

Sunday Worship Service at 10:15 AM July 14- 8th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B
Worship with Rejoicing: Week 1 Gathering for Worship

Mission Statement of New London United Methodist Church:

Build a connected church community through partnership and neighborhood outreach.
Promote spiritual growth and discipleship through mutually encouraging gifts and faith.

Vision Statement of New London United Methodist Church:

Build Connections. Build Partnerships. Build Spiritual Growth.

Welcome

Greeting: God is good **all the time**. All the time **God is good**.

***Hymn “Sing To The King”**

***Call to Worship**

When we witness our work bear good fruit and rejoice in all God has done among us...

we gather for worship.

When misunderstanding and misinformation threaten to divide instead of unite us...

we gather for worship.

When we dance together in the joy of knowing we belong to God and one another...

we gather for worship.

When we stumble and bumble our way forward as God’s grace guides us into greater love and deeper communion...

we gather for worship. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2024.

***Prayer of Invocation**

God of secret purposes and extravagant blessings, we come to praise you. We come because we want to, we sing our songs because we are glad to, we pray for your grace because we need to, and we ask for the love of Christ in our hearts because without it we are a dead loss.

Please lift every shutter within our mind, and open every door within our soul, that you, the Lord of glory, the God of countless hosts, may come in. Through Christ Jesus, the joy of loving hearts. Amen!

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Psalm 24 (Common English Bible, CEB)

A psalm of David.

The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants too. Because God is the one who established it on the seas; God set it firmly on the waters. Who can ascend the LORD’s mountain? Who can stand in his holy sanctuary? Only the one with clean hands and a pure heart;

the one who hasn’t made false promises, the one who hasn’t sworn dishonestly. That

kind of person receives blessings from the LORD and righteousness from the God who saves. And that's how things are with the generation that seeks him—that seeks the face of Jacob's God. *Selah*

Mighty gates: lift up your heads! Ancient doors: rise up high! So the glorious king can enter! Who is this glorious king? The LORD—strong and powerful! The LORD—powerful in battle! Mighty gates: lift up your heads! Ancient doors: rise up high! So the glorious king can enter! Who is this glorious king? The LORD of heavenly forces—he is the glorious king! *Selah*

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, NRSVUE)

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God, and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals...

It was told King David, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing, and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatted calf. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Response: *The Word of God, for the people of God! Thanks be to God!*

***Hymn** "We Fall Down"

Time of Prayer

How Is It With Your Soul?

Debi- (Prayers for the People & Joys and Concerns) followed by a Pastoral Prayer then lead everyone by saying: "Together we pray..."

Unison Prayer

May our minds listen to you calling, may our hearts be attuned to your will, may our feet follow you in the world, through Jesus, the Word become flesh, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Time of Offering *Thank you to everyone for your faithful generosity.*

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, in this sacred moment of offering, we recognize your sovereignty and mercy. As we present our gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our journeys. Guide us to dance with abandon, even amid our doubts and struggles, trusting in your steadfast love and grace. Amen.

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Song of Offering **“Lord I Life Your Name on High”**

Sermon “Gathering for Worship”

Rev. Debi VanDenBoom

***Commission and Blessing**

Family of God, week in and week out, we gather for worship to support, to encourage, to learn, to confess, and to praise. These and more are the rhythms of our life with God and one another. Go now from this place blessed by grace to *keep dancing*. Keep dancing with the Triune God. Keep dancing with your neighbors. Keep dancing with all creation. Keep dancing in the love of God and for the love of God that your lives may be blessings to all you meet. Amen.

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***Hymn** **“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”**

Announcements

Read for Next Week:

2 Samuel 7:1-14a