

CHILMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 15, 2024

MEDITATION

“For Jesus, there are no countries to be conquered, no ideologies to be imposed, no people to be dominated. There are only children, women and men to be loved.” - Henri Nouwen

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Quiet

Introit (seated) *Spirit of the Living God* #393

*Call to Worship (**please stand as you are able*)

One: Let us rejoice, for the morning has dawned. A new day has been born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

All: We know the beauty of God’s creation and the wonder of the human family. We remember those whose love has shaped our lives and those whose struggle for justice has been unsleeping even in nighttime of loneliness.

One: We gather in our church to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God’s work in the world.

All: May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.

*Hymn *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* #152

Song: *Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.*

Unison Prayer of Invocation and the Lord’s Prayer (seated)

Holy God, we thank you that you receive us not according to our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. You receive us as we are. You show us what we can be. You have come to us in Jesus Christ to share our

common lot and reconcile us to yourself. Sweep over us with your Spirit, change us by your love, that we may sing with joy before you, and live to your glory in the world. Be with us this morning as we pray together: *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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture I Corinthians 12:12-27

Reflection One Body, Many Members Rev. Dr. Wright

Interlude (seated)

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

THANKSGIVING

The Offering

*Doxology #95

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, from whom we receive every good and perfect gift, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

*Hymn *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* #383

Benediction (seated)

Postlude

Please join us for Fellowship and Coffee in the Parish Hall after the service

Rev. Dr. Charlotte Wright, Pastor
Sean McMahon, Music Minister