

Our attendance last week was 63 for worship.

9/17 – *Fellowship Hall reserved 12:30-4:30pm*

– Sunday Night live, 8pm, Robert Brewer, preacher

9/19 – *Aerobics Class, 6pm, Early Discipleship classroom*

9/20 – Wonderful Wednesday meal, 6pm, Fellowship Hall

– John Wesley Room reserved 8pm

9/21 – *Fellowship Hall reserved 6-9pm*

9/23 – *Sanctuary reserved 6pm*

9/24 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost, worship at 11am

– Sunday Nigh Live, 8pm, Tom Herin, preacher

9/25 – Church Leadership Council meeting, 6:30pm, J W Rm



WELCOME to this service of worship. College Place United Methodist Church is a diverse community welcoming all persons and embracing differences of age, racial and ethnic background, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, socioeconomic status, and physical and mental ability. We invite all to join our journey of faith toward greater love, hope, and acceptance in every aspect of our Christian life together.

If you are a first time guest, please sign a guest card in the pew and return it in the offering plate, give to an usher or the pastor. “The Connection,” our newsletter, is available near the entries of the sanctuary.

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September 17, 2017

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COLLEGE PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

...seeks to be a Christ centered, diverse community open to everyone as they are. We believe all people are worthy of being loved and worthy of loving others. We strive to show God’s grace, make disciples, and change the world with our hands, our hearts, our minds, and our words.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*GATHERING AND GREETING

PRELUDE

Adult Handbells

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruth Duck

We have gathered to rejoice in our oneness in Jesus Christ!

Each of us experiences faith and life in a unique way.

Yet we have one God, one faith, and one baptism, and one Spirit who unites us all.

Let us lift our hearts as one, in songs of praise, in prayer and in listening for God's word.

Even when we leave this place, let us be joined in common concern for all humanity, like that shown by Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O HOW I LOVE JESUS NO. 170

O How I Love Jesus

OPENING PRAYER

Ruth Duck

**O God, you receive us when we turn to you;
you heal us through the power of forgiveness.**

**Through your Spirit, enable us to show our gratitude
by forgiving others.**

**Deliver us from secrets, jealousy and desire for revenge,
so that we may live in peace with you and our
human brothers and sisters. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 14:19-21

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

Response: *The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

FREEKY, FREELY NO. 389

Freely, Freely

CHILDREN'S TIME

PORT JERVIS NO. 558

I am the church! You are the Church! We are the church to-gether!

All who follow Jesus, all a-round the world! Yes, we're the church to-gether!

**We're many kinds of people, with man-y kinds of fac-es, all col-ors and all ages, too,
from all times and places. (repeat refrain)**

HANDBELL MUSIC

Rainbow Ringers

SERMON

"The Unexpected Gift"

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND WORLD

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Adult Handbells

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 885

"A Modern Affirmation"

*CLOSING HYMN

CANNONBURY NO. 463

Lord, Speak to Me

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSINGS

*CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

arr. Troutman

Procession of the Priests

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Preacher

Jason Harvey

Music

Adult Handbells
Rainbow Ringers

Altar Guild
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