



Henrietta United Church of Christ

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Order of Worship

10:00 AM

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 26, 2022

Open and Affirming Sunday in the United Church of Christ

HUCC 10th Anniversary Open and Affirming Celebration

WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

CENTERING MUSIC (*in unison*)

Suzanne Milliman, cantor

God prepare me to be a Sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving I'll be a living Sanctuary for You. (2x)

Adapted from John W. Thompson & Randy Lynn Scruggs

WELCOME!

Pastor Jason

PASSING OF THE PEACE (*one / many*)

Pastor Jason

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet one another in the spirit of Christ's love and peace by sharing messages of peace with your pew neighbors or in the comments in our broadcast.

SUNG RESPONSE "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

There's a spirit of love in this place, there's a spirit of love in this place.

You can't see it, but it's there, just as precious as the air.

There's a spirit of love in this place.

O alleluia, sing alleluia! We bless your holy name.

O alleluia, sing alleluia! There's a spirit of love in this place

Words and Music by Mark Miller, © 2003.

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S RENEWING PRESENCE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*one / many*)

Pastor Jason

Adapted from Rev. Ann B. Day

We are the body of Christ!

**The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping, mouth tasting,
arms embracing,**

Justice seeing, hymn singing, love making, bread breaking, risk taking

Body of Christ!

Baptized in one Spirit, we are members of one body.

**Many and varied in gender, color, sexuality, age, class, and ability,
we are members of Christ's beautiful body.**

None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."

For only together can we find wholeness.

None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

**For we are connected like muscle and bone. If one suffers,
we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!**

Thanks be to God who, in Christ, has made us one.

Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN**

"Word of Welcome"

In this holy place we gather, claimed through grace by God above;
Heaven's wings now wrap around us, downy depths of boundless love.
Freed from fears that keep us hidden, for the work that You desire.
Reconciling as we're bidden, hearts aflame with joyful fire.

Earth in all her verdant beauty sings Your joy made manifest;
Winged and finned and scaled and limbed life; fruitful frenzy, quiet rest.
Rushing wind and roiling waters, green of forest, blue of sky,
Dark of night and dawn of morning, all give praise to You on high.

As by imprint nature offers witness to Your gracious care
So in freedom's faith we follow after Christ if we but dare.
Rushing wind of Spirit able, blowing from the most to least
From the font and for the table, born again and bid to feast.

Word of welcome walk among us, watching as these wineskins burst
Breaking bread and pouring wine for all who hunger, all who thirst.
Now as we go forth to scatter, may Your presence yet abide
Joy of life and Love of justice, be our Wisdom and our Guide.

Tune: L.van Beethoven "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Words by David R. Weiss, 2003

LITANY OF INCLUSION (*one / many*)

Pastor Jason

Adapted from Rev. Kenneth L. Pennings

We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

**God has revealed to us that sexuality and gender identity
are not sins to be confessed...**

Or sicknesses to be cured...

But natural human conditions of God's children made in God's image.

While some would restrict LGBTQ persons from the table of the Lord...

**From church membership, from church leadership, from ordination,
from professional ministry positions, from jobs, from marriage,
from parenthood,**

Because of their restricted view of the Bible,

Their restricted view of reality,

Their restricted view of truth,

And their restricted view of God.

*We welcome all to the Table of the Lord. We say to all who are excluded
because of gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation; be excluded
no more!*

**We are stretching out our hands to those who have been stereotyped,
stigmatized, labeled, and assigned to the margins of church and
society, saying:**

In the name of Jesus, partake of the God's beloved community

Because we are all God's beloved children...

We will live, laugh, love, and lead...

With integrity, dignity, faithfulness, gratitude and joy! Amen!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

ANTHEM

"I Can Tell the World"

Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Moses Hogan

Recorded and mixed by Sophia Stone

*After the anthem, children and youth may go to their classes: ages 0-4 in the nursery behind the sanctuary,
K-5th grade in the elementary classroom, and grades 6-12 in the youth room.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9: 51-62

Bob Bower

MESSAGE

"Action Equals Life"

Pastor Jason

HYMN

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Knelt at the feet of his friends, silently washing their feet,
Jesu, you acted as servant to them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are near and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Loving puts us on our knees, showing our faith by our deeds,
serving the neighbors we have from you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Words by Tom Colvin (1969); Tune: Ghanaian folk song adapted by Tom Colvin (1969)

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD’S SERVICE

INVITATION TO GRATEFUL GIVING

Pastor Jason

SONG OF PRAISE (*in unison*)

Praise God, who welcomes us with grace, who blesses every time and place,
whose Christ shows every person’s worth, whose Spirit gives us all new birth!

Text and tune adapted from the Geneva Psalter (1551)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Let us pray together. . .*)

Adapted from More Light Presbyterian

Holy God, may our gifts of love transform and enliven that we may live lives of thanksgiving. May Your presence among us provoke such longing for Your realm that we will never be satisfied until the whole earth knows Your justice, Your peace, and Your love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Pastor Jason

**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, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eric Falla

SENDING HYMN

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

Words and Music by Julian Rush (1985) alt. Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS, Arr. The New Century Hymnal (1994)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jason

POSTLUDE

Robin Bower

Please remain seated for the Postlude.

**WE RETURN TO THE WORLD
RENEWED AND EMPOWERED BY GOD'S SPIRIT**
As our worship ends, our service begins.

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