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Worship Service

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Second Sunday after Pentecost Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, June 6th, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Faithfulness is being loyal to our beliefs, remaining firm and steadfast regardless of what happens. When our faith is tested, we stay strong and learn from experience. We do our work with meticulous care and excellence, faithful to its true intent. With the people we love, we are abiding and trustworthy. They know we will not abandon them or violate the sacred trust between us. Faithfulness through the changes and tests of time is a sign of lasting love. Faithful friendship is one of life's greatest treasures.

(Virtues Project)

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Praising God

Prelude "Jesus Loves Me" William B. Bradbury
arr. Joel Raney



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us take a moment to quiet our thoughts as we prepare our hearts for worship...

We gather in the love of God to plant new seeds of hope, justice and new life.

We gather in the love and friendship of one another, to nurture our friendship, care, and support, so we are ready to serve.

We gather in the awe of a holy, loving presence, yearning for growth in an experience beyond ourselves.

Come and worship, and experience the Holy alive in the presence of God, working in Christ Jesus and living in the mystery of the Holy Spirit.

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Opening Prayer (together)

Creator God, You have planted precious seeds in our hearts and in this community of faith. May they be watered and nourished so they grow and flourish in our lives. Open our spirits and enable Your Spirit to move within and around us. Strengthen our faith and continue to plant seeds of hope, grace and healing in our lives each day. Amen.

Hymn (240) "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" vs. 1,3,4

- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the Maker all your days!
- 3 Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
All within me, praise God's name!
- 4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the high eternal one.

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Prayer for Grace (unison)

Loving God, as we worship we ask that You remind us of Your steadfast and faithful presence that seeks to ignite a Spirit of hope and regeneration in our hearts. When our strength falls short, when our faith seems insufficient, when our hope wavers, we trust in Your promise that You will rejuvenate our spirits and lives so that we may grow fully and wholly as Your people. Amen.

Sung Assurance (381) "Spirit of Life"

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Listening for God's Word

Gospel Reading Mark 4:26-34 V. Watanabe
(Parable of growing seed and the mustard seed.)



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Solo "How Can I Keep From Singing?" R.W. Lowry
K. Davidson, Soprano

Sermon "Transforming Seeds" Rev. Cooper

Responding to God

Invitation to the Table Rev. Cooper

The Table has been prepared - for us!
This is not my Table, it is not the church's.
This is the Table offered to us by our God.
So, come to this Feast.
Come, if your faith is blossoming and full.
Come, if it is but a tiny seed planted in your heart.
Come, if you always show up for this Meal.
Come, if this is your very first taste.
Come, if you have always walked with Christ.
Come, if you have stumbled along the way.
But come - for our God awaits to serve you
with joy, with affirmation, with hope, with peace.

Hymn (469) "We Gather Here" vs. 1, 2, 3

1. We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, - everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.
- 2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:

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Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which Christ is the head;
though unseen he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.

- 3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.

Eucharist Prayer Rev. Cooper & V. Watanabe

One: May the Planter of seeds be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts, people of God, to the One
who fills them.

**All: May God place grace, hope, and joy deep
within us.**

One: Let us sing our praises to our God.

**All: We join all creation in songs of laughter and
love.**

One: Let us celebrate the gift of life this table
represents: the gift of physical nurture and strength,
the gift of spiritual insight and care, the gift of hope in
the midst of despair, the gift of love which can answer
all hatred.

**All: We come as individuals as we share
community and we depart after partaking of the
table, as a body of believers.**

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One: In the beginning, God's Spirit moved across the waters and called forth life from death and order from chaos. When God's people Israel were enslaved, God's Spirit led them forth to freedom and into a new land.

All: At the baptism of our Lord, God's Spirit descended like a dove, blessing Him and guiding Him throughout His ministry. In the dark hours before His crucifixion, Jesus promised the gift of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to lead and guide us through the ages to come.

One: On the day of Pentecost, God's Spirit came with the sound of a mighty wind and the appearance of tongues of fire. God filled the disciples with grace and power and sent them out to preach Good News to all people. Send now, O God, Your Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and cup. May they enable us to remember the Holy One by whom our thirst is quenched and our hunger satisfied.

All: Help us as we gather at Your table to remember Your courageous love and the power of Your Spirit. Challenge and change us. Feed us with the bread of blessing and the cup of commitment.

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Wine

(You are invited to eat some bread or a cracker and drink a beverage.)

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Post-Communion Prayer (together)
Life-giving God, wrap Your Spirit around us so that we may take nourishment, strength and hope from this table. Deepen our faith, increase our willingness to give and receive Your love. Send us forth with faith, hope and courage. Amen.

Hymn (375) "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

vs.1, 2, 4

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the
valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **R**

2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their
eyes. **R**

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream
dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. **R**

Commissioning and Benediction

May God, the Source of hope,
fill you with all joy and peace
by means of your faith in God,
so that your hope will continue to grow
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13)

And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish Blessing)

**Choral Amen (884) "You Shall Go Out with Joy"
(repeat once)**

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,

(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy. **(repeat)**

Postlude "Here I Am, Lord" Daniel L. Schutte
arr. Jack Schrader

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio/video worship
service. May your hearts be touched with a spirit of
peace and calm knowing God is always with you to
guide, support and care for you.

Special thanks to K. Davidson for singing a solo in
our service today. It is always lovely to hear you sing.
We miss not seeing you. Thanks for joining us today.

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker, R. Bloor and
R. Kunihiro for coordinating our Zoom audio
and video service. Thanks to V. Watanabe for
reading our scripture and Communion liturgy. Thanks
to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for
inspiring us with their music.

**Today, Sunday, June 6th, Worship Service with
Celebration of Holy Communion.** You are invited to
have a piece of bread or cracker with a beverage and
together we will share the Lord's Supper.

**Sunday, June 13th, Celebration of our United
Church's 96th Anniversary and Sunday School
celebration.**

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Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please contact E. Turnbull or R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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God bless you, stay well, and we hope you join in next week...same day, same time, same number and video link.



Have a Blessed Day!