

First Congregational United Church of Christ
“Where No One Is A Stranger”
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 3, 2022

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

One: Sing praises to our God:

Many: who heals us and makes us whole.

One: Sing praises to our God, faithful children of God:

Many: whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

One: Sing praises to our God, faithful children of God; give thanks to God's holy name:

Many: God's Kindom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.

OPENING SONG

“Praise, with Joy the World’s Creator” insert (sung to tune of #82)

*OPENING PRAYER

(prayed together)

God with us, you send us into the world as your agents of restoration and change. You speak to us in the stillness of our rest and the chaos of a frenzied world. You guide us in troubling times, and you move us to dance in celebration. We give thanks for your presence among us. Open all points of receptivity within us as we worship you, Holy and Living God. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(prayed together)

Holy One, why is it that we can grow so weary of doing what is right, yet always energetically do that which we know is harmful to us and others? We sow seeds of hurt and anger, and wonder why we harvest so much bitterness. We spend too much time comparing ourselves to those around us, and too few moments in following Jesus’ example.

Rather than letting our sins gloat over us, Healing God, we would open ourselves to your mercy and grace. As you reach out to heal us with your forgiveness, may we embrace

your love, your mercy, your grace for our lives. As you pour out your Spirit of gentleness, may we bring the peace of Jesus to all the world. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (read responsively)

One: Sing praises to our God, faithful children. God has heard our prayers and made us whole.

Many: We will not be silent, but will sing our joy to the One who has forgiven us and made us a new creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UCC Statement of Faith

(read together)

(inside back cover of hymnal)

*GLORIA PATRI

#734

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Galatians 6:1-16

shared from *The*

Message

MESSAGE:

“Jesus Fatigue”

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!

Sharing the Bread - 1st verse-Let Us Break Bread Together #699

Sharing the Cup - 2nd verse-Let Us Break Bread Together

Prayer of Thanksgiving - 3rd verse-Let Us Break Bread Together

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator, bless these gifts that we bring to this community and the world. May our time be used precious, our treasure shared faithfully, and our talents demonstrated gloriously in your name. Amen.

*Closing Song "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" #748

*Going Forth with the Peace of Christ

*Indicates all who are able please stand

The Call to Worship (adapted), Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession (adapted), 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 Affirmation of Faith is version of our United Church of Christ Statement of Faith.

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Lector: David Burrow

Worship Leader: Pastor Chris Burtnett
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July Radio Sponsor: Becky Bibler and Chuck West

Birthdays: July 9: Fatu Tennih

Today, Sunday, July 3: 10:00 am.- Worship with Sacrament of Communion
Coffee
Food Pantry

Monday, July 4: Happy 4th of July

Tuesday, July 5: 9:30-11:00 am. - Pastor Chris at Feed Mill

Wednesday, July 6: 5:30-7:30 pm. – Mobile Mission at Party in the Park

Thursday, July 7: 7pm – Pastor at Association Evaluation by Zoom
Founder’s Day Celebration begins

Saturday, July 9: 11am-1pm.-Mobile Mission to Kid’s Bash downtown
2 - 4pm.- Fellowship Hall: John and Helen Scuffham’s celebration of
100+2 years for the family farm and 50+2 years of marriage, join them for memories and
root beer floats! Congratulations!

Sunday, July 10: 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.



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Praise with Joy the World's Creator

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The Iona Community, 1985; alt.

1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,
2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,
3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - a - ting
4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in Com -

love, and peace, Source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,
finds the lost, Heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
truth from pride, For - ing bonds where race or gen - der,
mu - ni - ty, Call - ing Christ - ians to em - bod - y

grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the
fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the
one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall

Ma - ker's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.
con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Strang - er, Guest and Host.
Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant un - i - ty.

The Iona Community works and worships in a tenth-century abbey on the remote island of Iona, Scotland. Their output of hymns and songs includes this one written for the anniversary gathering of the World Student Christian Federation in Edinburgh in 1985.

Tune: LAUDA ANIMA (PRAISE MY SOUL)
8.7.8.7.8.7.

John Goss, 1869

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