



***“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man  
remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit.”***  
John 15:5a

**May 20, 2018**  
***Scott Woods Memorial Bell Choir and Senior Choir***

**WELCOME.** We are a compassionate Christian community fostering a personal connection with God for people of all ages and expressing God's love through worship, education, mission, music and fellowship.

We're glad to gather together as a community of faith today. No matter where you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here to join in worship and service. If you are new to this community of faith, we rejoice in your presence with us. Remember, we're not strangers, but rather friends who journey together, following the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a newcomer, we invite you to sign the pew pad.

**MISS A WORSHIP SERVICE?** Services are recorded every week. A CD-R is available upon request by contacting the church office at 342-4242.

**Rev. Mouser can be reached** by cell at 519-5280,  
or by email at [pastorcarson@summervillechurch.org](mailto:pastorcarson@summervillechurch.org)

***Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday  
from 8:30-4, Thursdays 8:30-noon***

**GREETERS:** ALISON LEAVITT

**USHER:** JULIE GIRON

**BANK BAG:** CINDY SMITH

**MUSIC:** TERESA SHYR

**To arrange transportation for next Sunday, May 27th,** please call the office at 342-4242 before noon on Wednesday, May 23rd.

Please join us after Worship in Fellowship Hall. Your host is SUSAN CONNOR.



***Flowers today are in loving memory of***

***Gretchen from Hal***

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

**\*those who are able, please stand**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #466** (blue- Presbyterian Hymnal or PH)

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON

**WELCOME**

PASTOR CARSON & ADAM IMMERWAHR

**CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE**

*Almighty God, we pray for peace. Peace to quiet our minds and open them to the wisdom of storytelling. May we realize there are other tales besides our own that can teach us something new. Help me to see others as they are with love and compassion. Amen.*

**PRELUDE** “I Love to Tell the Story”

YOUTUBE: CHRIS RUPP

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (by Cindy Lattimer)

DEBBIE CARTER

Leader: Listen! The story of God is unfolding...

**Women: It is the story of Abraham and Sarah, of Moses and the Exodus.**

**Men: It is the story of the prophets and the kings.**

Leader: It is the story of Jesus and his followers.

**Women: A story of sadness and hope, joy and pain.**

**Men: Of courage and redemption, faith and doubt.**

Leader: It is my story.

**Women: It is my story.**

**Men: It is my story.**

**All: This is our story. This is God’s story.**

Leader: Listen! The story of God within us is unfolding...

**SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM:** "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

**OPENING PRAYER:** (unison)

DEBBIE CARTER

*(based upon the blog of Kelly Rae Roberts)*

**Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of living in this world. You give our bodies breath and our minds creativity and our souls the ability to connect with you. Surrounded by family, friends and a community of faith, we believe in the transformative power of telling our stories. Telling our stories is not only a way for us to process, heal and grow individually, but it's also a gift we offer to others. It is a means to inspire hope, change and goodness as well as build relationships with one another. There are some people among us who don't think they have a story, that their lives are "regular" or boring or somehow not special. And we know some people who think that their story isn't worth telling until they've achieved success (however they define success). We also know some people who think that the story they experienced when they were 5 or 15 defines who they are today, and who they're capable of becoming. By practicing courage and learning how far-reaching your love and compassion truly is, we are able to appreciate our experiences and give voice to our stories. We ask for a special blessing upon the brave individuals who are sharing their stories with us this morning and the actors who have recited them. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

BARB ORDWAY

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.

**All: We have faced a new day with dread instead of joy.**

Leader: Like Jonah, we have turned away from your call.

**All: We have had days of idleness, lacking in motivation and gratitude.**

Leader: We have not thought about the fragility of life.

**All: We have taken each breath for granted.**

Leader: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**All: O God, forgive us for what we have been.**

Leader: Open our eyes and our hearts, gracious God, to recognize that you alone are at the core of our existence. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

BARB ORDWAY

The assurance of God's grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, Christ raises us to new life.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**WORDS FOR CHILDREN** "I Know Who Jesus Is"

DEBBIE CARTER

**HYMN #304** (blue-PH) "Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1)

JESUS LOVES ME

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Psalm 32

RUTH MCNAMARA

**STORY:** "Ocean Time"

TOLD BY MARY HAVERFIELD

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

RUTH MCNAMARA

**HYMN #411** (blue- PH)

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

FESTAL SONG

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** Matthew 27:26-31

TODD HAYES

**STORY:** "The Passion"

TOLD BY BILL CARTER

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** John 15:1-17

TODD HAYES

**BELL CHOIR ANTHEM:** "Light and Shine"

ARRANGED BY KATHY WISSINGER

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Exodus 16:9-18

SUSAN CONNOR

**STORY:** "One Letter"

TOLD BY SARAH GUERESCHI

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** Matthew 5:1-10

SUSAN CONNOR

**ANTHEM:** "Find You on my Knees"

YOUTUBE: 10-YEAR-OLD KAITLYN MAHER

SONGWRITERS: BEN GLOVER / KARI JOBE / MATT BRONLEWE

*Trouble chasing me again  
Breaking down my best defense  
I'm looking  
God, I'm looking for you.*

