

“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
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THEY MAY ALL BE ONE

An Open and Affirming Congregation

July 3, 2022

10:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“The Workers Are Few” (Hollins-McKenzie)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

INTROIT - Congregation Singing *Verses 1, 3, & 5*

Hymn 73 NCH *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
 2 O - pen your - self to the song. O - pen your - self to the song.
 3 O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
 4 Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.
 5 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C F Em7 A7 Dm7sus4 Dm7 G7 C

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

please rise

Leader: Call upon the Lord! I asked for help and I was healed!

People: **We asked for freedom, and we were given liberty beyond measure! Praise God!**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks to God's holy name.

People: **God turned our mourning into dancing! The Great Tailor took away the sackcloth and dressed us up in celebrating! Our hearts sing without ceasing! O Lord our God, we will always give you thanks!**

GATHERING HYMN

“Come, Labor On” *Glory to God 719*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have caught us in our sinful behavior. We come to you with the hope of your restoration. We walk with our heads held high, without noticing others and their burdens. We are even blinded to our own! We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you have done for us. We even keep our actions silenced as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world that we do nothing to overcome them. Fill us with your peace and with your mercy. Free us from the destruction of sin and restore us to a life lived in you.

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 -

F# Bm E A (A)

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Peace! Peace is what you receive from God when you know that your sins are forgiven. Peace is what you have when you know that the destruction of sin cannot harm you, because you are not alone in your journey of life. Therefore, peace, my siblings! In Jesus we have received forgiveness, and we have been restored!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE

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

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-14

“For the Fruit of All Creation” *Glory to God 36*

Second Reading Galatians 6:1-16

please rise for the gospel

Gospel Lesson Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY

please rise

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise!**

All: **Our church exalts you! In your mercy, you have given us life everlasting, you have given us freedom from death, and you have favored us. In your love, you have given us freedom from death, and you have favored us. In your love, you have given us the strength to stand up and continue on our journey. In your wisdom, you have taken a chance on us, by allowing us to be part of your holy plans and your message.**

Leader: Help us to use the gifts you have given us with mercy, love, and wisdom, so that we can continue to honor the trust you have put on us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

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.*

HYMN

“Healer of Our Every Ill” *Glory to God 795*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

All: **Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of Your glory. Blessed is the one who comes in Your name, O God, Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: On the night you were betrayed and deserted, you wrapped a towel around your waist and showed us how to serve one another and commanded us to love one another.

All: **Blessed is the one who loves in your name.**

Leader: You modeled for us a love stronger than death, and a way for us to gather around tables throughout time, in communion with people the world over, and to remember the fullness of love.

All: **We remember how Jesus gathered stranger and friend alike, gave thanks to God and offered them the bread of life and the cup of blessing.**

Leader: Remembering the wonder of Jesus' life, the agony of his death and the resurrection of his Spirit we unit in the friendship born of this table and proclaim the mystery of our faith...

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ is with us now!

Leader: The bread which we break symbolizes our participation in the body of Christ. The cup we share symbolizes our participation in Christ's promise of a life overflowing with grace.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: Send your Spirit, Loving God, upon this bread and this cup, that in eating and drinking we gain strength and purpose to be more compassionate and show forth your love and justice to all. In Christ's name we pray.

All: Amen.

Leader: Come for all things are now ready. Come to this joyful feast of the people of God. Come and be nourished with food for the journey. Come, rejoice, and be glad.

BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE WINE

Leader: Through the Broken Bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the Cup of blessing, we share in the new life Christ gives.

PARTAKING OF THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Come! Live in the Light!” *Glory To God 749*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Into the Harvest Fields” (Lambert)

Birthdays

7/3-7/9/2022

Cornel Alb (4)

Anniversaries

7/3-7/9/2022

Molly & Bryen Lorenz (3)

Questions for Reflection

God heals and commands us to go out into the world and heal others. How are you a healing person? What situations around you are in need of healing? How can the church be an agent of healing?

Household Prayer: Morning

Each morning when we wake up we are reminded of your presence. The light of the sun, the sounds of the birds, . . . your creation serves as witness of your love and your imagination. Let us take it all in and transform our awe into praises that those around us can hear each day and know that you are God. Amen

Household Prayer: Evening

We have heard your voice, O God. Through smiles, through words, through music, through tears, . . .we have heard your voice! Give us the comfort of your presence as we begin to live out the end of our day, and allow us to have rest and the same peace that your disciples declared when they entered somebody's home and said, "Peace to this house." Amen.



The Church office will be closed on Monday, July 4th, for the holiday. Please have a happy, peaceful, and safe holiday!



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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