



*Rockville United Church &
New Vision United Church of Christ
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 23, 2020 ~ 10:45 am*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

PRESENTATION OF OUR COMMON LIFE

Welcome to New Vision United Church

Scott Winnette

Minute for our Joint Mission, Syrian Refugee Project

Denise Giacomozzi &
Karen Mathewson

GATHERING MUSIC

Love Chant

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Listen! It is good and pleasant when we worship together in unity!

All: *We are like precious oil on heads and hearts.*

One: It is good and pleasant when we serve together in unity!

All: *We are like the dew of a fresh new morning and strength of the mountains.*

One: Adonai blesses and keeps us in unity!

All: *From east to west, from north to south, let us serve the Holy One
with gladness and worship God's holy name!*

HYMN***Morning Has Broken*****PRAYER OF HOPE** (in unison)

Gracious God,

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE***Spirit of the Living God*****SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there Adonai ordained a blessing, life forevermore.

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

WORD FOR CHILDREN**"Jenna and the Troublemaker"**

Jenna Stein

by Hiawyn Oram

ANTHEM**SCRIPTURE**

John 17: 1-11

The Inclusive Bible

After Jesus said this, he looked up to heaven and said, "Abba, the hour has come! Glorify your Only Begotten that I may glorify you, through the authority you've given me over all humankind, by bestowing eternal life on all those you gave me. And this is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent, Jesus, the Messiah. I have given you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Now, Abba, glorify me with your own glory, the glory I had with you before the world began. I have manifested your Name to those you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me; and now they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you've entrusted to me does indeed come from you. I entrusted to them the message you entrusted to me, and they received it.

They know that I really came from you; they believe it was you who sent me. And it's for them that I pray—not for the world, but for these you've given me—for they are really yours, just as all that belongs to me is yours, and all that belongs to you is mine. It is in them that I have been glorified. I am in the world no more, but while I am coming to you, they are still in the world. Abba, holy God, protect those whom you have given me with your Name—the Name that you gave me—that they may be one, even as we are one.

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

“Holy Unity”

Pastor Scott

HYMN

In the Bulb

MORNING PRAYER

We begin our prayer in silence considering the essential workers who care for us during the pandemic and we honor the military personnel, innocent civilians, and disaster victims who have died this week.

Please pause for a moment of meditative silence.

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TEACHES US (in unison)

An interpretation of Parker Palmer

***Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come, We pray that your good will be done, Let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, Give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, From each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence Beyond the evil of our days — Come swiftly Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One.***

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Psalm 103
 Sanctuary Choir, Composed by Jim Levy

Doxology Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Spirit of wind and fire, God of great possibilities, breathe Your new life into the world through these gifts we return to You. Give us the gift of carrying You to others in ways that all may understand. Make us instruments of Your peace, through our own spiritual gifts and through the outreach of our offerings. Amen.

HYMN

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

MOMENT FOR LEAVING

SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP