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August 20, 2023

10:00 AM

***Show and Tell Summer
Blanket Sunday***

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

There is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Tate

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: As we enter into worship, may God be gracious to us, and bless us, and cover us with the radiance of grace.

C: May your way be known everywhere, God: in the hidden places of our hearts; in the comfort of our homes; in every corner of our world;

L: in the farthest reaches of creation. You transform us; you heal our lives; you renew the earth and every creature:

C: Let our praise for you shake the rafters with songs of joy!

L: Let our prayers stir up the powers of the heavens to heal the earth.

C: God, we remember with wonder and joy that your spirit is reaching everywhere: rejoicing in the liveliness of all living things; touching what is wounded or ill with healing power; gathering in the lonely, the lost, the least; soothing ancient animosities; creating and recreating a vision of hope. Come now, Holy Spirit, Let our worship rejoice in you, and lift our hearts, and bind us in one family of loving grace. We ask in Jesus' name; Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 7 NCH** (black hymnal, see p. 4)

All People That on Earth do Dwell

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

C: Merciful God, we confess that, just like Jesus' disciples, we too sometimes lose patience with people who need our help and support. Like the disciples, we find ourselves wishing that they would just go away and leave us in peace. In Your mercy, forgive us. Remind us again of the deep love You showed toward us when we were still in need—a love so deep that it sent You willingly to the cross on our behalf. Show us how to love others as You have loved us. Teach us Your compassion, so that we may be Your hands and feet to those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 4 NCH (black hymnal, see p. 5, v. 1)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

ALL SING: Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before, opening to the sun above. Melt the
clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away; Giver of
immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 417 NCH (black hymnal, see p. 6)

This is a Day of New Beginnings

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER³

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by Caitlin Damon & Travis Pinci)

TIME OF DISCIPLESHIP & GENEROSITY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

My Hope is Built

by Mote

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2215 (FWS, see p. 7)

Cares Chorus

ALL SING: I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don't know what do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION⁴

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 42 NCH** (black hymnal, see p. 8)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***BENEDICTION⁵**

POSTLUDE

Alleluia

by Mozart

References

¹The Call to Worship is from The World is Our Home, written by John A. Nelson. Posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways Archive. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/> and accessed 7/31/23.

²The Prayer of Confession is taken from Re:Worship Blogspot <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/08/prayer-of-confession-matthew-1521-28.html> and accessed on 7/31/23.

³The Prayers of the People are inspired by and adapted from a pastoral prayer by Nancy C. Townley for WORSHIP CONNECTION: AUGUST 9, 2020, on Ministry Matters website. And accessed on 7/31/23.

⁴The Prayer of Dedication is from Re:Worship Blogspot, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/07/offering-prayer-matthew-1422-33.html> and accessed on 7/31/23.

⁵The Benediction is written by Christine Longhurst and posted as a resource by the Mennoite Brethren's in Canada on https://cmbs.mennonitebrethren.ca/worship_resources/jesus-walks-on-water/ and accessed 7/31/23

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All People That on Earth do Dwell

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2. Know that there is one God, in - deed, who
3. En - ter the sa - cred gates with praise, with
4. Pro - claim a - gain that God is good, whose

5



out your faith with cheer-ful voice; De - light in God whose
fash - ions us with - out our aid, Who claims us, gives us
joy ap - proach the tem - ple walls. Ex - tol and bless our
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure, Whose truth at all times

9



praise you tell, whose pres - ence calls you to re -
all we need, whose ten - der care will nev - er
God al - ways as peo - ple whom the Spir - it
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en -

13



- joice.
fade.
calls.
- dure.

This is a Day of New Beginnings

Les Garrett, 1967

Piano 

1. This is a day of new be - gin-nings,
2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,
3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us

5 


time to re - mem - ber and move on,
God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
step from the past and leave be - hind
to show and share what love can do.

9 

time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
can make for - us a world of dif - ference,
our dis - a - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
This is a day of new be - gin - nings

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lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
as faith and hope are born a - gain.
seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
our God is mak - ing all things

2. 

new.

Cares Chorus

Kelly Willard

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I cast all my cares up-on you, _____ I lay all of my

7

bur-dens down at your feet, and an-y-time that I don't know

12

what to do, I will cast all my cares up-on you. _____

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley, 1740

Carl G. Glaser, 1828

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's
2. My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro -
3. Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows
4. Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er

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praise, The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the triumphs of God's
- claim, To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your
cease Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and
given By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and

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grace!
name.
peace!
heaven.