



Sacred Wonder
Communion Sunday
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 03, 2022

MEDITATION

*And if peace is what we pray for
And peace is what we give
Then peace will be the way we are
And peace the way we live
—John Denver (from "A Peace Prayer")*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

P: And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beverly Blaine, Deacon

L: We gather-yearning, stretching, seeking, longing.

All: We gather- yearning, stretching, seeking, longing for Your peace.

L: For in this world we may hear words of peace and be comforted by calming images; but the thunder of derision, the winds of war, the tsunamis of oppression disrupt our serenity.

All: Restore in us then Your peace, not so that we can turn away from the storms but so we may endure them.

L: Open our hearts to Your Word, Your vision, Your guidance

All: Open our hearts to Your peace, which passes all understanding. Amen.

***SONG FOR SEASON OF PENTECOST** "Spirit of the Living God" (2x)

Black 283

Unison Prayer (The Prayer of Saint Francis)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

31 Black

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 19:1-4

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NEW TESTAMENT READING – Philippians 4:6-7

Rev. Heidi Champagne

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

"Sacred Wonder"

Rev. Heidi Champagne

***RESPONSIVE HYMN**

"How Great Thou Art"

35 Black

PASTORAL PRAYER AND JOY & CONCERNS

Loving God, we gather with hearts full of gratitude and wonder in response to the beauty of your creation and the joys that abound; and simultaneously with hearts breaking for the pain we witness in this world. We ask, Holy One, that you be near to the broken hearted, that you comfort all who grieve, that you surround us with an understanding of your presence in and around and through us.

Gracious God, on this day receive our concerns and hopes and dreams for those we love, our neighbors, our church, our nation, and our world. We pray for healing and strength for all those we lift in prayer this day...

God in Community, holy in One, we pray as Jesus taught...

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 of our daily bread, and forgive us of 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*"Glorious Is Your Name, O Jesus"
(Congregation please sing)*

53 Black

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love had done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One Amen.

***UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Holy and loving God, teach us to use these gifts of our hands, our hearts and our labor to bring Your peace here in this place and to the ends of the earth. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SONG OF INVITATION

“Come to the Table of Grace” (vs. 1, 4, 5)

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INVITATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF BLESSING

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

O Holy One, we give you thanks for what you have created in this moment of our sharing: more connection to you in answering Jesus’ invitation to the table, more connection to each other as we shared in the common elements, and more connection to the world as we made our vows to share this abundant grace in the world. Amen.

***CLOSING HYM** “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name” 80 Black, verses 1, 2 and 4

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

MINISTERING TO US TODAY

Beverly Blaine, Deacon, and Rev. Heidi Champagne* will be leading us in worship today. We are grateful to Babette Bach and Sarah Bach for providing the music, and to Sarah Bach, our technical staff for the day. Thank you for ministering to us in these ways.

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*Rev. Heidi Champagne is an ordained minister in the UCC, who currently works as a hospice chaplain. She is also a yoga instructor and reiki master. Heidi has a love of nature and all of creation, and enjoys hiking and caring for her 3 cats and rescue hound, Maurice.