

August 2, 2026

“All My Days; a series about Prayer”



Week #4 – Purpose

Holmdel Community, UCC

on the land of Munsee Lenape, Lenape Haki-nk (Lenni-Lenape)

HOLMDEL COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*Our mission is to deepen our relationship with God,
follow Jesus in service to our community,
and work for justice and peace.*

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

❖ *Rise in body or spirit*

Large print bibles, bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Hearing enhancement devices are also available.

Please remember to turn off your cell phones.

Words for Meditation

About front cover: *Born enslaved in Delaware in 1760, Richard Allen converted to Methodism at age 17. He eventually purchased his freedom and became one of the most influential religious leaders of his time. In 1783, he traveled along the East Coast preaching to both Black and white congregations. Allen settled in Philadelphia and joined the integrated St. George's Church. The church gradually began to discriminate against its Black congregants. Frustrated, Allen founded the African Methodist Episcopal denomination and the Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church.*

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Gathering Music

Love Medley arr. Don Wyrzten

(I Love You, Lord/My Jesus, I Love Thee)

Welcome & Announcements

❖ **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Share a sign of peace and greeting with those around you!

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

Music for Centering

Enter Our Hearts James F.D. Martin

❖ **Call to Worship**

Mary Beth Jones

We arrive fully into this moment, Holy One.

We open to sense your presence among us.

We hear you say,

“Love is the purpose.”

We need you, Jesus, to help us.

We come to you as your first disciples did.

We hear you say,

“Love is the purpose”

Spirit of Divine Love,

come to us with your healing waters.

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People of God, the way of kin-dom always points to love,
because God is love!

Let us worship God together!

❖Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 517,

v. 1-3

Gathering Prayer

Pastor Nada

❖Musical Response

**Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ,
And to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen. Amen.**

Time With Children

Amanda Spagnolia

Music

Walk Along Beside Me, O My Lord

Don Besig

Scripture Readings

Psalm 145:1, 10-13

Luke 17:20-21

Mary Beth Jones

Pastor Nada

Reflection

Pastor Nada

Music

My Tribute

No. 39, *sung twice*

A. Crouch, 1971

Prayer Cards & Shared Prayer

Today, we are focusing on our prayers about purpose in life—to bring God's will of love and wellbeing for all people into fruition here on this earth. We will take a time of quiet music to move through eight beads, simply reciting the line in our minds, letting each one sink into our hearts as we use our hands to move from one bead to another.

- Bead 1:** For those who are alone.
- Bead 2:** For those who need food and clothing.
- Bead 3:** For those who need shelter.
- Bead 4:** For this struggling planet.
- Bead 5:** For those who are afraid because they are deemed “less than.”
- Bead 6:** For those who are in harm's way.
- Bead 7:** For those who are excluded.
- End Bead:** Let heaven on earth be my purpose today.

Call to Generosity

Mary Beth Jones

Music for Offerings

Jesus, Teach Me Bert Stratton/
Vicki Tucker Courtney
Family Choir & Vicki Mason, clarinet

❖Doxology “Like Strands of Beads”

(Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, “All Creatures of Our God & King”) See Screen

**Like strands of beads, we offer gifts;
that one by one, your love will lift.
Alleluia, alleluia!
That all may have just what they need,
by this we’re bless’d and truly freed.
Hear our prayers, God.
Be our guide, Friend.
Holy Spirit, come and fill us.
Alleluia!**

Service of Holy Communion *(including Joys & Concerns)*

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Pastor: We pray this, using the prayer Jesus taught us to share, saying...

**Our Father/Mother, 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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration (together...)

