

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:30 AM
“Sharing the New Creation” July 4, 2021
SUNDAY WORSHIP JULY 11 THROUGH LABOR DAY 10:00 AM
We Gather in the Spirit

Prelude Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Cody Clayton, pianist
Text: William Williams/Tune: CWM RHONDDA UMH #127

Welcoming Rev. Patricia Allen-Stewart

Opening Prayer *Surely the Presence of the Lord* UMH #328 Words/Music: Lanny Wolfe, 1977
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power and His grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

Liturgist: Dale Henze

One: God of grace, we hear your call but we are not always at our best, at our most accepting and open-minded when we come to worship. Often, we rush in, preoccupied with other things.

All: Here and now we stop, we breathe out, we let go of distracting noise, and by your grace, we settle into your company. Amen.

Opening Song *This Is My Song* UMH #437
Words: 1-2 Lloyd Stone, vs 3 Georgia Harkness/Tune: "Finlandia" by Jean Sibelius.

This is my song O God of all the nations
A song of peace for lands afar and mine
This is my home the country where my heart is
Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine
But other lands have sunlight too and clover
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine
O hear my song Thou God of all nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine

This is my prayer O Lord of all earth's kingdoms
Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him
And hearts united learn to live as one
O hear my prayer Thou God of all nations
Myself I give Thee let Thy will be done

Prayer of Confession and Words of Affirmation

One: God of reconciliation, when we have disagreements and disputes it is easy to paint the person with whom we disagree in a bad light; as ignorant, ill-informed, even bad, wicked or evil. We refuse to see the face of Christ in the face of the one who has offended us.

All: Too often we feel justified in our offence because we say we know you and know your ways. But we are like the people of Jesus' boyhood town, blinded by offence, unable to see that something out of the ordinary is standing before us. O God, soften our hearts and help us see your presence in the one we reject or ignore.

One: God's grace is sufficient, it does not admonish and rebuke us for our weakness, but embraces us in our weakness. The spirit is always before us offering us this transforming grace.

All: God calls us to let go of the transgressions that hold us in pain and suffering and feel the liberating power and peace of forgiveness. Amen

Affirming the Peace Among Us

The peace of the risen Christ is with you! **All: And also with you!**

You are invited to turn to the people around you & wave as a sign of graceful greetings this day.

We Hear God's Word

Preparing for God's Word

Thy Word Is a Lamp

UMH #601

Words: Amy Grant/Music: Michael W. Smith (*refrain/ 1st verse/ refrain*)

Refrain: **Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.**

Repeat Refrain

Hebrew Bible Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Common English Bible (CEB)

5 All the Israelite tribes came to David at Hebron and said, "Listen: We are your very own flesh and bone." 2 In the past, when Saul ruled over us, you were the one who led Israel out to war and back. What's more, the LORD told you, You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will be Israel's leader. 3 So all the Israelite elders came to the king at Hebron. King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. 4 David was 30 years old when he became king, and he ruled for forty years. 5 He ruled over Judah for seven and a half years in Hebron. He ruled thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah in Jerusalem. 9 David occupied the fortress, so it was renamed David's City. David built a city around it from the earthen terraces inward. 10 David grew increasingly powerful, and the LORD of heavenly forces was with him.

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

Mark 6:1-13

Common English Bible (CEB)

6 Jesus left that place and came to his hometown. His disciples followed him.

2 On the Sabbath, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were surprised.

"Where did this man get all this? What's this wisdom he's been given?"

What about the powerful acts accomplished through him? 3 Isn't this the carpenter?

Isn't he Mary's son and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon?

Aren't his sisters here with us?" They were repulsed by him and fell into sin.

4 Jesus said to them, "Prophets are honored everywhere except in their own hometowns, among their relatives, and in their own households."

5 He was unable to do any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 He was appalled by their disbelief.

Then Jesus traveled through the surrounding villages teaching.

⁷ He called for the Twelve and sent them out in pairs.

He gave them authority over unclean spirits. ⁸ He instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a walking stick—no bread, no bags, and no money in their belts.

⁹ He told them to wear sandals but not to put on two shirts.

¹⁰ He said, “Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place.

¹¹ If a place doesn’t welcome you or listen to you, as you leave, shake the dust off your feet as a witness against them.”

¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should change their hearts and lives.

