

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OH THE PLACES WE GO: The Cairns and Markers

SUMMER WORSHIP

COMMUNION SUNDAY

September 1, 2024

9:45 AM

OH THE PLACES WE GO: Welcome! Join us as together we journey through an eight-week summer sermon series that will invite you to explore the ways in which our own life's journeys are marked by the backdrop of sacred places. Each Sunday, Churchgoers will be invited to pick up one river stone. At the end of the sermon series, each churchgoer will have enough stones to build a cairn (a marker used to commemorate the importance of a place/direction/location/ boundary). At the end of our journey this summer, you are invited to mark a sacred place using the stones you collected in worship to build your cairn, or simply leave the cairn somewhere in your home, to remind you of the sacred places that mark the journeys of your lives.

PRELUDE *Prelude in C# minor, BWV 873* Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come! God is leading us home.

Our wandering is over at last.

Come! God is leading us home.

Home, to a safe and loving place.

Come! God is leading us home.

There is no more hunger or thirst.

Come! God is leading us home.

Our lives have meaning and joy.

Come! God is leading us home.

Our souls find rest at last.

*HYMN *#543 Blessed Assurance*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*SILENT CONFESSION

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

Please be seated as the children are invited forward.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you. *(Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor!)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please Lord, we also pray for: Those suffering from the effects of flooding, fires and war; healing and comfort for Olive Barrett, Marcia Bibeault, Dick Lane, Michael Martens, Jack Stone.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Amen

Paul Harvey

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALL TO OFFERING



For your convenience, we have included a QR code for donations. Thank you for your generosity.

*DOXOLOGY

#422 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (vs. 3)*

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God, Immanuel, everywhere! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

*UNISON OFFERING PRAYER

Pour your Spirit upon these gifts, O God. Send them into the world as a sign and song of your joyous work of love. Use them to bring hope where there is despair, compassion where there is hate, and healing where there are wounds. May abundance be found in our giving and receiving. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 4:1-9 (Cairns/Sacred Markers) Claire Houston

When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, "Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, and command them, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.'" Then Joshua summoned the twelve men whom he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe. Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever."

The Israelites did as Joshua commanded. They took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua, carried them over with them to the place where they camped, and laid them down there. (Joshua set up twelve

stones in the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood, and they are there to this day.)

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This ends the reading of God's Holy Word.

For the Word of God in Scripture; for the Word of God among us; for the Word of God within us, **thanks be to God!**

SERMON & Witness: Rev. Anne Marie Holloway & Lily Girard Sabbagh

ANTHEM *Come Unto Him* Harvey

Paul Harvey, tenor

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP BY INTINCTION

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORDS PRAYER:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which the bread and cup demonstrate your endless love for all. 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, whose name we pray the prayer he taught us saying: "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.

*HYMN #622 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*BENEDICTION Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

We leave this place by many paths.

May God be our guide.

We go in confidence that God is with us, protecting us.

May God be our guide.

May we walk in faith on paths established by God.

May God be our guide.

May we work and live with God.

May God be our guide.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *May The Lord Bless You and Keep You Harvey*

May the Lord bless and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you. May the Lord be gracious unto you, unto you, and give you rest. God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C# minor, BWV 873* Bach

USHERS

Marion Hornblower and Jo-Ann McDonagh

COMMUNION SERVERS

Andy Marcoux

COFFEE HOUR

Paul Harvey

ALTAR FLOWERS

With our appreciation and in celebration of the Holloways on your 25th wedding anniversary, from your Allin family.

Be sure to visit our website to see all that is happening at the Allin Congregational Church!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

TODAY: 8th Week & Final Week of Summer Worship Preaching Series: Sacred Journeys: Oh The Places We Go: Mountains, Seas & Roadways...

TODAY: Book Brunch Bunch 11:30 (Summer Reads: Practice the Pause) @ Grateful Diner! (Bring \$15 for breakfast)

LOOKING AHEAD!

To Be Rescheduled: Church Beach Day at Rexhame Beach for Families!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR RALLY DAY ON SEPTEMBER 8th!!

Sunday, September 8th Rally Day Worship, Blessing of the Backpacks & Ice Cream Social – Church School begins!

Friday, September 13th, 4:30-5:30pm: Children's Program Volunteer Training

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Sunday, September 15th: Church Council Meeting

Saturday, September 28th 9am-1pm: September One Day Allin Church Retreat Part 2

September 28th 7:30pm-Tentative Music Concert TBD

Sunday, October 6th 1-2pm Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 27th 3pm Pastor Anne Marie's Installation Service

Minister's Office Hours

Rev. Anne Marie would love to visit with you at the church during the week or meet you for coffee! She holds office hours on most Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9:30 and 12:30pm! Drop in or schedule a time to meet! She is available to meet off site Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Just send her an email at pastorannem@allinchurch.org

Rev. Anne Marie tries to hold Fridays and Saturdays as her Sabbath, as they are often filled with sermon editing/writing and family appointment days.

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