**Holy Spirit, transform this meal and transform this body
so that we might be free to love without condition,
invite without hesitation,
and go without reservation,
to proclaim your kindness to all the world!**

Sharing the Elements

*(Servers at stations at front, intinction or traditional method available;
if you wish to be served while seated, please let servers know)*

“Bread for the Journey” v. 1, 2 Bret Hesla (1990)

**Give us bread for the journey. Give us bread.
Give us bread for the journey. Give us bread.**

**When our legs are getting heavy
and we’re hanging down our heads,
give us bread for the journey. Give us bread.**

**Guide our way as we travel. Guide our way.
Guide our way as we travel. Guide our way.**

**With so many roads before us, where to go is hard to say.
Guide our way as we travel. Guide our way.**

repeat v. 1 & 2 as needed

Prayer of Thanks (together...)
**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that
you have refreshed us at your table by
granting us the presence of Christ.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for
one another, and send us forth into the
world in courage and peace. Let the power
of the Holy Spirit guide us in our
commitments to work for justice. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn**
To God Be the Glory **No. 72**

***Benediction**
Pastor Nada

Parting Music
Come, Christians, Join to Sing arr. Carolyn Hamlin

***We invite you to join us next door, in Fellowship Hall,
after the service for coffee hour.
This is a wonderful opportunity for us to get acquainted
and for our members to connect with each other.***

Liturgical Resources: Cover photo of Bishop Richard Allen, National Museum of African American History & Culture, found at <https://www.searchablemuseum.com/free-communities-of-color-2/#section-start>

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Land Acknowledgement: Our buildings stand on the ancestral land of the Munsee Lenape, Lenape Haki-nk (Lenni-Lenape). We acknowledge these Indigenous Peoples and decry the unjust taking of their land, the unfulfilled promises of U.S. treaties granting land access, and the still unresolved traumas of forced migration, genocide, and theft. We acknowledge and affirm Native American values and Indigenous cultures while holding space for atonement and healing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for visiting with us today! It is a pleasure to have you here. Feel free to get information about our church from the table by the church entrance. Please sign our guest book by the door, so that we can send you our monthly newsletter and other information (make sure to include an email address!).

*Today's flowers are given by Amanda Spagnolia:
"In loving memory of my mom, Mimi Miller".

Thanks to today's **Worship Leaders:**
Rev. Nada B. Sellers, Minister; Susan F. Davies, Music Minister;
Amanda Spagnolia as Children's Minister;
Vicki Mason, Guest Musician; Mary Beth Jones, Liturgist;
Lynn Hudzik, Usher; Carrie Virgilio as Sound Board Operator;
Michelle Ucciferri as Slide Changer

Reminders and Information

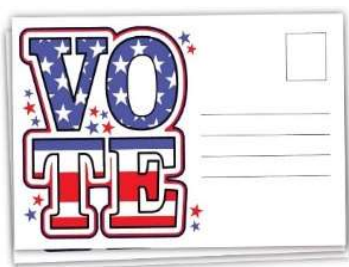
 Holmdel Community UCC is part of a cooperative of churches that support the **Calico Cat Food Pantry** located in Middletown. During the summer, we are collecting **mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, BBQ sauce, laundry detergent, dish detergent, toilet paper, paper towels & cleaning supplies!** Donations will be offered up on Food Dedication Sunday on August 23rd.

Pastor Rev. Nada Sellers
Ministers Members of the Church
Minister of Music..... Susan F. Davies
Children's Minister..... Amanda Spagnolia
Nursery Caregiver Katie Bauer
Office Manager Lynn C. Hudzik
Church Office Hours: 9:30am – 2:30pm Tuesday – Friday
Pastor's Office Hours: 10am – 3pm Tuesday, 10am-1pm
Thursday
and as arranged
ALL ARE WELCOME!



We all love Coffee Hour! It's a vital part of fellowship and a nice way to meet people. Looking for new team members & substitutes! If you can help, or would like more information, please contact Regina at regcris3@gmail.com or (732) 320-6210.

It's time to gear up for midterms!



Postcard Writing Dates:

August 3, 10, 17 & 24.

9:15-11:15am.

**Bell Works, at tables
behind Honeybell Coffee.**

(No post carding August 31 or Sept. 7th)

- Postcards to Swing States, Blue Wave Postcards to Ohio & NJ
- Urgent need for stamps or cash for stamps.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

www.5calls.org



SAVE THE DATE for craft workshops to make crafts to sell at our October Fall Craft Fest. **Wednesday 8/5, Friday 8/14, Wednesday 8/26.** All workshops in Fellowship Hall, 9:30 until we're done. Contact Sue Field to get advance notice of craft projects (sfield@georgian.edu; 732-546-1295).

