



# First Central Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 28, 2020

Third Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

Morecambe

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Katie Miller

**\*Greeting and Passing of the Peace**

*"The Peace of God be with you."*

*In Unison:* **Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

*\* Let us rise in body or spirit.*

**Call to Worship**

Pam Beranek, liturgist

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks and the earth melts.

**The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**\*Processional Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King *verses 1-4*

# All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1225; tr. W. H. Draper, 1855-1933

Melody in *Auserlesene . . . Geistliche Gesänge*  
(Cologne, 1623); in this form from 1635;  
harmonized by R. Vaughan Williams, 1906

LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with additions

*Unison*

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us  
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a -  
 3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to  
 \*4. Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-fold-est bless-ings on our

*Harmony* *Unison*

1. sing, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing  
 2. long, O praise him, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing  
 3. hear, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Thou fire so  
 4. way, O praise him, Al-le - lu - ia! The flowers and

1. sun with gold-en beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er  
 2. morn, in praise re-joice; ye lights of eve-ning, find a  
 3. mas-ter-ful and bright, that giv-est us both warmth and  
 4. fruits that in thee grow, let them his glo-ry al-so

*Harmony*

1. gleam, O praise him, O praise him!  
 2. voice! O praise him, O praise him!  
 3. light, O praise him, O praise him!  
 4. show! O praise him, O praise him!



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Unison

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

- \*5. All ye who are of tender heart,  
 forgiving others, take your part.  
 Sing his praises, Alleluia!  
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
 praise God and on him cast your care!  
 O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- \*6. And thou, most kind and gentle death,  
 waiting to hush our latest breath,  
 O praise him, Alleluia!  
 Thou leadest home the child of God,  
 and Christ our Lord the way hath trod:  
 O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7. Let all things their Creator bless  
 and worship him in humbleness!  
 O praise him, Alleluia!  
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
 and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
 O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **\*Invocation**

God of the covenant, you are ever faithful, your love never ends. Teach us your ways. We ask that you join us today in our time of worship in order to guide us in your paths of love and forgiveness so that we may witness to your grace and salvation. Amen.

## **\*Gloria**

*Black Hymnal, No. 759*

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## **Conversation with the Children**

### **Psalm Lesson**

Psalm 104:1-13

### **Word in Music**

Laudamus Te  
*Claire and Lyn Bouma*

*Vivaldi*

### **First Testament Lesson**

Genesis 6:5-22; 7:17-24

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God within us,  
For the Word of God among us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

Catastrophe!

Rev. Dr. Scott Jones

### **\* Hymn**

We Would Be Building

Matt. 7:24-27; Luke 6:47-49; 1 Esd. 5:56-7:15

Purd E. Deitz, 1935; alt.

1 We would be build - ing; tem - ples still un - done o'er crum - bling  
 2 Teach us to build; up - on the sol - id rock we set the  
 3 O keep us build - ing, Sav - ior; may our hands ne'er fal - ter

walls their cross - es scarce - ly lift, wait - ing till love can  
 dream that hard - ens in - to deed, ribbed with fine steel, both  
 when the dream is in our hearts, when to our ears there

raise the bro - ken stone, and hearts cre - a - tive  
 time and change to mock, the un - fail - ing pur - pose  
 come di - vine com - mands and all the pride of

bridge the hu - man rift. We would be build - ing,  
 of our no - blest creed. Teach us to build; O  
 sin - ful will de - parts. We build with you; O

Ar - chi - tect Di - vine, re - veal the shape of life in your de - sign.  
 Mak - er, lend us sight to see the tow - ers gleam - ing in the light.  
 grant en - dur - ing worth un - til your prom - ised realm shall come on earth.

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jim Harmon

God of the rainbow, you made a covenant with all creatures, promising life and hope. God of pathways, you show us how we should walk. Yet we forget our connection with one another and think that we are the center of the universe. We wander from your paths of truth into paths of deceit and pride. Forgive us and lead us back into the arms of your love. Amen.

## **\*Words of Assurance**

God is merciful and full of steadfast love. God will not forget us. God will cleanse us and lead us on paths of steadfast love and faithfulness.

## **Prayers**

Pastoral Prayer

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 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.

## **Offertory**

Brother James' Air

## **\*Hymn of Dedication**

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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!

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

All things have their origin with you, Lord, and from these blessings we freely give, that your work might grow in this place and throughout the world. Amen.

## **\*Recessional Hymn**

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

Isa. 52:7-10

1 God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the  
 2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in  
 3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his-tory's by-gone days, Christ's  
 4 God reigns! Em-man-u - el! God with us ev-ery day, in

farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau-ty show.  
 death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.  
 faith-ful folk in rev-erence spoke to bring God earn-est praise.  
 all our past and to the last, our com-fort and our stay.

God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread-ing plains, in  
 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Our in-spi-ra-tion still. Through  
 God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal-ax-y and sun, through  
 God reigns! Em-man-u - el! Let praise to Christ be sung! God's

rain-bow hues— reds, yel-lows, blues— of streams and coun-try lanes.  
 all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign-ing will.  
 time-less years the cos-mos hears the heaven-ly mu-sic run.  
 pres-ence here makes all things dear. Let joy-ful bells be rung!

## **\*Benediction**

### **Benediction Response**

*Bouma*

May you hear laughter in the wind. May you see hope in the light.  
May you find courage in your faith. May you know joy in your God.

### **Postlude**

St. Denio

#### **Open & Affirming Statement**

In our ongoing quest for hearts that open, minds that understand,  
and lives that serve, we welcome into our fellowship, membership, leadership, and employment,  
all people, regardless of abilities, race, gender, sexual orientation, or any God-given characteristic.



## Announcements

**June 28, 2020**

**Prayers:** *Kendra DelaCadena*, whose grandmother died last week; *Jim Harmon*, recovering from a broken wrist; *Daryl* and *Sarah Malena*, on the death of *Audrey Malena*.

**Joys:** *Aby (Gross) & Nik Bauer*, celebrating the birth of *Huxton Nikolaus Bauer* – proud grandparents are *Rita & Tina Grossenstein*, and *Uncle Alex Gross*!

**Chancel flowers and decorations:** sponsored this month by *Norma & Richard Le Clerc*.

**Happy Birthday this week:** to *Jason Grams, Jarett Gustafson, Norlan Van Gorp, Renee Jizba, Will Sharpe, Michelyn Trautman, Mike Lee, Marion Pruss*, and *Bill Switzer*.

**FirstForum:** 3 p.m. on Zoom. *Pathways to Decarbonization*, led by *Lisa Olson* and *Craig Moody* from OPPD. They will discuss sustainability efforts during the pandemic and their Pathways to Decarbonization initiative.

**FirstYouth:** Zoom, 8 p.m.

### Activities for the Coming Week, June 29 – July 4

*Lectionary Readings: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19. 25-30.*

**Monday:** staff meeting, 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Vespers, 8 p.m. on FaceBook Live

**Friday:** Independence Day observed. Office closed.

### Sunday, July 5

**Worship:** we are planning an "in-person" (read: IN YOUR CAR) worship service in the parking lot west of the church. Details are still being flushed out, but we do know for sure that if we can pull this off, we'll plan to worship at **9:00 AM** (instead of 10:30) for the sake of beating the July heat. Also available on YouTube!

**Food Pantry:** Donations will be accepted at church – please call first. Checks may be mailed to First Central with "pantry" in the memo line.

*Want to donate electronically? Please scan the QR code.*

