

BERN REFORMED UCC September 11, 2022 'FM' 87.9



BULLETINS: "Today's bulletins are sponsored in honor of our 47th Wedding Anniversary by Glenn and Elaine Noecker.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are presented "In Memory of "Poppop" Esterline's birthday.

PRELUDE: "The Lord's My Shepherd" — *Simone*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION CLASSES commence next Sunday

September's LUNCH BUNCH Thursday in the Social Room.

"Gift card Calendar" Donor spots are do today

COMMUNITY LUNCHESES September 25

APPLE DUMPLING SALE Orders due Sept. 30th. \$5.00 each

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 4:22, 28

My people are foolish, they do not know me; they are ignorant children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black, for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 14 1-3 and 51:6,10

LEADER: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

PEOPLE: The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

LEADER: They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. You, O God, desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

PEOPLE: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

HYMN # 469 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

**1. I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine, can peace afford.**

REFRAIN

**I need Thee, O I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

**2. I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power, when Thou art nigh. REFRAIN**

**3. I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is in vain. REFRAIN**

**4. I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises, in me fulfill. REFRAIN**

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

When tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them!" He then spoke to them with parables: about a lost sheep from a flock of 100, a lost coin from ten, to represent the recovery of a repentant sinner who was lost.

EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 1:12-15

"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost!"

SERMON: "Slip Sliding Away?"

PRAYERS & "911 PRAYER": Heavenly Father, we commend to your mercy and grace all who died as a result of the September eleventh attacks. We pray that your Holy Spirit may draw together leaders of every nation. Give them ears to hear your wisdom and the courage to respond. Inspire them to work together for peace, justice, and freedom. Change the hearts of all who seek the way of evil and violent means, coercion, corruption and privilege. Create in us clean hearts that beat with your unconditional compassion. Fill us with your light and make us instruments of your peace through your abiding purpose and presence made known to us and available as our Father, embodied in your Son our Savior, and manifested through your indwelling Holy Spirit. We pray together saying . .

Our Lord's Prayer

HYMN # 468 "Jesus Savior Pilot Me"

**1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me, Over life's tempestuous sea:
Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rocks & treach'rous shoal;
Chart and compass come from Thee— Jesus, Savior, pilot me!**

**2 As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me!**

**3 When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest— Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not— I will pilot thee!"**

COMMISSION & BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the needy and afflicted. Honor all people. Serve the Lord with gladness, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And may God's blessing be upon us; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and remain with us always. Amen.

POSTLUDE: "All Hail The Power"

— *Smith*

Attendance last week 56