

Seeking to love all people ... growing in faith ...
working toward God's vision of justice, healing and joy.

*Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming/Creation Justice Congregation*

The Order of Worship

September 19, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. Livestream / Sanctuary Service

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude Lord Whose Love In Humble Service setting, Elizabeth Krouse
Norm Libby, organ

Welcome Associate Pastor Deb Kunkel

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us come together in humility and love,
People: Reflecting the attitude of Jesus.
Leader: Through worship we learn to serve with compassion and grace,
People: Reflecting the ways and life of Jesus.

Hymn Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant (see insert)

Prayer of Confession Roger Triftshouser

All: Do we focus too often on who has reached the top, O God? We think greatness is to be above all others, number one, with the accompanying prestige and adulation. But Jesus shows us a different way. Forgive us when we fail to follow Jesus' way: seeking to identify with others, and to serve rather than be served. Remind us that greatest comes not from what others think, but from how we live. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Dedication

Children's Moment

Special Music Great is Thy Faithfulness Thomas O. Chisholm & William M. Runyan
Norm Libby, piano

Pastoral Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 8:27-38

Sermon Anything You Can Do...

Postlude O Day Full of Grace setting, Michael Burkhardt
Norm Libby, organ

Benediction

Sentence Sermons ...

"To the servant of God... every place is the right place, and every time is the right time."
-- Catherine of Siena

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." — Mahatma Gandhi

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"
— Martin Luther King Jr.

UPCOMING

Construction has begun the Narthex of the Sanctuary, and Fellowship Hall for the booths for the new Audio and Visual equipment that we are installing. Please pardon our appearance while we work to expand our capability to provide live streaming and other internet based services for the congregation.

Sunday School and Nursery Care, K-8th grade students are invited to Heron Hall for Sunday School with Ms. Kathy. Nursery Care for infants and pre-K children is available downstairs. Visiting children are always welcome.

Carol Good's Art Group meets Tuesdays at 1:00 PM, in Heron Hall.

Part 2 of the Sunday Seminar Series "Eleanor Roosevelt: Her Beliefs, Her Faith" offered by Pastor Deb Kunkel takes place next Sunday, September 26, at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall (masks required) and via Zoom. Part 2 will look at the period after the death of FDR, when Eleanor's work for Human and Civil Rights became increasingly public.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85419397325pwd=QlJxejJERHBFQkdjBgtuS2grMjA3dz09>

Meeting ID: 854 1939 7325----Passcode: Seminar

UCC Disaster Relief

The ongoing natural disasters that will need expansive resources to for immediate relief, and long-term recovery. And there is still months left in hurricane season, as well as this all being attempted in the midst of a pandemic. Please consider donating to the recovery and relief efforts of any of these or future disasters through the national United Church of Christ. Go to <https://www.ucc.org/giving/donate-now/> and there you will find directions on how to make an online donation, by phone or by check to UCC Disaster Ministries. You can designate for a specific disaster recovery efforts, or undesignated for them to use where it is needed most. 100% of your donation goes to victims and recovery efforts, as the generous support of OCWM each year by congregations like ours cover administrative costs, plus build the partnerships that allow us to respond quickly and efficiently when disasters hit.