

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



A FUTURE
WITH HOPE

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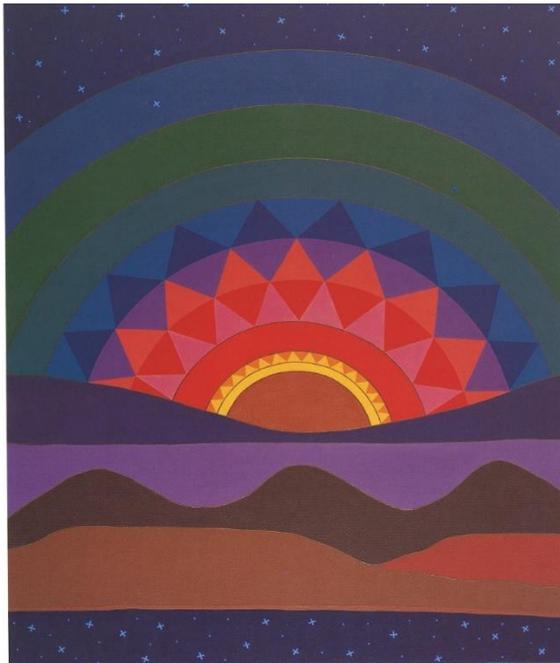


UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
THEY MAY ALL BE ONE

An Open and Affirming Congregation

October 9, 2022

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Gather Here to Worship” (King)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

please rise

Leader: In the words of the apostle Peter, “You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.”

People: **For “all flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers and flowers falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever.”**

Leader: “That word is the good news that was announced to you” (*1 Pet 1:23-25*).
God’s good news to us in Christ Jesus has been recorded in Scripture and written upon our hearts.
Let us give thanks as we worship our God.

GATHERING HYMN

“Morning Has Broken” *Glory to God 664*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, as scripture says, your word “is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow.” And, we find ourselves judged by it, called to confession by it. We confess our desire to try to make of the Bible an idol rather than a vehicle through which we can touch and be touched by the powerful, surprising word of your love and truth. We confess that we can read the Bible without allowing your living Spirit to reach us. We can hear the words without receiving the rich benefit of the light, the guidance, the encouragement, the comfort it opens to us in Christ. Forgive us whenever we misuse your word, we pray.

(Heb 4:12)

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Unison A D E A

1 Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri -
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri -

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ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” *Glory to God 591*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

“God of the Sparrow” *Vs. 1,2,3 Glory to God 22*

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-15

“God of the Sparrow” *Vs. 4,5,6 Glory to God 22*

please rise for the gospel

Gospel Lesson Luke 17:11-19

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

please rise

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

“Lord When I Came Into This Life” *Glory to God 691*

NAMING SERVICE FOR JAN BACKES

Leader: We are here to affirm the name of Jan Backes. Your name symbolizes all that you are becoming through the grace of God. We honor the name given you by your parents. We release that name into your history and acknowledge that the time has come to declare a new name. This name is the culmination of a journey of discovery and at the same time, it's beginning.

please rise

Leader to the congregation:

Will you do all in your power to assist Jan to maintain justice, to do what is right, and to live fully into the person that God has created him to be?

People: We will!

All: Dynamic and Holy God, we remember how you changed the names of Abraham and Sarah, as they set out to follow you. We know that you changed the name of Jacob, after a long night of wrestling with you. We now declare publicly and affirm the name you have bestowed upon Jan Backes.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Leader: Jan, receive the blessing of God. Walk in the spirit this day and always, knowing that God has made an everlasting covenant with you, that shall never be cut off.

In the name of the Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Jesus said, "Rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

People: Alleluia! Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for Sally S., Sally C., Stephen, Eric, Dan, Greg, Cornel, Barbara, Theo, Lorraine & Larry P., Edie C., Gino A., Pattie C., Jack, Matt, Samantha G.

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

DOXOLOGY

*please rise
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giftng God, as church we depend upon the Bible to guide our living and our giving. As you have blessed us with your word and the example of Jesus, so we would bless others by the sharing of the gospel story. Receive our gifts, we pray, and use them to meet the many needs of your people. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision” *Glory To God 450*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Grateful” (Mannion)

Birthdays

10/9-10/15/2022

Bud Fryer (11); Ray Paine (13)

Anniversaries

10/9-10/15/2022

Mike & Nancy Perez (11)

Our service of naming today was adapted from a service downloaded at ManyVoices.org.



NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice.

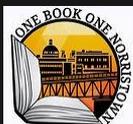
With inflation impacting all of our households, we wanted to provide a way to discuss this topic through a faith lens.

Neighbors in Need offering is being collected through October 23rd.

Thank you for your generosity.



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Ascension UCC in collaboration
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presents

"Changing the Way the Church Views Racism"

Saturday, October 29, 2:00pm

Dinner/Reception following

Dr. Drew G. I. Hart

professor, author, community leader, organizer,
activist, and man of faith

Please join us for an engaging discussion.

Register at <https://changingtheway.eventbrite.com>

All are welcome!

We hope to see you there!!



We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to your 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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