

First Congregational United Church of Christ
"Where No One Is A Stranger"
Trinity Sunday
June 12, 2022

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: God, who created the fields of Eden, takes delight in all things, including us!

Many: God of glory, God of grace, your name is exalted in all the earth!

One: Christ, who walked the streets of our world, gives hope to all people, including us!

Many: God of glory, God of grace, your Son is Savior of all creation!

One: God's Spirit, who stays in our hearts, bears truth and peace to us!

Many: God of glory, God of grace, your love surrounds our every moment.

OPENING SONG "Holy, Holy, Holy" #136

*OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

God our Potter, God who becomes clay, God who shapes us in the fire, we are made new in your presence. We come seeking your wisdom, crying out our concerns, needing your peace. Use this time to form us as community, connected through your breath, life, and hope that propels us as your body in the world. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (prayed together)

God of glory, grace and Wisdom, you call to us, but we do not listen. We trust in the emptiness of the world, but are reluctant to hope in your Word. We boast in our successes, but ignore the sufferings of others. Justice is what we demand for lawbreakers, instead of it becoming a lifestyle for ourselves.

Compassionate Mother: have mercy on us;

Beloved Child: have mercy on us;

Life-Giving Womb: have mercy on us. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: Poured into our hearts, God's love gives us new life and hope. Touched by the fingers of God, we are restored to new life.

Many: This is good news! God loves us, God forgives us, God calls us to service! Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING John 16:12-15

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UCC Statement of Faith (read together) (inside back cover of hymnal)

*GLORIA PATRI #734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Romans 5:1-5 shared from the *New Revised Standard Version of the Bible*

MESSAGE: "Boasting of Hope" Pastor Chris

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

Invitation, Communion Prayer, Sanctus, Words of Institution, Consecration Prayer, Lord's Prayer

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us out into the world with courage and joy in the name of Jesus, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous, Abundant, and Precious God, bless our offerings of presence, ability, and resources as we participate as your co-creators of hope, peace, justice, and love. Amen.

*Closing Song "How Can I Keep from Singing" #424

***Going Forth with the Peace of Christ**

***Indicates all who are able please stand**

The Call to Worship, Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Schuman. The Opening Prayer and Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are from *Worship Ways-Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ*. The Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving is by Mary Ann Neevil from *Flames of the Spirit- Worship Resources for Worship Like Bread for the Journey* by Ruth C. Duck. The Affirmation of Faith is a version of our United Church of Christ Statement of Faith.

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Organist: Liz Reynolds

Lector: David Burrow

Worship Leader: Pastor Chris Burtnett

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June Radio Sponsor: John and Helen Scuffham

Birthdays: June 12: Luke TerHark, 6-13: Shelly TerHark, 6-15: Julia Hines

Today, Sunday, June 12: 10:00 am.- Worship with Sacrament of Communion
Coffee
Food Pantry

Tuesday, June 14: 9:30-11:00 am. - Pastor Chris at Feed Mill

Wednesday, June 15: 6:00 pm. – Church building and grounds clean-up, pizza provided

Saturday, June 18: 10:00 am – Visitation for William (Bill) Deal
11:00 am - Celebration of life for William (Bill) Deal

Sunday, June 19: 10:00 am – Worship
Coffee

We will be celebrating the sacrament of communion this morning. Everyone is welcome at the table. The inner ring is wine and outer ring is grape juice.

The *Our Daily Bread* June/July/August devotional is available on the cart in the entry way to the Education/Office/Fellowship Hall building.



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