

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

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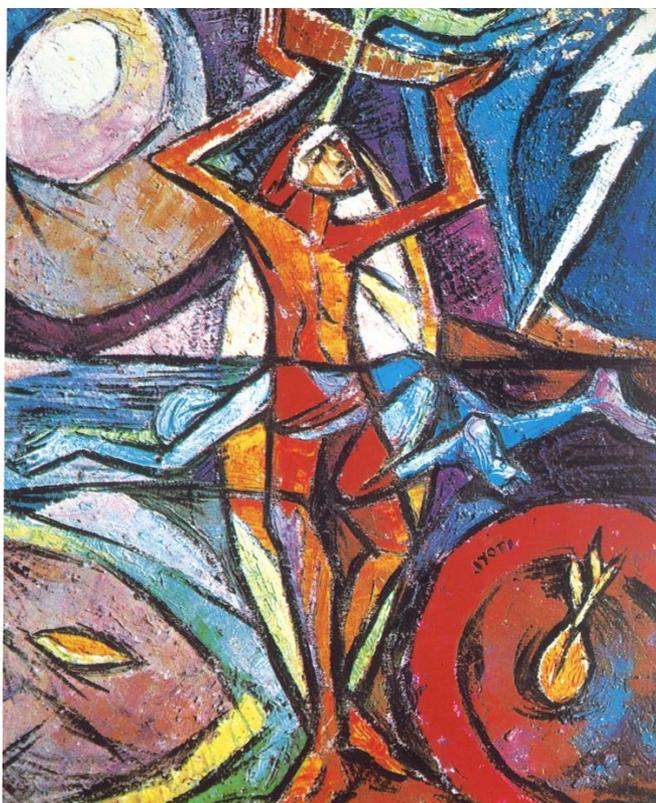
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



An Open and Affirming Congregation

August 1, 2021

10:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“The Food of Eternal Life” (Schmidt)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR/RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I wait for the Lord,

People: **my soul waits, and in God’s word, I hope;**

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who
watch for the morning,

People: **more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: In faith, let us turn to our God, whose love is sure.

People: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation” *Glory to God 321*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you for we would be disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-8

please rise

Gospel Lesson John 6:24-35

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together” *Glory to God 525*

THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy the Paschal feast that, fervent in prayer and words of mercy, and renewed by your Word and sacraments; we may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

People: Therefore, we join with the whole of your family in heaven and on earth forever praising you and saying:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Most holy and gracious God, in infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we have fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, in fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem the world, to live and die as one of us, but without sin, to reconcile us to you and to one another. He stretched out his arms upon the cross and there offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: On the night He was delivered to suffering and death our Lord took bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup, gave thanks to God, gave it to his disciples and said, “Drink from this, all of you; this is the blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, most holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts which you have given. Sanctify us that we may faithfully receive this sacrament and serve you in unity, fidelity and peace; and at the last bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal realm, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER

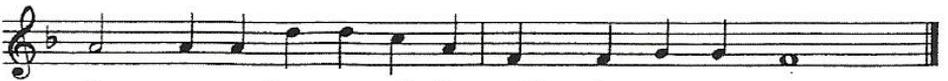
*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE WINE

LAMB OF GOD



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



PARTAKING OF THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Most loving God, you have given us a share of the One bread and the One cup and made us One with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *Glory to God 65*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“The Work of God” (Haymer)

**Thank you, Rev. David Akers,
for leading our worship today.**

August Birthdays

8/1-8/7/2021

Shawn Van O’Linda, Emma Youmans (1);

Rachael McLaughlin (4)

Kitty Trow is asking everyone to keep Jackie Walsh in your prayers, she had an incident and is in the hospital.



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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| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
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