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# Worship Service & Sunday School Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:15 a.m.

Join us in welcoming our new Sunday School teacher, Maani Ekka.

Maani is a senior Music & Global Educational Studies major at St. Olaf College and is passionate about education of all forms, but particularly Christian Education.

Sunday School will take place three Sundays per month (October-May).

The children will begin in the sanctuary and stay through the children's sermon.

They will then spend approx. 45-minutes with Maani enjoying stories, music, and crafts.

The service will also be available via YouTube for those desiring to participate from home.

### **Live Streaming:**

Click Here: <http://youtube.com/channel/UCBYMT5pV5dLXGHjX5iaYXYQ/live>

## Thank you from Pastor Kristen



*Dear Friends in the Faith of Christ at Chapel Hills,*

*Thank you so much for the lovely send-off with all of the goodies, sweet notes, comments and well wishes. I felt quite blessed on Sunday by all of you and the love and grace you have given me. Thank you so much for the wonderful colorful stole. I will bring this with me in my ministry and when I wear it I will think of you all and smile!*

*Know that you and your life together and your ministry will be in my prayers and I trust that God will lead you through the chapters of faith and life that are before you.*

*“Guard the good treasure entrusted to you,  
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.” —2 Timothy 1:14*

*I am so grateful for you and these years we have shared. You will all always hold a very special place in my heart and I will remember my time with you fondly.*

*In God’s Abundant Grace of Christ,  
+ Pastor Kristen*



## *In Prayer*

- Prayers of thanksgiving for Karl Jacobson's full recovery from leukemia.
- Bob Huber's sister, Margaret, who has been diagnosed with kidney failure.
- Ron Molony asks prayers for his brother-in-law, Rich Hollingworth.
- Cindy Stille and Jack Gillespie ask prayers for their friends: Jerry Donnelly (Phoenix, AZ) and Bob Honel (Tomah, WI), both now in hospice.
- Annette & John Ronan's son, Michael, who is being treated for cancer.
- Healthcare and front-line workers.
- Doug Allen, Lee Carlson, Mykayla Cunningham, Julie Ford, Anna Kerr, Dorothy Lundberg, Annette Ronan, Timm, Tracy & Tristalyn Smith, Gail Stalpes, and Marge Williams.

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## **Neighbors In Need Offering**

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Please give generously.

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## **Cooks of Chapel Hills - Ukrainian Cuisine**

The Cooks of Chapel Hills will kick off a restart of our dinner and fellowship events on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> with a celebration of the food and culture of Ukraine.

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Be sure to get your name on the list. We will be contacting you individually once we see how many will be attending and how many hosts we will be needing.





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Receiving Non-Perishable  
Food Items

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### **Raingarden Update**

You may have noticed the red hoses and cones crossing the parking lot and wondered why we are watering the rain garden. We are actually watering the sod that our local Nine Mile Creek Watershed replaced before turning the maintenance of the rain garden over to Chapel Hills. Good news! Despite the excessive heat and lack of rain, the sod surrounding the rain garden is 75% on the way to surviving the first critical month! The timer is now set to watering every other day

Our local Nine Mile Creek Watershed used grant money to create our beautiful raingarden and 4 others at other churches in Edina to help filter runoff water from our impervious surfaces (roof, parking lot, sidewalks) before it goes into the water table. They contracted Metro Blooms to install and maintain the raingarden and plants, and after 3 years, as of September 7, 2022, have turned maintenance over to Chapel Hills, after replacing the surrounding sod that had died. They provided us with equipment to maintain the rain garden and to water the sod, including a second red hose (heavy duty that can withstand car traffic), timer(s), and lent us a splitter and soaker hoses. The raingarden itself is well established with native plants and cultivars. It requires periodic checking and cleaning of the inlet “step” and annual maintenance (cutting the old plants in the Spring). More on that later.

If you want to learn how to help keep our water clean and rain garden beautiful, talk to Laura Feierabend.





## Looking Ahead

30	SEP, FRI	● 4 – 8:15pm	Villard Studio Cello Group Lessons
2	OCT, SUN	● All day	Neighbors in Need Offering
		● 9:15 – 10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service & Sunday School
3	OCT, MON	● 4 – 9pm	Villard Studio Cello Lessons
4	OCT, TUE	● 10:30am – 12pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group Conversations (Lounge)
		● 1 – 2:30pm	MnCAN Aphasia Group Conversations (Lounge)
		● 4 – 9pm	Villard Studio Cello Lessons
5	OCT, WED	● 3 – 5:45pm	Villard Studio Cello Lessons
6	OCT, THU	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
7	OCT, FRI	● 4 – 8:15pm	Villard Studio Cello Group Lessons
9	OCT, SUN	● 9:15 – 10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
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### **Offering/Donations**

- **Online Giving** (convenient & secure) by clicking the following link... <https://app.easytithes.com/app/giving/chapelhillsuccedina> or by scanning the QR Code on the left
- **By Check** (indicate what your donation is for on the memo line)  
Send to: Chapel Hills, 6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina, MN 55436



## **“Free to Grieve”**

### **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Neighbors in Need Offering • World Communion Sunday*

The psalm today begins with weeping, as God’s people wonder how to sing God’s song  
And so we hung up our harps,  
there upon the willows.

For there our captors asked us for songs,  
and our tormentors asked for mirth,  
saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"  
How could we sing God's song in a foreign land?

In 1933, in a pause between the last century’s world wars, the first World Communion Sunday was celebrated as a way to celebrate the interconnectedness of all Christians in all times and in all places. Today, 99 years later, the need for unity in our diversity is as great, or maybe greater, than it was in those fragile interwar years.

This mid-and-post-pandemic world in which we find ourselves is indeed a strange land, and we might be asking ourselves how we can sing God’s songs of justice, love and unity? Hope can be found in *Gifts in Open Hands: More Worship Ideas for the Global Community* by Maren Tirabassi and Kathy Wonson Eddy. This book shares multicultural liturgies, prayers, affirmations, blessings, and poetry by people from the global community. Images for reproduction in church bulletins are included, and a new feature is the arrangement of translations so that liturgies in other languages are available to English-speaking as well as bilingual worship planners. You can find that resource, and many more at The Pilgrim Press website, [thepilgrimpress.com](http://thepilgrimpress.com).

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