

“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”
God is Still Speaking

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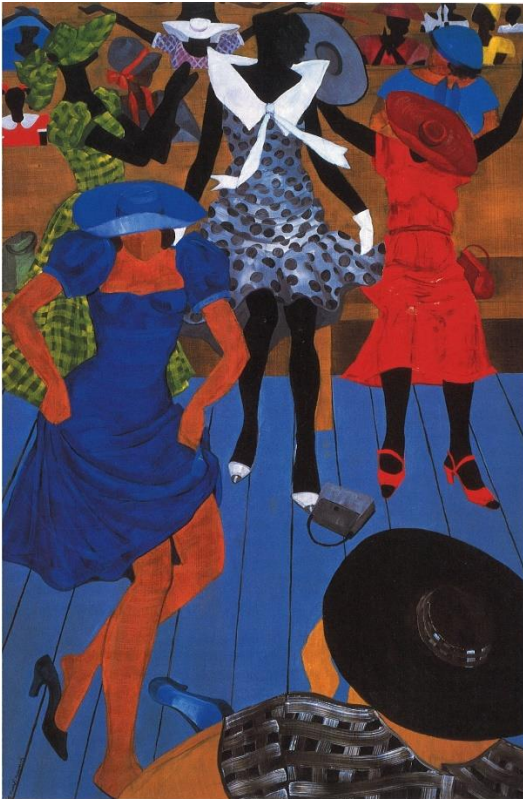
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



An Open and Affirming Congregation

July 11, 2021

10:00 AM



nathan Green, *The Shog*

*I cannot dance
O God, unless
you lead me.*

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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“He is the Prophet” (Loewe)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHIMING OF THE HOUR/RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has accomplished all things through Christ,
People: so that we might live as God’s own children.
Leader: Let us give thanks to God,
People: and live for the praise of God’s glory.

GATHERING HYMN

“For The Beauty of The Earth” *Glory to God 14*
Verses 1, 2, & 3

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Leader: Lord have mercy.
People: Christ have mercy.
Leader: Lord have mercy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

“For The Beauty of the Earth” *Glory to God 14*
Verses 4 & 5

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

please rise

Gospel Lesson Mark 6:14-29

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father 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.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you for filling us with every spiritual grace that we might be a blessing for others. Consecrate the gifts we offer for the increase of your love. May they bring blessings to others and praise to your glorious name. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Lead On, O King Eternal” *Glory to God 269*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Protected by His Hand” (Ostrander)

July Birthdays

7/11-7/17/2021

Laurie Fryer, Maureen Hallman (12);

Dele Fryer (16); Ann Spahr (17)

Question for Reflection

To experience one's self as God's beloved is a gift beyond compare. For some, it is difficult to receive such a gift; for others, such grace comes more easily. How can we deepen our experience of that gift in ourselves? How might we encourage this gift in others?

Household Prayer: Morning

O God of steadfast love and faithfulness, as I awaken this day in expectation, I turn my heart toward you, for I am your beloved. Fill me with your wisdom and insight and guide my feet into the way of peace as I walk your righteous path.
Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Recounting both the blessings and challenges of this day, I give thanks to you, O God, for my hope is in Christ who makes all things new, and so I rest this night. Amen.

**The earth is the LORD's,
and the fullness thereof;
the world, and they that
dwell therein.**

—Psalm 24:1





We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to you during this worship experience. If you have need of pastoral assistance, we encourage you to contact Pastor Dwayne at the church office number listed below or make an appointment with him today.

We welcome children in worship at all times. If you would prefer, childcare is available. Please see one of our ushers. Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.

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| Ministers | All the people of the Congregation |
| Pastor | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier |
| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
| President of the Consistory | Liz Brunton |
| Vice President of the Consistory | Michele Luke |
| Secretary of the Consistory | Molly Lorenz |
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