*So what if sorrow shakes my faith  
What if heartache still remains  
I'll trust you  
'Cause you are faithful  
And I will....*

*Weary just won't let me rest  
And fear is filling up my head  
I'm longing  
God, I'm longing for you,  
But I will...*

CHORUS

CHORUS: *Find you in the place I'm in  
Find you when I'm at my end  
Find you when there's  
Nothing left of me to offer you  
Except for brokenness*

*'Cause when my hope is gone  
When the fear is strong  
When the pain is real  
When it's hard to heal  
When my faith is shaken  
And my heart is broken  
And my joy is stolen  
God, I know that you lift me up  
You never leave me thirsty*

*You lift me up  
You never leave me thirsty  
When I am weak  
When I am lost and searching  
I find you on my knees.*

CHORUS

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, JOYS AND CONCERNS**

PASTOR CARSON

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY – HYMN # 556** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

PASTOR CARSON

Each of us is a fragile miracle, evidence of God's creative hands and amazing grace. We are each unique unrepeatable gifts to the world. We are proof of God's love. And so we, who are the gifts of creation, now give gifts to our Creator. Gifts brought in love. Amen.

*(Offertory from Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand)*

**\*HYMN #438** (blue-PH)

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

**BENEDICTION**

PASTOR CARSON

**POSTLUDE** "Rondo Passacaglia"

CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI

*We celebrate our amazing Bell Choir today.....*

*Jackie Anderson, our Director and our ringers:*



Holly Streb	Debbie Carter
Jared Streb	Sue Smith
Colin Streb	Cindy Ames
Barb Chamberlain	Linda Verni
Allison Cubitt	Marilyn Drumm
Alison Leavitt	Barb James
Teresa Shyr	Katherine Smith

## MAY MONTHLY MISSION

### Rochester Animal Services

This organization is committed to improving public safety and quality of life for city residents and to the humane treatment of animals, and the promotion of responsible pet ownership.

Their Wish List includes:



pet shampoo	pet carriers	pet food (unopened)
6 foot leashes	enrichment toys	puppy training pads
metal food dishes	pro nail clippers	cotton swabs
easy walk harnesses – medium or large		

*Bless the Lord, all creatures, everywhere in God's domain. Bless the Lord, my soul.*  
Psalm 103:22



## UPCOMING CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

**May 6th**



MAKING TEACHER  
GIFTS & CHURCH  
SCHOOL DAY  
PREP  
ROOM 10

**May 13th**



CELEBRATION &  
GIVING  
FINISH  
POSTERS  
ROOM 10

**May 20th**



OUT-OF-THE-  
BOX WORSHIP

**May 27th**

NO CLASS

**June 3rd**

CHURCH SCHOOL  
REHEARSAL RM. 12

**June 10th**

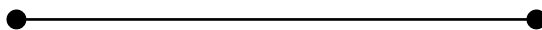
CHURCH  
SCHOOL DAY

## Youth Group News (Grades 6-12)

- Kayaking & Dinner at Carters': date at the end of June to be determined

# TELLING OUR STORIES

Today's storytelling project began in November of 2017 when Adam Immerwahr's artist-in-residence project at the Nassau Presbyterian Church in NJ came to our attention. After Session and congregational approval, the project was embraced. Thank you to our interviewers—Bill Carter, Susan Connor, Todd Hayes, Ruth McNamara, Barb Ordway—who selected members that they wanted to hear their stories. Thank you to Bill Carter, Sarah Guereschi, and Mary Haverfield for their willingness to memorize the selected stories and act them out for you today. Thank you to the folks that were willing to share their stories. This project was possible through the Judy Lane Memorial Fund, and I know she's delighted to sponsor this project since telling stories during the Words with Children was one of her shining moments among us.



## **Movie Night at SPC**

**Starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 2nd**

### **Feature Presentations**

**The Shack**

**A Dog's Purpose**

**Jumanji  
(new version)**

**Popcorn & snacks provided  
bring a comfy chair if you wish**

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION WILL BE HELD AFTER WORSHIP  
ON JUNE 3RD.**

### **Sunday, May 20th**

10:00 am

11:15 am

7:00 pm

### ***Out-of-the-Box, Stories, Bell Choir Recognition***

Worship

Time with Adam Immerwahr      Fellowship Hall

St. Paul Fire Exempt Memorial Service      FH

### **Monday, May 21st**

10:00 am

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

Shawl Group

AA

Session

Memorial Lounge

Room 15

Memorial Lounge

### **Tuesday, May 22nd**

9-noon

SNS Carnival

Fellowship Hall (rain only)

### **Wednesday, May 23rd**

10:30 am

6:30 pm

6:30 pm

6:45 pm

Staff Meeting

Bell Choir

Troop 127

Troop 79

Memorial Lounge

Sanctuary

Room 14

Room 15

### **Thursday, May 24th**

8:30-3pm

SNS Graduation

Fellowship Hall

### **Next Sunday, May 27th**

10:00 am

Worship