

SERVING GOD AND YOU TODAY

Preacher The Rev. Nancy M. Ludwig
Liturgist Mark Kirsch
Guest Organist Charlie de Mets
Lectors Dick Davies, 8:15; Karen Kearns, 11:00
Greeters Kathy Grier; 8:15; Marlene Snarr, 9:30; MaryLou Frain, 11:00
Head Usher Jack Tarman
Ushers Lyn Matthews, Dick Rapson, Charlie Rumbel, 8:15
Gerry & Jim Russell, The Banks Family 11:00
Sound Operators Brad Beck, 8:15; Brad Beck and Kris Borcheck, 9:30; Rudy Cieri, 11:00

PASTORS AND STAFF

J. William Lentz, Jr., Senior Pastor
Nancy M. Ludwig, Associate Pastor
Lilian L. Cotto, Pastor of Latino Ministries

Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith – Director of Music
Charlie de Mets - Organist
Susan Tinney – Bells and Choral Musician
Brad Beck – Sexton, Technical Director
Brad Beck – Youth Coordinator
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Phyllis Morocco – Director and Teacher
Joanne Tompkins – Teacher
Kathie Beck – Assistant Director and Teacher
Julie Brown - Teacher

Teacher Assistants –
Julie Brown, Jamie Enge,
Kate Kirsch, Heather Zadroga

MISSIONARIES

Mark and Deidre Zimmerman, Nepal



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8:15

September 17, 2017 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00

PRELUDE

Cantabile

Guilmant

Charlie de Mets, Organist

APOSTOLIC BLESSING AND WELCOME

Pastor Nancy Ludwig

Welcome to our service of worship. Your presence is a great joy to us. Our hope is that you'll feel welcome and that the Spirit of God will touch your soul in worship. Please sign the Covenant of Fellowship, sharing as much information as you'd like, and then pass it down the pew for others to sign.

▲ Please stand if comfortable

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: How great is the love God has lavished on us,

People: that we should be called the children of God,

Pastor: and that is what we are!

People: Let us worship together, praising God our Father,

Pastor: and Christ Jesus our Brother, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Let us worship together as children of God.

▲ HYMN

Jesus Calls Us

No. 398

OPENING PRAYER

O God of justice and righteousness: Grant that we, your children, may be instruments of justice in our families, our congregations, our communities, and the world. Give us the desire to seek your wisdom that we may discern the good and right way for us to live. Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT II (11:00) Pg. 39

We celebrate the Covenant of Baptism for Giovanni Joseph Trausi.
Giovanni is the son of Gary and Jenna Trausi.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dick Davies, 8:15; Karen Kearns, 11:00

EPISTLE READING Romans 14:1-12 Pew Bible (NT), p. 163

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Blessed Be My Lord* Wagner
Disciple Singers and Kids Chorus

▲ GOSPEL READING John 8:1-10 Pew Bible (NT), p. 100

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

▲ GLORIA *Glory Be to the Father* No. 70

**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. Amen.**

SERMON *To Whom Are We Accountable?* Pastor Nancy Ludwig

We are often quick to judge and slow to forgive. Jesus shows us how to forgive those who sin and how to accept one another when we disagree. Each person is accountable to Christ, not to others. We must base our thoughts and actions on the Word of God.

▲ HYMN *Where Charity and Love Prevail* No. 549

▲ AFFIRMATION *A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada* No. 883

OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE

The flowers are in celebration of the wedding of
Jennifer Ziegler and John Stadvec III, who were married here yesterday.

OFFERTORY *Help Us Accept Each Other* Beck
Sanctuary Choir

▲ PROCESSION OF GRATITUDE *Doxology* No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

▲ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Gracious and generous God, accept these our gifts of love and gratitude. May they be used to bring glory to you, to help those in need, and to bring love, hope and joy to those who long for someone to care. We offer these gifts and ourselves to be used as instruments of your grace and love. In Christ's name, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

PRAYER RESPONSE *Lord, Speak to Me* Schumann

▲ HYMN *Take My Life, and Let It Be* No. 399

▲ BLESSING THE PEOPLE

Response: *Amen*

POSTLUDE *Lord, I'm Coming Home* Moore