



Henrietta United Church of Christ

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Order of Worship

10:00 AM

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

CENTERING MUSIC

“Draw the Circle Wide”

Randy Stone, Cantor

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side.

Draw the circle wide.

God the stillpoint of the circle, ‘round whom all creation turns;

Nothing lost, but held forever in God’s gracious arms.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side.

Draw the circle wide.

Text and Music: Gordon Light, 1994.

WELCOME

Pastor Martha

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*one / many*)

Let God’s praise be heard in the midst of the congregation:

We praise you, God of all!

Let God’s praise be whispered in the spirits of the people:

We give you thanks for the many ways you have loved and guided us.

Let God’s praise be proclaimed wherever we are!

May we praise you in this hour, and in all we say and do. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN (*in unison*) “As the Wind Song”

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze,

so it is with the Spirit of God,

as the heart made strangely warm,

as the voice within the storm,

so it is with the Spirit of God.

Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown
bring life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God

Making world that are new, making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 2004; Chinese trans. Ee Suen Wong, 2005. Music: Swee Hong Lim, 2004.
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WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S RENEWING PRESENCE

+PRAYER OF RENEWAL *(one / many)*

Pastor Martha

Lord of mystery and community, you have called us here to remind us of the mission you have set before us. Yet we struggle at times to embrace your call and walk the path of service and peace. Hear us now, as we name our need...(silent prayer)...

Renew us, O God! Help us to pay attention to the example of Jesus. Remind us that success is not measured in the cures, but in the striving. May we truly become your disciples in this world. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S ENDURING LOVE *(one / many)*

Do not be afraid of the opinions of others; seek God's will, and place your trust in God's guidance. Know that God is with you always, even to the ends of the earth. **Alleluia and Amen!**

ANTHEM

"Grace" from *Light of Sothis* by Amy Quate

Kim Buholtz
Alto Saxophone

CHILDREN'S TIME

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PASSING OF THE PEACE *(one / many)*

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!
Messages of peace may be shared in the comments in our broadcast.*

SUNG RESPONSE

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (2x)

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (2x)

African American Spiritual

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation, Communion Prayer, Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration (*in unison*) – *Author unknown*

Holy God, send your Spirit upon these gifts and upon this congregation, that we who share Christ's body may live his risen life, that we who drink this cup may bring life to others, and that we through whom the Spirit shines may give light to the world. Amen

Communion Song "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees;

Let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain: When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees... (Refrain)

Let us praise God together on our knees... (Refrain)

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Sharing of Bread and Cup

You are invited to come forward to receive the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward, we will bring the elements to you at your seat. As we share this simple meal, we remember Christ's love and forgiveness, give thanks for his life, and ponder our part in God's unfolding world.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*) – *Author unknown*

Gracious God, we thank you for welcoming us at your table, washing us with your grace, and refreshing us with your spirit. Help us to share your feast with your people everywhere. May the Spirit of Christ now live in the compassion we show for others. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 6:1-13

Joan Barnes

MESSAGE

"Outgrowing Our Past"

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***HYMN OF RENEWAL** “Lead Us from Death to Life”

Refrain: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace;
let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,
let peace fill our universe.

Still all the angry cries, still all the angry guns,
still now your people die, earth’s sons and daughters.
Let justice roll, let mercy pour down,
come and teach us your way of compassion. (*Refrain*)

So many lonely hearts, so many broken lives,
longing for love to break into their anguish.
Come, teach us love, come, teach us peace,
come and teach us your way of compassion. (*Refrain*)

Let justice ever roll, let mercy fill the earth,
let us begin to grow into your people.
We can be love, we can bring peace,
we can still be your way of compassion. (*Refrain*)

Refrain: Satish Kumar. Stanzas and Tune: Marty Haugen, 1985. Stanzas and Music © 1985 by G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD’S SERVICE

INVITATION TO GRATEFUL GIVING

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OFFERTORY “In Christ Alone” by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend Suzanne Milliman

***SONG OF PRAISE** (*in unison*)

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung through every land, by every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, 1623; Harm. R. Vaughan Williams 1906 © Oxford University. Press.

*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*in unison*)

Generous God, whose richness is found at the table of welcome for all, may these gifts become tangible signs of your endless love, as we use them for the care of your people. Amen.

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

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.

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us power,
send us grace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eric Falla

*SENDING HYMN

“Come! Live in the Light!”

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and violence will be no more.

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

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BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
by Frederick C. Maker, arr. by Cindy Berry

Suzanne Milliman

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