Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2022
9:30 am

Prelude
*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*  
arr. Carol Tornquist

Words of Welcome
Rev. Susan Tindall

Lighting the Christ Candle

*Opening Words (“Morning Poem” Mary Oliver)*

One: Every morning  
the world  
is created.

All: Under the orange  
sticks of the sun  
the heaped  
ashes of the night  
turn into leaves again  
and fasten themselves to the high branches–

One: and the ponds appear  
like black cloth  
on which are painted islands  
of summer lilies.
All: If it is your nature
to be happy
you will swim away along the soft trails
for hours, your imagination
alighting everywhere.

One: And if your spirit
carries within it
the thorn
that is heavier than lead–

All: if it's all you can do
to keep on trudging–
there is still
somewhere deep within you
a beast shouting that the earth
is exactly what it wanted–

One: each pond with its blazing lilies
is a prayer heard and answered
lavishly,
every morning,
whether or not
you have ever dared to be happy,
whether or not
you have ever dared to pray.

All: We come to this place,
with our thorns and with our imaginations, our hopes and worries.
We come daring to bring our whole selves,
daring to be delighted in the presence of God,
daring boldly to bring God our thanks and praise.

*Hymn 475  Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  NETTLETON

Call to Confession  Michele Vickery

One: Our sins are not hidden from God. We can bring them into the Light and lay them on the
Table, trusting in the One who shaped us for goodness and will transform our brokenness
into wholeness. Trusting in God’s love, we can confess in one voice.
Prayer of Confession

All: Searching One, we are so attached to what we own, we struggle to share. We are so connected to our own pleasure that we cannot feel the pain of those around us. We are so committed to our ego, we cannot sense our souls slipping away into the shadows.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful creator, loosen our grip on caustic cultural norms so we may feel your healing touch. Reshape us and renew us so we may take up our crosses and follow Jesus, our only redeemer.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, the God who calls us is the God who created us. The God who formed us is the God who forgives us. This is the Good News—we are God’s New Creation.

All: In the name of Jesus the Christ, we are reshaped, renewed, forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response 582  
*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me  
GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Michele

One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another, let us share the peace with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

*Sung Response  
*O How I Love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

Prayer for Inspiration

Michele

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139 (from Psalms Redux: Poems and Prayers)

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11 (from the Common English Bible)

Marylen

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!
Sermon
The Work of God’s Fingers
The Work of God’s Heart
Rev. Marylen Marty-Gentile

*Hymn 288
Spirit of the Living God
LIVING GOD

Offering Our Gifts to God
Invitation
Offertory
I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

*Doxology words 607, tune 606
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDREDDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Church Tidings
Susan

Joys and Concerns

God's People Pray / Lord's Prayer (using sins)

*Hymn words 5, tune 143
God the Sculptor of the Mountains
REGENCY SQUARE

*Charge and Blessing
Marylen

*Postlude
Glorify Thy Name
arr. Mark Hayes

* Please rise in spirit or body
All speak emboldened type

USHERS: John Boxell, Bill Vickery
LITURGIST: Michele Vickery
ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Courteney Templeton

Today’s psalm reading is from Psalms Redux: Poems and Prayers, Carla Grosch-Miller (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2014)

Guest Preacher Rev. Marylen Marty-Gentile
The Rev. Marylen Marty-Gentile is a retired United Church of Christ pastor. In her ministry, she was on staff at the First United Church of Oak Park (PCUSA-UCC) for 24 years, leading worship and facilitating the spiritual formation of children, youth and adults as a staff member and associate pastor. Throughout her ministry, her particular focus was on how art and ritual impact Christian formation and deepen growth. Since leaving parish ministry, Marylen has been a spiritual director and companion, drawing on conversation, art, prayer, sound and silence as people explore their connection with the Holy. In addition, she is trained to accompany people who have experienced loss and grief.
Next Sunday in Worship
September 11
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Liz Hulford, Guest Preacher

Joy in Heaven
Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 14
Luke 15:1-10

Welcome Back, Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hulford!
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hulford, DMIN, BCC serves as the chaplain for Timberline Knolls in Lemont, IL. She is a Board Certified Chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains and ordained Presbyterian (U.S.A.) minister. Elizabeth specializes in spiritual care with women who suffer from mental illness. She enjoys spending time with her husband, three children, and geriatric cat in Tinley Park. She is happy to be worshiping with us on Sunday, September 11.

Welcome Back to In-Person Presbyterian Women!
Join Us Tuesday, September 6, 12:30
Fellowship Hall

All women in the congregation are invited to join us this year for delicious desserts and exciting programs. We open the year with a look at the lessons in the new, 2022-2023 study guide, Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight, which Pastor Susan will review for us. Our October program features the inspiring musical duo, Robinlee Garber and djenga player, M. Taylor. In November Pastor Beth will tell us all about her summer pilgrimage. Our Christmas Open House Tea is on December 6th this year. After a break, come back in the spring for more wonderful programs!

