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*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Harlan Otter

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Here Is Peace Hymn #3123 Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** Carolyn Nuzzi

O Lord our God
 you are always ready to bestow your good gifts on us
 than we are to see them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve.
 Help us so to seek that we may truly find,
 so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
 so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us;
 through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen
 (The Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, 20th Century, Alt.)

***Centering Prayer**
 May the warm winds of heaven blow softly on our house
May the Great Spirit bless all who enter here
 (Traditional Cherokee Nation Prayer)

***Hymn of Praise** Spirit of the Living God #393

Children's Moment Terri Hudak

WE HEAR THE WORD

1st Reading James 5:13-20 Carolyn Nuzzi

13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. **14** Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** The prayer of faith will save the

sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. **16** Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. **17** Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. **18** Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. **19** My brothers and sisters,[g] if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, **20** you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's[h] soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

(Musical Interlude)

***Scripture Reading** Mark 9:38-50 Carolyn Nuzzi

38 John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone[j] casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." **39** But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. **40** Whoever is not against us is for us. **41** For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. **42** "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me,[k] it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. **43** If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell,[l] to the unquenchable fire.[m] **45** And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.[n][o] **47** And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,[p] where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. **49** "For everyone will be salted with fire.[q] **50** Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?[r] Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Reflecting on God's Message How Should We Pray As We Should? Chuck Samson
 Featuring A Prayer Like Any Other (Keith Welch)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn of Response Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire #492

Prayers of the People

Ministers: *All members of the New Milford UMC*

Invitation of the Offering musical selection by Harlan Otter

Offertory Anthem The Beauty of Thy Love Chancel Choir
(Lloyd Larson)

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

Offering Prayer Chuck Samson

***Sending Hymn** Every Time I Feel The Spirit #404

Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator, 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.
Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Benediction Chuck Samson

Grant, O Lord
that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Postlude Harlan Otter

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18th Sunday After Pentecost | 09.26.2021 | 9:30am

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.
Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!
Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status,
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.*