

***Central United Methodist Church— service at 10:00 a.m.***

**September 18, 2022**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: *Paul Battistini — Certified Lay Minister*

Liturgist: *Susan Ramsay*      Musician: *Kyle Akin*

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<b>Centering Music:</b>	-Kyle	Heaven's blest with perfect rest, but the blessing of earth is toil.
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements:</b>	-Susan	-Henry Van Dyke in his poem, "The Toiling of Felix"
<b>Thought for the Day:</b>	-Susan	<b>Hymn:</b> <i>"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"</i> <b>UMH 474</b>
This is the gospel of labor, ring it, ye bells of the kirk.		Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light:
The Lord of love came down from above, to live with the men who work.		
This is the rose that He planted, here in in thorn-crust soil:		

*Refrain*

Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall:

*Refrain*

When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand,  
Guide my feet, hold my hand:

*Refrain*

**Greeting:** -Susan

ONE: Grace and peace, from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**Call to Worship:** -Susan

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is a good and fruitful work to give thanks to  
you,

Almighty God, in all places and at all times  
and in all our tasks.

In our cars, our homes, our offices, our fields,  
and our kitchens;

at our tables, our desks, our telephones, and  
computers;  
when we are resting or waiting, laboring or  
supervising,  
following or leading.

All these we do with all your people now on  
earth and all the  
multitude of heaven, praising your name  
and joining in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and holy is your work among us in  
Jesus Christ,  
who came to be born in the home of a  
carpenter,  
a trade he learned and practiced,  
a laborer in our midst.  
He called out fishermen and activists.  
He healed the servant of a soldier.  
He received the support of resourceful women.  
He delegated his ministry to his disciples,  
empowered all his followers  
to do his divine work in this world.  
By his suffering, death, and resurrection,  
you gave birth to your church,  
delivered us from the bondage of sin  
and the power of death  
and made with us a new covenant by water  
and the Spirit.

**Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision" **UMH 451**  
**1**

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best though by day or by night

Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

**2**

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

**3**

Great God of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys  
O Bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

**First Scripture Reading:** Genesis 2: 1-3

-Susan

**2** Heaven and Earth were finished,  
down to the last detail.  
**2-3** By the seventh day  
God had finished his work.  
On the seventh day  
he rested from all his work.  
God blessed the seventh day.  
He made it a Holy Day  
Because on that day he rested from his work,  
all the creating God had done.

**Epistle Reading:** Colossians 3: 18-24 -Susan

**18** Wives, understand and support your  
husbands by submitting to them in ways that  
honor the Master.

**19** Husbands, go all out in love for your wives.  
Don't take advantage of them.

**20** Children, do what your parents tell you. This  
delights the Master no end.

**21** Parents, don't come down too hard on your  
children or you'll crush their spirits.

**22-25** Servants, do what you're told by your  
earthly masters. And don't just do the  
minimum that will get you by. Do your best.  
Work from the heart for your real Master, for  
God, confident that you'll get paid in full when  
you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind  
always that the ultimate Master you're serving  
is Christ. The sullen servant who does shoddy  
work will be held responsible. Being a follower  
of Jesus doesn't cover up bad work.

**Sermon:** "Labor Day"

-Paul Battistini, Certified Lay Minister

**Hymn:** "They'll Know We Are Christians by  
Our Love"

**TFWS 2223**

We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, By our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love

We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, By our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love

**God Moments:** Joys and Concerns -Susan

**Pastoral Prayer:** -Paul

## **Holy Communion:**

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

**All:**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

## ***TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP***

*The bread and juice from the vine are prepared for the meal by uncovering them if they have been covered, and saying the following:*

Trusting in the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit upon each of us, we hear anew the sacred story in the letter Paul wrote to the people of ancient Corinth:

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (I Corinthians 11.23-26, NIV)

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (All)**

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

## ***BREAKING THE BREAD***

Leader: Because there is one loaf, We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

## **Communion Prayer (All)**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery**

**in which you have give yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

**Offering our Treasure and Ourselves:** -Paul

**Doxology:**

**UMH 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

-Paul

Hymn: "This is the Day"

UMH 657

Birthday Wishes

(Sing twice)

This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath  
made.

Let us rejoice, let us rejoice, and be glad in it,  
and be glad in it.

This day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice  
and be glad in it,

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord  
hath made.

Benediction: (in unison) -Paul

Lord, we ask you bless us and keep us.

Lord make Your face to shine upon us, and be  
gracious unto us.

Lord lift up Your countenance upon us, and  
give us peace,

this day and forever more. Amen.

Let's all wish Pastor Thelma Nauth a very happy  
birthday. Her birthday is Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> and I'm  
sure she would love a card. Her address is:

Pastor Thelma Nauth

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Join us in December for great music!

### **Brockton Symphony Orchestra**

#### **Holiday Pops Concert**

**Sunday, December 18th, 2022 - 3PM**

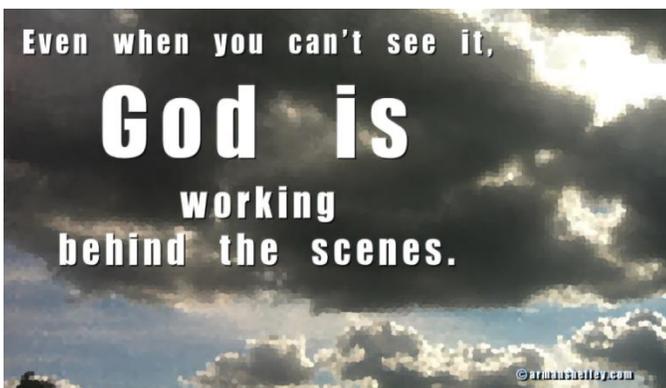
[Oliver Ames High School, North Easton](#)

**Guest Conductor: Philip Sanborn**

Sing along with our Holiday Concert in  
December, which is sure to be a joyful spectacle  
of holiday spirit!

Prices and more information to follow as we get  
it.

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*Thank you for worshipping with us at Central United Methodist Church.*

*Come as a stranger, leave as a friend.*

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**Announcements**

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**- Our service will be held outdoors on the lawn (weather permitting) at 10am and we will be led by "Still Working", the local gospel band. Hoping to see you there. Dave Dextraze will be rescheduled for Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>**- Back by popular demand, Soup Supper from 5-7pm. Come and enjoy a wide variety of soups. Pass the word and bring a friend. Adults \$9.00, Children 3-12 \$5.00, Children under 3 free

We are also planning singing Christmas Carols at Shaw Home and a trip to see the Brockton Symphony Holiday Pops Concert. Watch for further details.

**Lay Servant Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Counter</u>
9/18/22	Paul Battistini	MJ S	Nancy E	Nancy E	MJ S
9/25/22	Still Working	Susan R	Jody B	Linda M	Susan R
10/2/22	Ann Burnham	Linda M	Donna T	MJ S	Bob R
10/9/22	Susan Scott	Paul B	Nancy E	Susan R	Paul B

***Has God been calling you?***

If you have been moved to help out with the service, please let me know as I will be making up a new schedule for January to June. Thanks, Paul