Important High School Update
Saturday, September 10-Sunday, September 11

Due to scheduling conflicts, we are reworking our retreat weekend to a lock-in weekend at CPC from Saturday, September 10 at 7pm to Sunday, September 11 at 4pm. Come out for s’mores, surprises and some really fun people! Please register online for the program year but no reservation is needed to attend the event! Please contact Pastor Susan if your student needs to arrive or depart at a different time than the event, needs to leave and come back, or if you have any questions.
This week at CPC:

Sunday, September 4
9:30 am — Worship

Monday, September 5
Church Office Closed
Kids’ Academy Closed

Tuesday, September 6
12:30 pm — PW Fall Bible Study Kickoff
1:30 pm — Staff meeting; Zoom
7:00 pm — House & Grounds; Chapel
7:00 pm — Stephen Ministers; Zoom

Wednesday, September 7
7:00 pm — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

Thursday, September 8
7:00 pm — Clarion Bell rehearsal; LL6-LL8

Friday, September 9

Saturday, September 10
7:00 pm — High School Lock-In at CPC begins

Sunday, September 11
9:30 am — Worship
4:00 pm — High School Lock-In ends

FALL KICKOFF 2022
Sunday, September 18
South Lawn or Fellowship Hall

Put this date on your calendar TODAY! You will not want to miss this special celebration at CPC as we kick off the program year together. Get ready for cake walks, lawn games and picnic food following the worship service on September 18th! We look forward to seeing you there! If you would like to volunteer or bring a prize winning sweet treat, please see the online sign-up page in the Thursday emails or contact Pastor Susan!

GOOD NEWS FOR FAITH FORMATION!
Online Registration is now open for Kids and Youth Ministries

CPC has moved registration online for students ages 3 through 12th grade! Our church database, Realm, has the ability to populate information as well as take any payments for events and program fees. We are excited about this move and look forward to seeing those registrations come in. We will still need hard copies of the media/medical release form and health forms annually. If you have registered at CPC at any point over the last few years, your information is already in Realm. If you are new to CPC programs or have questions about Realm, please contact Stephanie Rens-Domiano to get started!

News of THE AMOS GROUP
Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24

Summer Read Discussion Groups later in September
Many of us at CPC are reading Heather McGhee’s The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together. Several discussion groups have been scheduled in the area. All of them are one-session meetings in the last part of September. The discussions will also be open to people who have not been able to read the book. We will provide a link to an interview to give you the background for the discussion. If you would like to attend a discussion, please contact Gregg Morton for the available dates. If you would like a book of your own, check in the church office. And if you would like to reimburse us for the book, the cost is $14.

Please send your ideas and your comments to Gregg Morton.
Pastor Beth and daughter Emi have spent the week hiking part of the Camino de Santiago in Spain.

This week, Pastor Beth has met up with her daughter Emi in Spain and began their hiking on the Camino Frances route of the historical Camino de Santiago in Spain. Their travels took them 100 km from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela. It is a traditional countryside experience, crossing woodlands, farmland and rustic hamlets on country roads and paths lined by granite stone walls.

There were many grueling days of hiking along the way, and even a mistake of hiking two day's travels in one. But along the way they found much hospitality, compassion, and strength from within, prayers from home and in the presence of Christ. There will be much rejoicing with fellow pilgrims when they arrive in Santiago de Compostela. Beth and Emi will take a few days to recuperate, journal, socialize and reflect on their travels of the last week.

Have you participated in a hiking Pilgrimage? Or maybe one that was longer or more difficult than you though than you could do? Where did you find strength? Visit Pastor Beth's Pilgrimage page to find out more about their experience hiking the Camino de Santiago.

MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER
Food Pantries are in desperate need! Fill a bag with grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services. The suggested menu for September AND October is:

- **Hot or Cold Cereal**
- **Canned Vegetables**
- **Pasta**
- **Paper Products including lunch bags, sandwich wraps**
- **Pasta Sauce**
- **Any non perishable food products are always welcome**
- **Fruit Cups or Applesauce**

Any non-perishable items will be most welcome! Pick up a bag in the narthex or use your own and return to CPC any time in September and October. Thank you for your generous donations in August!

CIRCLE OF VOICES RESUMES SEPTEMBER 21
Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, September 21st at 9:30am in the Gathering Room (Parlor) at CPC. Our book is *Still Life: A Novel* by Louise Penny. All are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not finished or read the book. The book is available at the Clarendon Hills Library.

Traditionally we enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant.

For more information, contact Barb Coop.