TEE SHIRT ORDERS until August 16



All Sizes – Adult & Youth
White – Lt. Blue & **Now** Grey – Black
Short Sleeve or **Now** in Long Sleeve

Short Sleeve	Adult	\$25.00
	Youth	\$20.00

Long Sleeve	Adult	\$30.00
	Youth	\$25.00

Contact Judy Bacon at 617-849-2530 or judyibacon52@gmail.com



Have you ever tried line dancing? Sue Field never did until last year...she loves it! Come join us on August 15th in Fellowship Hall. Lessons starting at 6:30 with full dancing beginning at 7pm. Admission is \$10, payable at the door - cash, check or Venmo, no credit cards (limited to 100). To reserve your space, call Lynn at (732) 946-8821 or email her at administrator@holmdelucc.org. Be sure to leave your contact number.

ANNUAL CRAFT & FOOD FESTIVAL COMING THIS OCTOBER!



A celebration of handcrafts and home baked goodies for all tastes from 9am-3pm with lunch available to order from 11am-2pm. Start your Christmas shopping early and at the same time treat yourself to one of the wonderful bakery products.

OPEN & AFFIRMING since 2009

We rejoice in the good news that in Jesus Christ we find that we are all God's children through faith without distinction. (Galatians 3:26-28)

God calls all faithful people together to be a community of justice and peace. We lament that throughout history, and even in our own time, churches have silently allowed or actively called for hatred, hostility, and exclusion, and have failed to live up to God's call to inclusion and sanctuary.

Therefore we, the members of Holmdel Community United Church of Christ, covenant together to welcome and embrace all people into the life and ministry of our congregation regardless of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, age, mental and physical condition, race, ethnicity, nationality, or economic status. With God's help, we promise to be a church of open arms and open doors, and to celebrate the diversity that reflects the glory of God's creation. We seek to live as a compassionate community united by faith and diverse in its expression.

The Heat Is On **TO FIND BLOOD DONORS!**



When donors come to give blood in August, we'll say thanks with a \$20 Amazon Gift Card** by email.*

It's time for the last blood drive of the summer... -

Tuesday, August 25, from 12:30pm to 5:30pm. We need a volunteer to host the blood drive from 11:30am to 6:15pm.

Please help us make a difference and let Lynn know if you can help administrator@holmdelucc.org; (732) 946-8821.

Would you help us keep up our good record by posting the following on your Facebook page? Or contact the office for a ready made flyer to post!

Just one blood donation can help multiple patients in need, including accident victims, surgery patients, and those undergoing cancer treatments. Your donation is a simple act of kindness that can make a life-changing difference.

To schedule your appointment, visit the Red Cross website to register online or call 1-800-RED-CROS. You may also call the church office at 732-946-8821.



Join us for the HCUCC

Homecoming Day Potluck Picnic

**Sunday,
September 13**
during Coffee Hour

**Franks, burgers, veggie burgers,
and drinks provided.**

Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

**RSVP to Regina
732 320-6210 regcris35@gmail.com**

AUGUST						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10am Worship Service with Communion	7pm PST	7:15pm Scouts	9:30am- 4pm Craft Workshop 2pm Care Team 8pm Lifeline Group of AA		FONT COLOR KEY Fellowship Sanctuary Conference Room Zoom or Other NOTES	9am - 3pm Council Retreat
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10am Worship Service		7:15pm Scouts	8pm Lifeline Group of AA		9:30am- 4pm Craft Workshop	 5pm - 9pm Line Dancing including
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10am Worship Service	4:30pm- 7:30pm Girl Scouts	7:15pm Scouts	8pm Lifeline Group of AA			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10am Worship Service with Food Dedication Back to School Campaign Starts	10am Bayshore Lunch Program	 American Red Cross 12:30pm- 5:30pm American Red Cross Blood Drive 7:15pm Scouts	9:30am- 4pm Craft Workshop 2pm Care Team 8pm Lifeline	7:30pm Choir		

JOYS & CONCERNS

Please call or email the church office at (732) 946-8821 /
administrator@holmdelucc.org to add or remove a person to the prayer list.

