



*Niccolls Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 29th, 2018

10:00 am

Our Mission

*To live out Christ's love
by nurturing spiritual growth and fellowship,
and by reaching out in faith and love.*

***We invite those who are able, to stand.**

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Ground of All Being, we open our hearts to your peace, we open our consciousness to your call to be your people, healed, reconciled and no longer strangers to one another.

“The Gathering”

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT –

I rejoiced when they said, “Let’s worship,”

I rejoiced when they said, “Let’s rise.”

I rejoiced when they said “Let’s worship,” worship our God Most High!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Donna Dutton

One: God, we are hungry,

And have come to be nourished by your Spirit.

All: God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.

One: We watch as green fields become wholesome grain,

And have come to be nourished, that we might be whole.

All: God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.

One: God, you have sown us and nourished us and loved us.

All: Help us, in the fullness of our lives, to feed your world.

***HYMN – “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”**

#738

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: Gracious God, with the Psalmist we ask,

“Can we discern our own errors?

Are we all not guilty of hidden faults

and the sin of thinking that we are less sinful than those around us?”

That our self-righteousness may not have dominion over us,

we offer you this prayer of confession:

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of all people, we know that there is no need for hunger,
no need for poverty, no need of the great inequalities of this world, and yet,
we have accepted the suffering and oppression of your children as if there is nothing we can do;
as if we are not responsible, and we are ashamed, and we are afraid.**

Afraid, that if we dare to do the things

that really make a difference in the lives of those in need,

that our lives will be diminished;

that our friends will walk away;

that our sacrifice won’t really make a difference..

Help us to help each other

to do the better thing; to live a better life.

Living God, cultivate within our hearts a reckless generosity,

and plant within us spirits of simplicity and balance

in body, mind and soul. In the way of Jesus Christ, Amen

***MOMENT FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: God of all times, though so often we fail to be generous,
your generosity toward us is never-ending!
By sending Christ and the Spirit to your people,
you have extended generosity beyond measure,
and we are grateful and humbled and hopeful.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***THE PEACE**

One: As God in Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another
and pass the peace of Christ to each other.
The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the Peace of Christ with one another.
Greet those around you with: *"The peace of Christ be with you."*

***THE GLORIA – #582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness Shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

"Engaging the Word"

Prayer of Illumination

One: May the words of my mouth,

All: And the whisperings of all our hearts,

One: Be acceptable in your sight,

All: Our rock and our redeemer. Amen

The Gospel Lesson - John 6: 1-15 pg. 867

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Old Testament Lesson- II Samuel 11 & 12 pg.248

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON – *"Teaching Moments"*

by: Rev. Ed Townsend

*HYMN – *“The Church of Christ in Every Age”* #320

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Thanksgiving”

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY – #709

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Creator God, for your many gifts to us, we give you thanks,
All: and pray that we might use our gifts to make good news
known to all people, in Jesus’ name. Amen

“Sending”

*HYMN – *“When the Poor Ones”* #762

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*EXTROIT – (all sing) #700 v.1

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere,
Lord, any time!
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere,
Lord, any time

Notes and Announcements

Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to our fellowship in Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church. We hope you feel comfortable and will be strengthened in your walk with God. We invite you to join us for fellowship and sustenance in the Social Room following worship.

We begin our worship this day by remembering our baptism. Also, please notice the empty plate (paten) and cup (chalice) on the center of the Communion Table. These symbols speak to us of our hunger for Christ who feeds us at this table.

GET TO KNOW AND VOTE ON YOUR NEW PASTOR

Trumpets sound and flags go up. It is time to meet the pastor candidate! Saturday, August 4th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. is the first opportunity you will have to meet, talk to and question, Rev. Loril Hawk. A luncheon is planned for 1:00 p.m. at which time Rev. Loril will be introduced, give a brief biography, then answer any and all questions you might have of her. This is a chance for you to get to know her as a person before you hear her from the pulpit.

On the following day, Sunday, August 5th, Rev. Loril will be conducting both services so you have a chance to hear her from the pulpit. Immediately after the 10:00 a.m. service there will be a Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary to vote on Rev. Loril as Teaching Elder of Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church and her terms of call. Teaching Elder is another term for pastor.

All members of Niccolls will be able to vote at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 5th. We hope you will all join us for both events for this important and exciting time in our church.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Jan Park if you or someone you know has a special need; please call her at 315-369-6889.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY – Praying for others is a blessing and a privilege. If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, please ask if you may share his or her name and need with the prayer chain at Niccolls. If the response is yes, please call Sue Mahoney at 315-390-4025, and she will initiate the chain. All information is confidential and is not shared with anyone other than prayer chain members.

CHURCHES PRAYER CYCLE – The Presbyterian Church is connectional by design and practice. Every week we lift up in prayer a church or ministry within the Presbytery of Utica. This week we pray for: Personnel Committee, of the Presbytery of Utica.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – The Nominating Committee has begun its search for new Elders and Deacons. These terms would begin in October and run for 3 years. Do you feel called to be a caregiver for our church family and beyond into our community? Would you like to suggest the name of someone you feel would be able to fill these roles? If so, please contact Deb Langworthy, Nancy Venetz or Dee Kraft.

WEAVING HOME – The Weaving Home is having contemplative worship each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at The Barn in Woodgate for July and August. For more information see Naomi Kelly.

BM COMMUNITY CHAPEL – Annual Bazaar and Festival, 5 miles West of Eagle Bay on Big Moose Rd., August 4 from 9am to 2pm. Features locally made balsam pillows plus Adirondack and “moosey” items, quilt raffle, bake sale with homemade fruit pies, kids’ games, chapel tours, holyday items, food at the Hungry Moose café and free live music by family entertainer Fritz Henry.

STAFF OPENING – We are still looking for a part time Music Director who will lead our singing church. Must be able to play either organ and/or piano, direct our Sunday choir and be willing to work with our pastor and worship committee in creatively taking our church in worship through music. For inquiries, please e-mail us at niccollschurch@gmail.org or call the church office at 315-369-3475.

Calendar of Events Week of July 30 to August 5

Monday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	7pm-8:30pm	Mission Boutique Open
	8pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	7pm-8:30pm	Mission Boutique Open
Saturday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	1pm-3pm	« Getting to Know You » Luncheon
Sunday	7:30am & 10:00am	Worship Service
	11am	Congregational Meeting & Vote

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Sunday Service Broadcast WBRV-900 AM, 101.3 FM, WLLG-FM 99.3
Listen live online from anywhere in the world at themoose.net

Guest Preacher – Rev. Ed Townsend

Pastor Emeritus – Rev. James L. Ulrich

Pianist/Music Director – Olivia Phaneuf

Accompanist – Judith Barker

Ushers – Nancy Doud, Deb Elmer & Marcia MacDonald

Our guest preacher, Ed Townsend, has been a member of Utica Presbytery (on and off) for 35 years. He has been the Teaching Elder at Three Steeples United in Paris, NY for the past 17 years. He has continued to be involved in the local music scene, performing with his own bands and promoting other musicians through the weekly Dinner and Music program in the Barn at Three Steeples.

For immediate Pastoral needs, please contact: Rev. Naomi Kelly
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