

**October 23, 2022, 10 a.m.**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Union Congregational Church**

**United Church of Christ**

**Elk River, Minnesota 763-441-1203** [**www.elkriverucc.org**](http://www.elkriverucc.org/) **/** [**churchoffice@elkriverucc.org**](mailto:churchoffice@elkriverucc.org)

# Liturgical Arts Panels

# We are blessed to have the wonderful panels created by Paula Benfer. She has graciously written interpretations which we will be sharing in the bulletin as the panels are put on display. Thank you, Paula, for sharing your insight with us.

# The Liturgical season is green. Green is the color of life and growth.

# The white and red flag is a banner symbolic of Christ. The apostle Peter was commanded to build Christ’s church; the keys represent that. The mustard flower is a symbol of faith, as tiny as a mustard seed. The present church is symbolically represented as a beehive, and the bees are the workers who take the message of Christ into the world. The red cross is a symbol for martyrs; and each sheep in the flock represents one of the twelve disciples. The hands of all races are raised to volunteer for Christ, to say, ”Here am I Lord. Send me.”

# Welcome!

Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ welcomes everyone, no matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey.

We offer worship via Facebook Live broadcasts every Sunday at 10am. You can be here in person or participate virtually during, or any time after the service. Every Sunday, the service is recorded and broadcast on Facebook. You can contact the church at any time. See office hours below.

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God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

*(Micah 6:8, (NIV))*

***Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ Mission Statement***

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**Worship October 23rd, 2022**

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*If you are in-person, we invite you to fill out the friendship pad to let us know you are here.*

*If you are worshipping virtually, we invite you to click a reaction button on Facebook to let us know you are with us.*

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The *is located in the Vestry. (the room off of the sanctuary) Also, in the back of the sanctuary, is a table with items and bags for activities appropriate for the kids to work on and play with during the service. Children are welcome to sit at the table or bring the bag back to sit with parents.*

WORDS OF CENTERING

"It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without heart."   
 - *Mahatma Gandhi*

\* We invite you to stand as your spirit or body is willing.

\* **CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** SPP 22 “Come, All You People”

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**\* RESPONSIVE** **CALL TO WORSHIP**  (adapted from Psalm 84)

One: Holy One, Spirit of Life and Love, you invite us into your dwelling places

**All: and we are astounded by the loveliness of them.**

One: Our soul longs to abide there with you where even the sparrow finds a home;

**All: at your altars even the swallow may make a nest.**

One: When we dwell in your house where all are welcome and all find sanctuary, we are nurtured and made strong;

**All: and we can’t help but lift our voices in songs of worship and praise.** **Amen.**

**\* HYMN**  **59**: “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” ![A picture containing table

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## LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

## & PEACE PRAYER Laurie Lang

GREETING OF PEACE

In the same spirit in which we receive the unconditional love of God in Jesus Christ, let us offer to one another our own sign of peace.

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

# Many: And also, with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC Carson Schneider

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Luke 18: 9-14 (NRSV) Kelly Lundquist

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt.

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like the other people—thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’

“But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

“I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humble, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

SERMON “Humbling Prayer” Rev. Doug Federhart

**\* HYMN 521**  “In Solitude”

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OUR TIME OF SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Notes:

### THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT (adapted from Richard McCall)

Blessed One, our Father, Mother, Parent

Holy is your name.

May your love be enacted in the world.

May your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our sins as we forgive

those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For all that we do in your love,

and all that your love brings to birth,

and the fullness of love that will be,

are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO GIVE/RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

\* **DOXOLOGY SPP 143** “We Are Grateful”

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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (let us pray together)

**ALL: Accept these gifts, Holy One, given in thanks for all that we have received through your infinite generosity. May we in turn put them to good use towards our commitment to helping create a world where peace and justice abound. - Amen.**

**\* HYMN 505**  “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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**Elk River Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ*: Visiting Pastor:*** *Rev. Doug Federhart* ***Deacon:*** *Marce Ediger*

***Office Administrator:*** *Giuliana Beckwith* ***Liturgists:*** *Laurie Lang & Kelly Lundquist*

***Piano:*** *Carson Schneider* ***Greeter/Usher:*** *Jan & Larry Wick*

***Interim Senior Choir*** ***Children’s Time: …***

***and Handbell Director:*** *Carson Schneider*

# Office Hours

Office hours for the church are Sunday 9:00am to 1:00pm before and after worship, Monday/Thursday 8:00am-2:00pm, and Wed 8:00am-3:00pm. Call the church at (763) 441-1203 if you have general questions. If you need immediate assistance outside of office hours, please email - [churchoffice@elkriverucc.org](mailto:churchoffice@elkriverucc.org).

# Pastoral Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, an accident, or a death, please contact Patti Kubicka via text or call at 763-498-1196. You may also contact the church office though the response may take longer.

# Church Materials

Copies of the Sunday sermon and bulletin are available in person or via Facebook, our website, and the UCC Squared Newsletter (email).

# HOLDING IN PRAYER

# (Cards and calls are appreciated)

Please keep in your prayers our congregation members: Nancy Hassett, Musz Bailey, Jim Babcock, Bobbie Berg, Susan Olsen, Joanne Burdick, Ruby Cawthra, Jane Houlton, Marion Marcott, Cheryl Wold, Judy Halgren, Bailey Rosdahl, Jimmy Stevens, Dee & Jim Stevens (Jimmy’s parents), Linda Fenton, Dave Halgren, Marv and Nancy Andersen, Laurie Lazaretti, and Jim Kopperud, Tony Rohs.

**Reminder:** Cards are available in the church office.

**Member Directory:**

The current online member directory is available on our website at <https://servantkeeper.com/directory/elkriverucc/login>.

The password is case sensitive: BeTheChurch

**SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEKS**

**Sunday, October 23, 2022**

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service In-person and live via Facebook with**

**Rev. Doug Federhart**

**Hospitality “Picnic in the Park”**

**Orono Park, Elk River**

**hosted by Congregational Life &**

**Stewardship**

**Tuesday, Oct 25, 2022**

**5:00 p.m. Congregational Life**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022**

**3:30 p.m. SARI Vigil Sherburne**

**County Gov’t center**

**5:45 p.m. Handbell Choir**

**7:15 p.m. Senior Choir**

**Thursday, October 27, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Encore Ensembles**

**6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts**

**7:00 p.m Diaconate Meeting**

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**Sunday, October 30, 2022**

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service In-person and live via Facebook with**

**Rev. Lindy Purdy**

**Hospitality hosted by Stewardship**

**“Let’s Taco-bout Stewardship”**

**Wednesday, November 2, 2022**

**3:30 p.m. SARI Vigil Sherburne**

**County Gov’t center**

**5:45 p.m. Handbell Choir**

**7:15 p.m. Senior Choir**

**Thursday, November 3, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Encore Ensembles**

**6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts**

**Friday, November 4, 2022**

**6:00 p.m. Girls Scouts**

**Save the date:**

**Nov. 6th, 2022**

**All Saints Sunday**

**Nov. 10th, 2022**

**Council Meeting**