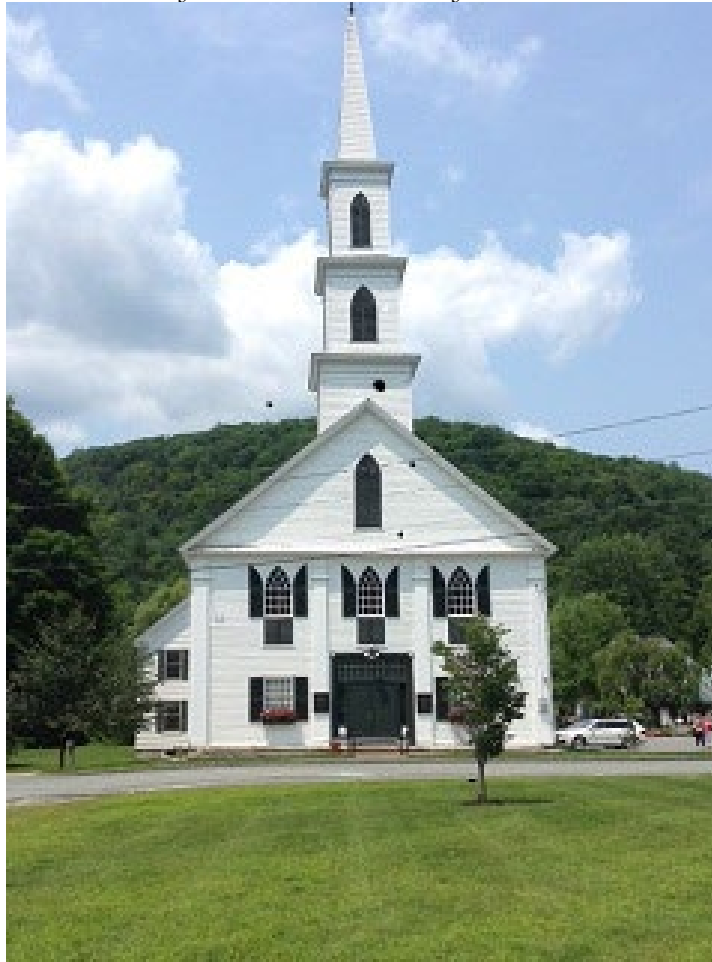


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*AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION*  
*of the United Church of Christ*



*“... to love someone  
is to strive to accept that person  
exactly the way he or she is,  
right here and now.”*

*Fred Rogers*



*“Our Purpose: learning to see and love the world with the eyes of God”*

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022, at 10:00 in the Morning

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*\* All that are able, please stand.\**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha LaMoria

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*May God's peace rest on our busy lives so that we are quieted in prayer*

**May God's love flow through our worship words  
so that we are awake to opportunities for service.**

*May God's grace embrace every need and may the restless Gospel set our hearts afire.*

**Amen and Amen!**

## \* HYMN #56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

## PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY OF HEALING

*(Unison)* HOLY ONE, Source of healing and renewal, we gather today to claim a place in your creation, to rekindle in our hearts the gift of your love. You have given us your one true Child, Jesus, who frees and reconciles to you the whole creation. Forgive us, for we have let ourselves become anxious and worried, resenting those who act freely trusting your grace, angered by those whose service draws attention away from us. Forgive us; heal us. Show us your presence within us and among us, for we gather in the name of our Savior, who is Jesus the Messiah.

*(A time for quiet reflection.)*

## COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

## \* THE PEACE *(You may exchange a sign of God's peace with each other.)*

*The peace of God be with you.*      **And also with you.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 15:1-10**

The Message

Martha LaMoria

## The Story of the Lost Sheep

**15** <sup>1-3</sup> By this time a lot of men and women of questionable reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, "He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends." Their grumbling triggered this story.

<sup>4-7</sup> "Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn't you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me! I've found my lost

sheep! Count on it—there's more joy in heaven over one sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.

### **The Story of the Lost Coin**

<sup>8-10</sup> “Or imagine a woman who has ten coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and scour the house, looking in every nook and cranny until she finds it? And when she finds it you can be sure she'll call her friends and neighbors: 'Celebrate with me! I found my lost coin!' Count on it—that's the kind of party God's angels throw every time one lost soul turns to God.”

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Dawn Slade

*Children may go to Sunday School following Children's Time.*

### **SERMON**

*“The Look of Love”*

R. Hamm

### **\* HYMN #440**

*“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

### **SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **MORNING PRAYERS**

### **OUR LORD'S PRAYER** *(debts)*

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

### **OFFERTORY**

### **\* DOXOLOGY**

### **\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **\* HYMN #457**

*“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”*

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*“Our Worship has ended -- Now our Service begins.”*

## Welcome to Guests and Visitors!

We are glad to have you worship with us. We hope you feel welcome and find the service meaningful.

### This week's calendar:

|                  |         |                  |
|------------------|---------|------------------|
| Mon. Sept. 12    | 7:00 pm | Al-Anon          |
| Weds – Sept 14   | 9:30 am | Apple Pie Making |
|                  | 6:30 pm | Trustees' Mtg    |
| Thurs. – Sept 15 | 10 am   | Ladies Aid       |
|                  | 6:15 pm | Bells Practice   |
|                  | 7:30 pm | Choir Practice   |

**Birthdays this week:** Sept 11 – Joe Cook, Sept 12 -Jerry Butler & Iva Yates  
Sept 14 – Beth Pierson, Sept 16 – Erica Harrison

*Special thanks to those helping with our service today: Lay Reader, Martha LaMoria;  
Greeters, Andi & Chas Baker,; Coffee Hour, Gene & Betty Horton; Flowers, Ruth Marx;  
Want to help? Please sign up on the whiteboard!*

### September Mission: Winston Prouty Center

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**Rev. Hamm's Schedule:** Thursday will include office hours, time for visiting, and pastoral counseling. Please call Rob or the church office if you would like to meet.

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