

Offering Song

Conversation

Song

To God Be the Glory

Hymn 98

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Participants

Ushers: Linda Miller, Grace Holbrook, Jenna Schofer

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Coffee Hour

8/06 Jan Espy and Lynn Lind

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*"Vermont Hills UMC is a congregation of reconciliation where our
Hearts and Minds and Doors are truly open."*

An Order of Worship

For The People Of Faith Meeting At

Vermont Hills United Methodist Church

July 30, 2017

8th Sunday After Pentecost

***Please rise in body or in spirit; unison prayers are in bold.**

Prelude

***Call to Worship (Liturgist)**

Liturgist: The reign and rule of heaven is like a mustard seed.

Congregation: It is a small seed, but has some surprises in store for us.

Liturgist: When it is grown, it is a very large shrub.

Congregation: Even the birds can find rest in its branches and a place for their nests.

Liturgist: God's transforming love begins in small ways to enter our hearts.

**Congregation: Lord, plant those amazing seeds of transforming love in us that they
may grow into deeds of service to others in your name.**

Liturgist : Lord, be with us. Help us to be ready to hear and respond to your word. AMEN.

Congregation: Quiet our spirits and open our hearts to God's word today.

Song

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn No. 57

Prayer (Liturgist)

Lord of mustard seeds and yeast, we come to you this day, seeking your Word and will for us.

Make us people who care deeply about the well-being of others. Give us courage to be yeast for the rising of hope and peace throughout the world. Open our hearts to all the good that is around us and help us to see the good in people even if we don't agree with them on every issue.

We are already halfway through our summer months. We sit and wonder where the time went, did we spend it well in your service. Give us these next few weeks for renewal that we may be prepared to work through your church for your world. Keep us mindful of the needs of family, friends and others during this busy season.

We confess that we have allowed a host of worries and frustrations to crowd out the divine presence. As you give us peace and your transforming love, also forgive all those times when we have been less than faithful. Gently visit us again with your healing and your power. Restore our hope and courage and joy for all the times ahead. We ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Passing the peace and Pennies from Heaven (Pastor Bo)

(We collect change for Neighborhood House as the children receive your *Pennies from Heaven* offering)

Announcements (Pastor Bo)

Song *Come, Thou Almighty King* Hymn No. 61

Scripture (Liturgist) Psalm 19 (NIV)

Psalm 19

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

¹The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

²Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

³They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

⁴Yet their voice ^[b] goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

⁸The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Song

Gracious Creator of Sea and of Land
Gracious Creator of sea and of land,
sculptor of coral and miller of sand,
stretch out your hand, part the seas of our lives.
Lead us to freedom and open our eyes.

Lifegiving Savior who taught by the sea,
saying to fisher folk, "Come, follow me,"
send us to gather the outcasts, the least.
Make us your aides at the great justice feast.

Spirit of Pentecost, still blowing free,
show us your vision of all we can be.
Call us to boldness, to goodness, to prayer.
Summon our courage, our dreaming, our care.

Homily