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9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 7, 2022
10:00 a.m.

The Mission of Union Church:

.... To provide a home where all are welcome
to worship God,
to learn and grow as Christians, and
to share our love, friendship and support
with all those whose lives we touch.

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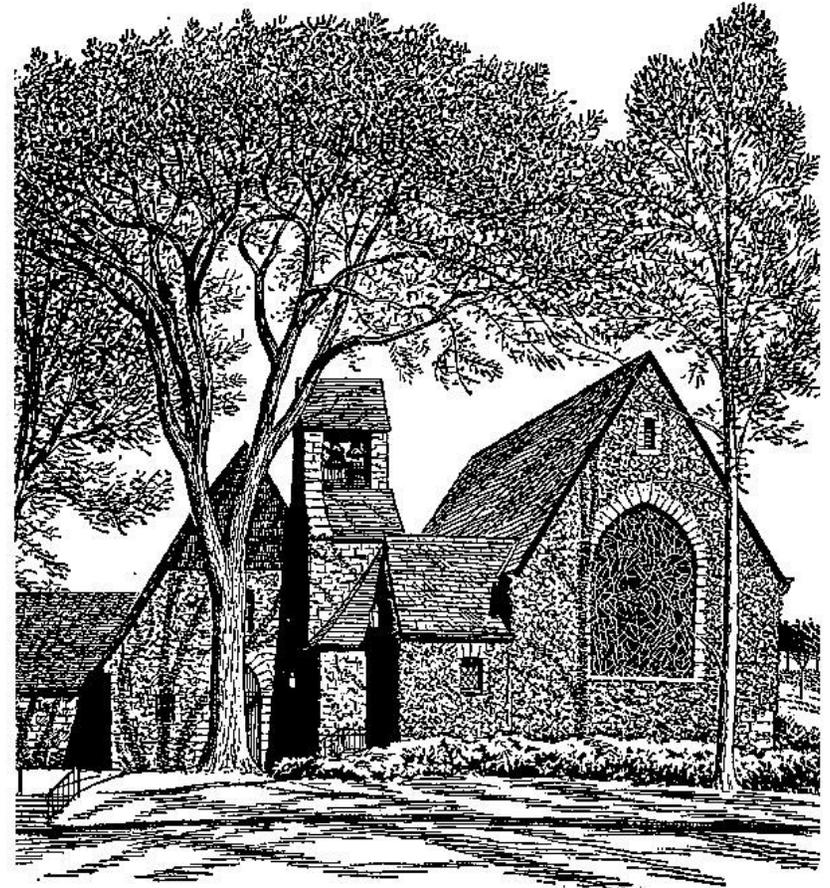
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Union Church of Pocantico Hills

Rev. Angela J. Maddalone—*Guest Preacher*
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship.

*Words spoken or sung by the congregation are noted in **bold** type.*

** Please stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

Gathering Music: Improvisation on Service Music Themes

The Striking of the Hour

Prelude for Organ Léon Boellmann (1862-1897)
Chorale-Prelude on *Adoro Te Devote*
"Thee We Adore"

The communion hymn upon which this work is based may be found in the Hymnal, 519.

Call to Worship

One: In our singing, God will be the note of joy.

All: In our praying, God will be the heartfelt Word.

One: In our searching, God will be the will to endure.

All: In our need, God will be the source of hope.

One: In our faithlessness, God will be Love that holds us.

All: We come to worship and praise our Creator together!

*Hymn 361 *Foundation*
"How Firm a Foundation"

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, at times our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Breaking of the bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us. Grow in us that we may nourish others. Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus.

Amen

SENDING

*Hymn 508 Kingdom

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude for Organ Léon Boellmann

Minuet from Suite Gothique

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP HOUR—All are invited for coffee, tea and conversation in the parish hall following the service.

PRAYER REQUESTS—Rosalyn DeHoff, Mary T. Johnson, Barbara Smith and Emma Thaler.

HEARING ASSISTANCE—The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

GUEST PREACHER—Today we welcome to the pulpit Rev. Angela J. Maddalone. She earned a Masters of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary (1998) and the Masters Sacred Theology with an emphasis in Social Ethics and Preaching from Union Theological Seminary (in 2008). She was ordained in 1999.

* Presentation of Gifts—Hymn 592

Old Hundredth

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

*Prayer of Dedication

EUCCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
(The prayer continues)

Musical Response

Setting (1980): Joseph Roff

Sanctus and Benedictus

*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.*

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Musical Response
Kyrie eleison

Setting (1984): John Weaver

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

Declaration

There is nothing to fear. God's hope is more tenacious than our despair. God's joy is more resilient than our grief. God's love is more compelling than our hate. By grace, we are gathered to God. By faith, we rest in God's promises of forgiveness and restoration. Through Christ our Lord we are set free from the bondage of sin. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Congregational Response—Hymn 417 (stanza four)

"Laud and Honor to the Father" *Regent Square*

**Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.**

Welcome and Community Celebrations and Concerns

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your

heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible .

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Love and Faith”

Rev. Angela J. Maddalone

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in our God who is the beginning and end; giver of food and drink, clothing and warmth, love and hope. We believe in Lord Jesus, carpenter’s son; love of outcasts, friend of the poor; one of us yet one with God; crucified and risen. We believe in the Holy Spirit, storm and breath of love; bridge builder, eye-opener, living power of Jesus; waker of the oppressed, God of the unexpected, untameable energy of life Holy Trinity, forever one, whose nature is community; source of all sharing, in whom we meet love and meet, and know our neighbor, life in all its fullness making all things new.

-Brian Wren

* Hymn 341

Assurance

“Blessed Assurance”

Prayers of Intercession

Invitation to the Offering

Access online giving by texting “UCPH” to 77977 on your smartphone and following the link that will appear.

Offertory Solo

Words: Psalm 84

“How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings”

Setting: Samuel Liddle (1867-1951)

Jonathan Mildner, baritone

*How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!
My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
And the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young,
Even Thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God!
O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness,
For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.*