¹³ They cast out many demons,
and they anointed many sick people with olive oil and healed them.

Witness to the Gospel

Rev. Patricia Allen-Stewart

We Respond in Faith

Invitation for Prayer

Prayer Song

Heal Me Hands of Jesus (vs.1 & 4) words: Michael Perry, tune:Southwell

1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain;
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way;
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin;
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus; anx - i - e - ty shall cease,

re - store my hope, re - move my fear, and bring me peace a - gain.
let me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
dis - pel the mem - o - ries of guilt and bring me peace with - in.
and heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

WORDS: Michael Perry, 1982
MUSIC: Herbert S. Irons, 1861, alt.

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Prayers of the Community

God of light, today we pray for the people in our lives that we find difficult –
for those that are the metaphorical thorn in our side.

In the silence and sacredness of this place we bring these people to mind.

(Pause) ...

Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, using the words or language of our hearts. You may choose to pray in silence, letting the words of prayer wash over and within you. As we pray and hear the words, remember that whole community of Christ in the world prays with us.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

FROM THE RITUAL OF THE FORMER METHODIST CHURCH

Offering Our Resources and our Energy

We know that proclaiming resurrection and daring to follow your light that shines on our path, doesn't mean that things are all OK. But it does bring us the energy we need if we are to continue to follow your Spirit of justice and find your ways of service. So let us continue to live generous lives.

Offering our Gifts *There is a wooden box provided for your giving or you may always donate by mail or electronic giving through your bank as well as on our website and Facebook.*

“CHANGE FOR THE BETTER” (Please remember that your loose change can make a difference! “CHANGE FOR THE BETTER” for July, August, and September is Mujila Falls Agricultural Research Center, Zambia (#15016A) Addressing hunger and poverty with sustainable agriculture and leadership training. More information in our weekly Newsletter.

Singing our Thanksgiving *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

All: We give these gifts freely and without conditions, may they flow into the world, even into places we would not particularly choose, and bring transformation and nourishment to all those in need. Amen.

We Go Forth in God's Spirit

***Closing Song** *God's Promise Shall Not Fail* words: Wheadon UMC
tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic

**In the heart of the creator there are dreams for all to see
Dreams of justice, truth, and mercy and of people that are free
And the promise of that freedom shall begin with you and me,
God's promise shall not fail.**

Refrain **Glory, Glory Hallelujah! Glory, Glory Hallelujah!
Glory, Glory Hallelujah! God's promise shall not fail**

**We are called to share the promise with the hungry and the poor
They may be across the ocean, or the neighbor at our door
We can never close our hearts to them for God has promised more.
God's promise shall not fail. (Refrain)**

**We are called to share the promise of a world that yet may be
Of a world where peace is grounded in the truth that sets us free
Let us sing it from the mountain, let it ring across the sea
God's promise shall not fail (Refrain)**

Blessing & Sending Forth

Postlude

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH #519

Words: James Weldon Johnson, 1921/Music: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921
The Black National Anthem. A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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to fulfill Christ's Great Command to love God & love neighbor,
& Christ's Great Commission to make disciples.***

Mission: "Love God" "Love Neighbor" "Make Disciples"

Affiliated with the Reconciling Ministries Network

"We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed."

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**Join us next SUNDAY, JULY 11th, 10 am SUMMER service
In-Person Worship
in our Church Sanctuary for a summer 10 am service.
We look forward to seeing you in church!**

**United Churches of Galena Food Pantry Golf Outing
July 27, 2021**

**The United Churches of Galena Food Pantry sponsoring a golf outing
at
Eagle Ridge South Course Tuesday, July 27, starting at 10 a.m.**

**This is an 18-hole four-person scramble,
prizes awarded, lunch provided,
with the main objective to have fun.**

**Please support this worthy cause;
as a player, a donor (individual/business), or
as a volunteer on the day of the golf outing.**

Registration, payment & details online: galenafoodpantry.org .

**You can also pick up forms at any Eagle Ridge Golf Course,
or stop by the Galena Food Pantry, 219 Summit St.,
between Noon-5 p.m., June 24, July 8, or July 22.**

**Your support will assist with the Galena Food Pantry's mission
“to provide cost-free food for the hungry, while treating all people with dignity, respect,
and turning no one away.”**

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