Greater spirituality & deeper
relationship with God as we
experience our summer worship
series, *All My Days*

People with legal status to stay in U.S.
arrested by ICE

U.S. service members killed & injured

Grateful for new friends, cleaner air,
daughter's birthday, daughter-in-
law's birthday, family living nearby,
pets, rain, unifying World Cup,
grandson visiting, Cynthia Lee Polly
being back with us in Worship, 5
grown children together

That the upcoming elections be free
of illegal interference

Grateful to be a part of this
congregation

History & sacred space of Sanctuary

Opportunities to minister & support
friends & neighbors who are not
here - they are still in our hearts

Freedom of the Press and continuation
of this 1st amendment protection

Successful blood drive

For those who have lost loved ones or
are helping those injured to navigate
life's challenges after the terroristic
attack on a PRIDE event in Germany

Safe & refreshing vacations & time away
All who struggle with housing, financial
obligations, employment and finding
good care for children, elderly
& others

Concerns for an uncle's 3rd transplant, a
cousin's new diagnosis, son & father
relationship, friends going through
difficulties, family, friends, Native
people & lands affected in Canadian
forest fires, continued healing for all
those recovering from illness or
surgery, cessation of war & violence;
military & troops under fire, following
their duty & struggling with higher
ups' decisions;

Continued healing for Louis DeChicchio
Gratitude for the Care Team

Thankfulness for success of procedure on
aunt's husband, Gary

Ability to learn & share our country's
rich & true history

Restoration of decency, common sense &
the rule of law

An end to conflict/war, in particular,
with Iran

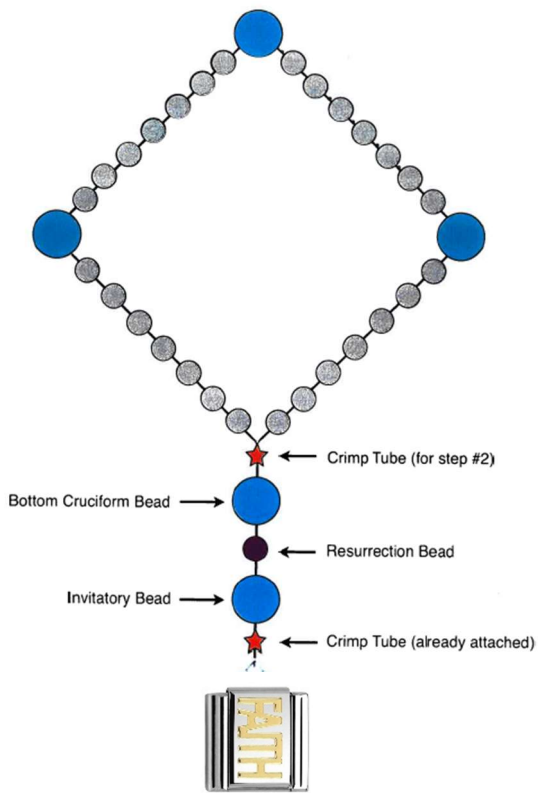
Nancy & Mark Pilolla's 50th Anniversary
Blanca Kopacz' surgery on Thursday
(George's wife)

JOYS & CONCERNS (continued)

Continued healing of niece, Abigail,
with accepted pancreas transplant &
for her mom, that she have the
strength to help her child through \
this transplant

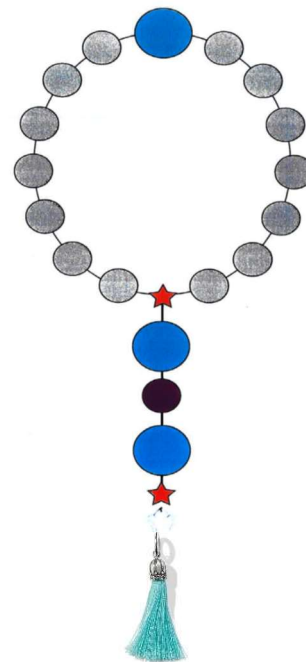
Leadership of church as they prepare for
retreat on August 8th

Prayer
Beads



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