# 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

10:00 AM

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF APPROACH (UNISON)

Creator God, we gather again this morning to lift our hearts in praise. And we give you thanks for your amazing generosity to us and for the world we live in. Be present, we pray, and receive all we have to give that your name may be honored above all else. Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119)

Bea Boak, Liturgist

One: Praise the LORD and pray in his name!

All: Tell everyone what he has done.

One: Sing praises to the LORD!

All: Tell about his miracles. Celebrate and worship his holy name with all your heart.

One: Trust the LORD and his mighty power.

All: Remember his miracles and all his wonders

\*HYMN #476 (1-4) "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

We are grateful, O God, for your unimaginable generosity to us and to the world in general. You have provided us with all we need, and more. And so, at this moment of our day, we pause to say `thank you' for all you have done and for your trust in us.

We ask you to bless our labors and our desire to show our desire to be your faithful people so that we too may touch the world with love. Amen.

\* HYMN #388 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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\*For those who are able, please stand.

### **Biographical Sketch**

Rev. Dr. N. Scott Cupp is a native New Yorker, who grew up in Williamson (outside of Rochester) and went to School in Canton and then Denver, Louisville, and Chicago. He received his Doctorate, from McCormick Seminary, in Congregational Transformation.

Scott had been Head of Staff of four churches. His first church was in a suburb of Youngstown, OH, and then in Nashville, TN, and then in suburban Philadelphia. He served the Synod of the NE as an Associate for Church Development. After leaving the Synod he served as an Interim Pastor in Howlett Hill, Rochester, and Seneca Falls. In 2011 he went to New Jersey to serve as an Interim Pastor and ended up serving as the Head of Staff there until he retired.

He is known in the Syracuse area for his involvement in cooperative ministries with Robinson, Taunton, and Howlett Hill. Since returning to Syracuse in retirement he has served as a guest Worship Leader for numerous churches throughout the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse and Susquehanna Valley.

Scott recently published a book entitled "Come and See for Yourself – The Gospel as If for the First Time." It is a retelling of the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke into a continuous story.

He has been married to his wife Tonia for 42 years. They have three grown children – Matthew, Nicholas, and Cassandra. Scott and Tonia live in Manlius along with a cat and a dog.

- Today's Usher: Heidi Henderson
- Coffee Hour: today is hosted by Bea Boak
- **Choir Practice:** will be held at 9:15 each Sunday morning before Worship
- **Meals on Wheels:** is still collecting brown paper bags. If you have some to donate, please drop them off in the church office.
- **Pastor Kirsty will be on Study Leave:** until Sept. 29. Please contact Andy Brussel (315-491-8126) or Kathy Bowen (315-283-1338) for pastoral needs during this time.
- Deacons: Tues., Sept. 26, 7:00 in the Media Center
- Worship & Music: Mon., Oct. 2, 10:30 in the Media Center
- Book Club: Tues., Oct. 3, 10:00 in the Media Center
- Buildings & Grounds: Tues., Oct. 3, 7 p.m. in the Media Center

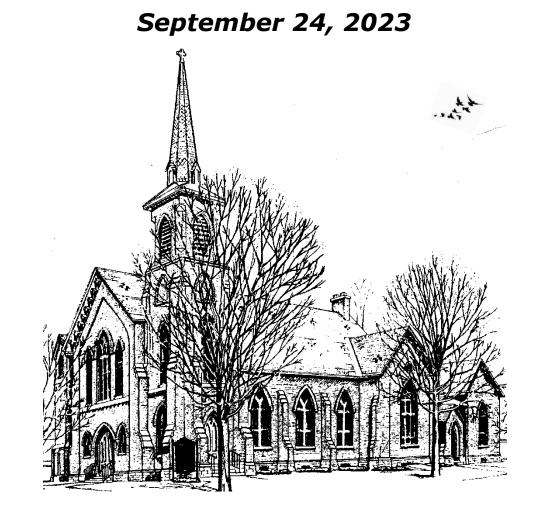
# **Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence**

Nancy Dobbins; Linda McMahon

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# **Identity Statement**

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Generous God, in amazement we acknowledge your graciousness to us both individually and as a people. At the same time, we acknowledge that we sometimes act as if we deserve what you have given us. Worse yet, we are jealous of the blessings others have received. We wonder what they have done to be so blessed. We become dissatisfied because we somehow feel cheated.

Remind us, in whatever means necessary, that what we have been given are gifts from your generous heart and not the result of our being any better than anyone else. Forgive us for our self-centeredness and help us to celebrate when we see others being blessed for then we know they are part of your holy family.

#### SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri #579

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE: One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **All: And also with you.** One: Let us share signs of peace with one another.

### WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Jonah 3.10-4.11	Liturgist
	red Bible p.1122, black Bible p.860	

MUSICAL OFFERING

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20.1-15

**Rev. Dr. N. Scott Cupp** red Bible p. 1197, black Bible p. 21

### WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (UNISON)

*Liturgist* C-67 9.21-23

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*HYMN #298 "There is a Wideness in God's Mercy"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, your name is Holy. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, in the same way, we forgive those who have done wrong to us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours' is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY HYMN #2036 "Give Thanks"