

Welcome to  
**THE UNITED CHURCH OF HINESBURG**

*An Open, Welcoming, Affirming and Reconciling Church*  
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*Plate 7: a peasant woman carrying a child to right, speaking to another child standing facing right in center, a castle to left in the background, from 'Caprice fait par de la Bella' Stefano della Bella (ca. 1642). Public Domain.*

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## Order of Worship

Sunday, September 12, 2021 - The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Proper 19B  
Online Service at 12:00pm

**[Bold]** print invites congregational participation.

### Pastoral Greeting

May the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Call to Worship

*adapted from Psalm 116:5, 9*

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
**our God is full of compassion.**

Let us walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### Opening Hymn Solo

“We Gather Together”

### Lesson from the Hebrew Bible

“The Servant’s Vindication”

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Congregational Sharing: We welcome your brief announcements and stories of joy.  
(Donations help support hunger relief and other urgent needs in our community.)

## Service of the Word

### Lesson from the Epistles

“On Teaching and Speaking”

James 3:1-12

### A Contemporary Lesson

“Fragment”

William Carlos Williams  
From *Pictures from Brughel* (1967)

### Homily

“Finding the Words”

Rev. Jared M. Hamilton

### Responsive Hymn Solo

“Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant”

## Service of Morning Prayer

### Prayer of Confession

*adapted from The Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church*

Loving God, you tell us in your Word that “out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks.” You tell us that we will have to “give an account on the day of judgment for every careless word.”

**We confess that we resist looking inward and want to blame all of our careless words on our circumstances and not on the condition of our hearts.**

You also tell us that among believers there should not be “obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking...but rather thanksgiving.”

**We confess that we all too often indulge in foolish and coarse language, and that we all too seldom express thanksgiving.**

You also tell us that “no unwholesome talk should come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit all who listen.” You tell us that our conversation should always be “full of grace and seasoned with salt.”

**We confess that we often allow much unwholesome talk to come from our mouths and pay very little attention to building up others with our words. Forgive us, fill our words with grace, and realign our hearts and speech so that others might indeed be blessed by our words.**

### Assurance of Grace

### Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church, the nations, and all people seeking God’s mercy and care, saying,  
*God of love, hear our prayer.*

We pray for the church in every place, that wherever people gather in your name, you make us able to listen to each other with open hearts. Give your people unity, O God, and replace divisiveness with reconciliation. God of love,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who serve the church as musicians, ushers, greeters, pastors, council members, teachers, and student leaders, as architects and cooks, as repairers and cleaners, and in all other ministries. God of love,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for Muslims and Jews, Hindus and Buddhists, people of indigenous religions everywhere, that their paths may lead—with ours—to greater understanding of the goodness of faith in its many languages and forms. God of love,

**hear our prayer.**

We thank you for this earth, for clean water, rich soils, abundant sunshine, and all the foods that you have made for our health and enjoyment. Give all people the gratitude to share, especially with those who do not have such riches and who today are hungry. God of love,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of our nation . . . for our president and members of Congress, for the leaders asserting power in other nations, for nations in trouble at this time, and for peacemakers and diplomats as they work to shape a reformed people. God of love,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer from the horrors of war and famine, for children who do not know the reason for their pain and have no power to change their lot, and for the animals and plants damaged by human conflicts. God of love,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those suffering from all forms of injustice, brokenness, or illness, especially all who have asked for the prayers of this congregation and for those whose well-being we hold in our hearts, named now aloud or silently...

*(your prayers and petitions are invited at this time)*

God of love,

**hear our prayer.**

God of eternity, certain days remind us of tragedy and death, but we know that all days are redeemed and held in your grace. We remember those who have died on this day, those who will die today, and all whose lives have enriched ours. Keep alive in us the hope of the resurrection. God of love,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we commend those for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*Malotte*)

Offertory

Benediction

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