October 25, 2020-Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost 10:30 AM Today is Reformation Sunday and Today is Pledge Sunday

*Those who are able, please stand"

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

<u>WELCOME</u> We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. God calls us together that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship that we may serve others.

MUSICAL PRELUDE: "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" (Pianist) Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

Be assured that God's love is poured out for you and rejoice God's love has been poured over us to heal and nourish our thirsting spirits. We are loved and have been forgiven. Now we are challenged to go forth in peace and hope to a hurting world. Thanks be to God for all God's mercies shown continually to each one of us. Help us to internalize these commandments so that when we encounter times of difficulty, we are again reminded of your everlasting love for us. AMEN

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Even when it seems we have suffered for a long time;

People: God breaks through in mercy and love for us.

Leader: Things may not be easy but we can count on God to be with us

People: Lord, help us to share all our joys and concerns, knowing that your

love for us is always present in our lives

Leader: We are called to be the people of God's kingdom. People: In God's realm we will find healing and hope.

Leader: We are called to be people who love as God has loved us.

People: In God's world, we will reach out with God's love to all God's people.

Leader: We are called to be those who would serve.

People: Lord, be with us as we serve you by helping those in need.

GATHERING HYMN: "Blest be the Tie that Binds" UMH 557

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Lord Jesus of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear you command us to remember that the first commandment is to love God with all that we are, our hearts, souls, minds and spirits. The second is equal to this

in that this love is to be extended to our neighbors. Lord, we remember the many ways in which you have helped and saved us, from generation to generation. Be with us this day as we listen for your word for us in our time. Touch our hearts with your healing mercy as we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

<u>Time with God's Children:</u> Pray for all the children of the World today as they struggle with the same fears and concerns that we all have.

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen, Amen, Amen

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "In the Garden" Nancy Cairo Estes and Mavis Baldwin

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGING

Lord of all we see and all that we cannot see: Give us this day a glimpse of the complexities of the world and the simplicity of living our lives centered in you; loving you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and loving our neighbors. Bless the gifts we offer you; but in our giving, help us focus on these other more basic gifts. May the love we show you and others be a testimony of whom we follow and who is worthy of our devotion. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen

SONG OF COMMITMENT "Take my life and let it be" UMH 399

Psalter Reading: Psalm 90 UMH 809-810

Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed UMH 881

<u>GLORIA PATRI:</u> Let us recite the Gloria Patri together.. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Scripture Readings 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46

SHARING THE STORY How do you fund a miracle? .. Giving Sunday

*** Why I Give*** Congregational members

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Free Lunch Monday 11:30-12:30

SENDING SONG "God of Love and God of Power" UMH 578

THE SENDING FORTH (unison)

God's love is sending us forth into the world in ministries of peace and justice. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Go forth into this aching, hurting world with God's love, offering healing, hope, and peace to all. Go in peace and may God's peace surround you always. AMEN.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE "Onward Christian Soldiers" Mavis Baldwin

The Flowers on the alter are in loving memory of Leslie Perry given by the Perry, Capasso, and Boles families

Prayer List: The family of Bev Scribner, The family of Nancy Hulbert, Aaron and Gary Scribner family, Ron Parker, Kevin Williams, Jeff Davis, Don Williams, Penna Smith, Pat Quick, Irving Livingston, Connie Shepard, Donna Thompson, Karen Holly, Tanya LaVada, and any other prayers in your heart this day. Prayers for our World this day and every day.

Office Hours are Monday 10AM - 1:00 PM - Wed 9AM - 1PM or by Appointment

If you would like to make a donation to the Women in Christian Service in lieu of the Annual Election Day Bake Sale, please see Nancy Marsh/June Parker

Tastefully Simple Fund Raiser Oct 1 - Oct 31 Call Nancy Marsh @ 518-762-7022 Our Terri Lynn Nuts and Candy Fundraiser Website is open

Use https://www.northmainstUMC.terrilynn.com

*** If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-844-3354***

Welcome to Worship

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We Gather to Worship

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Giving Sunday

