

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 11, 2023

9:30 A.M.

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Nettie Baker Day

Youth Sunday



*THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF LAKE RONKONKOMA*

Rev. Karen A. Burger, Pastor

Dr. Rex Enderlin, Choir Director

Heather Edwards-Wilson, Organist & Youth/Children's Music Director

(* *Indicates standing if possible*)

WELCOME VISITORS!

Thank you for joining us today! We invite you to come grow with us at the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma. If you do not have a church fellowship, we offer you ours. If you are a visitor today, please make yourself known to the pastor or an usher. You may find the Bible and Hymnals under the chairs.

*Please **turn off** cell phones! Phones set on “vibrate” still interfere with our audio equipment and may cause feedback. Thank you!*

PRELUDE “Arabesque No. 1” by Claude Debussy”

Orion Edwards-Wilson

WELCOME

Ray Becht

INTROIT “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” by Stephen Schwartz

Godspell Cast

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

led by Orion Edwards-Wilson

Leader: God you have given each of us many gifts,

People: **but sometimes we cannot recognize what gift we have to share, so we hide it under a bushel.**

Leader: God you remind us that all gifts are needed,

People: **but sometimes we let ourselves be convinced that some gifts are more special than others.**

Leader: God you call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body,

People: **but sometimes we decide that membership in the body is limited by our understandings.**

Leader: God, for the times we have ignored or mislabeled your gifts, for those times we have cut another off from the body,

People: **we offer words of repentance; we ask for forgiveness and grace.**

***OPENING HYMN:** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” FWS, #2088
(*Prayer cards will be collected at this time.*)

PRAYER OF JOY AND THANKSGIVING *led by Luciano Giordano*

O God, we thank you that you have called all of us your children. We are thankful for your provision, your guidance and your unending love for us. As your children, help us to listen and obey. Let us depend on your truth and live in the joy of being the children of God! Lord, as we recognize our children and youth and their ministries today, give us open hearts to hear the whispers of the Spirit. We also give thanks for our teachers. They show us God's way - all of them loving in their unique way; friends of Jesus who introduce us to their friend; helping us see the touch of God's Spirit in our lives; expressing their joy in life, their faith in Christ; renewing their faith and rejoicing in growth. We are grateful. Lord, bless all of us because we are the children of God! Amen.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

SILENT MEDITATION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

led by Emily Teuschler

ANTHEM

“Each of Us is a Flower” by Charlotte Diamond

Sunday School Children

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

read by River Edwards-Wilson

Mark 12: 41-43

⁴¹ And (Jesus) sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their

abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Allyssa Schoenemann

-- The Nettie Baker Story --

read by Gianni Giordano

Many years ago, Miss Nettie Baker lived on Hawkins Avenue near the railroad station where she kept house for her widowed brother and his daughter. She loved our Little Brown Church at Five Corners and participated in all its activities.

She was a frail woman, but she managed to walk to church each Sunday unless a church member drove her. As time passed, her brother died, her niece moved away, and Miss Baker was left alone, but her support of our church by her presence and prayers never wavered.

When Nettie passed away in May of 1955, she left her entire estate to our church which amounted to under \$25.00. It truly was a “widows’ mite”.

Our Pastor, the Reverend Harold Sabin, used the money to buy materials to fashion the brass lamp which today shines on our bible and altar. Reverend Sabin made the brass lamp with his own hands-fashioning it in a little building behind Newton’s Garage. In this way, Nettie Baker’s final gift to our church has become a memorial of beauty-which you will not see in any other church.

Because there was no family left to remember Miss Baker, the Sunday School children filled a wooden cross, also made by the Reverend Sabin with their flowers. This cross was made from the altar rail which graced our Little Brown Church before it was moved to its present location.

Each year on the second Sunday in June, a plain wooden cross with many holes is filled with flowers by our church members, and their children. After the service, the floral cross is taken to the cemetery, and placed on Miss Baker’s grave.

Just as she remembered her church, so we remember her in this way.

What a beautiful tribute to a woman, who would otherwise have been forgotten, but who gave all she had to the glory of God, and the church she loved.

PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS *in honor of Nettie Baker*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE FLOWERS

led by Olivia Mintz

Most loving God, without you no words or works of ours have meaning. We present this handcrafted cross, adorned with beautiful flowers as a perpetual remembrance of Ms. Baker, who lived in total commitment to You and Your Church. May it be an enduring witness of the Lake Ronkonkoma United Methodist Church to all your people, and that our lives may be consecrated to your service, remembering to give our all, as Christ gave His all for us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

read by Orion Edwards-Wilson

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Gospel: Mark 10: 13 - 16

read by River Edwards-Wilson

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

The Word of God for the people of God.
(Congregation Responds: *Thanks be to God!*)

MESSAGE: “Priorities and Perseverance” *Dennis Subbiondo*

***HYMN:** “King of Kings” *FWS, #2075*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SELF

OFFERTORY “Meditation from Thais” by Jules Massenet
Jillian Rabbitt

***DOXOLOGY:** UMH, #95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *led by Emily Teuschler*

Almighty God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness created us, your patience sustained us, your grace has humbled us, and your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service, and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Here I Am, Lord” **UMH, #593**

***BLESSING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please use the microphone to be heard.)*

***RESOLUTION HYMN** “Celebrate Love” **FWS #2073**

***POSTLUDE** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

GOOD MORNING! Welcome to Our Worship Service!

MINISTERS All the People.

SERVING TODAY

Leader ---Ray Becht

Ushers --- UMCLR Youth

Greeters – Bill Wahl and Diane Hatton

Today’s coffee hour is served by members of the Education Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Monday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. Please join the United Women In Faith for their program “Growing with Jesus!”
- Friday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. – Game Night – all are welcome.
- Saturday, June 17 at 7:30 a.m. the UMM will be having breakfast at the Airport Diner.



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