



# First Central Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 9, 2020

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

Cleansing Fountain

**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**

Nancy Dugan, liturgist

Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where you are.

Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

**Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.**

**\*Processional Hymn**

Bring Many Names

## Bring Many Names

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Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27

*Unison*

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in  
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the  
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the  
 4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing

par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.  
 won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:  
 strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:  
 e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:

Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!  
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!  
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

5 Young, grow - ing God. ea - ger,  
 on the move,  
 say - ing no to false - hood and  
 un - kind - ness,  
 cry - ing out for jus - tice,  
 giv - ing all you have:  
 Hail and Ho - san - na,  
 young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,  
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,  
 clos - er yet than breath - ing,  
 ev - er - last - ing home:  
 Hail and Ho - san - na,  
 great, liv - ing God!

*The author states that aspects of the divine are revealed in our*

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## **\*Invocation**

God of Presence, you meet us in the midst of the troubles of our lives.  
God of Renewal, you lift us from despair to hope, from distraction to focus, from death to life.  
God of the Journey, direct us in your way and work out your purpose through our lives. We  
pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. 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**

### **Contemporary Lesson**

The First Thing

*Mohja Kahf*

### **Word in Music**

Minuet

*Handel*

*Margot Wickman, Morgan Bennett*

### **First Testament Lesson**

Genesis 16:1-15; 21:8-21

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**

Rev. Dr. Scott Jones

### **\* Hymn**

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla  
(You Have Come down to the Lakeshore)

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11

Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; alt.  
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1989; alt.

D A7 D

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -  
2 Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: en mi  
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
2 You know full well my pos - ses - sions. Nei - ther

G A7

ca - do ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, tan só - lo  
bar - ca no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; tan só - lo  
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, But on - ly  
trea - sure nor weap - ons for con - quest, Just these my

D A7 D Estribillo (Refrain) D7

quie - res que yo te si - ga. Je -  
re - des y mi tra - ba - jo.  
ask - ing for me to fol - low. O  
fish - nets and will for work - ing.

G D

sús, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; →  
Je - sus, you have looked in - to my eyes;

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son - ri - en - do,                      has di - cho mi nom - bre;  
 kind - ly smil - ing,                      you've called out my name.

en la a - re - na                      he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;  
 On the sand I                      have a - ban - doned my small boat;

jun - to a ti                      bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
 now with you                      I will seek oth - er seas.

3. Tú ne-ce-si-tas mis mà-nos,  
 mi can-san-cio que a o-tros des-can-se,  
 a-mor que quie-ra se-guir a-man-do.  
*Estrillo*

3. You need my hands, my ex-haus-tion,  
 work-ing love for the rest of the  
 wea-ry—  
 A love that's will-ing to go on lov-ing.  
*Refrain*

4. Tú, Pes-ca-dor de o-tros ma-res,  
 an-sia e-ter-na de al-mas que es-pe-ran.  
 A-mi-go bue-no, que a-sí me lla-mas.  
*Estrillo*

4. You who have fished oth-er wa-ters;  
 you, the long-ing of souls that are  
 yearn-ing:  
 As lov-ing Friend, you have come  
 to call me.  
*Refrain*

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jim Harmon

We have turned our eyes away and lost our focus on you. We have ignored your vision in order to maintain the familiar. We have neglected the dreams of others, fearful of what they might mean for us. Forgive us. Amen.

## **\*Words of Assurance**

God is with you, Christ is present, the Holy Spirit surrounds us and unites us all. Take heart, do not be afraid. We can begin again, and imagine a new way of being. Everyone who calls upon God's name will be saved. We are forgiven.

## **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**

Arioso

*Bach*

## **\*Hymn of Dedication**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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**

Loving God, we believe that you have saved us, you are saving us, and you will save us. We offer to you our whole lives as a living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Use us; multiply us and the gifts we offer—in person, by mail, or online—to extend the invitation of life, and community to everyone we meet. Amen.

## **\*Recessional Hymn**

We Worship You, God

Ps. 104:2-6, 10-13

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

1 We wor - ship you, God; your power and your love  
 2 We tell of your might, we sing of your grace,  
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

are bla - zoned a - broad, a - round, and a - bove:  
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old,  
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 Your char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,  
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 Your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 and broad is your path on the wings of the storm.  
 and round it you cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

*Born in Bengal, India, Robert Grant became a lawyer in England, a member of Parliament, and for the last four years of his life was governor of Bombay. This text*

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 Attrib. to J. Michael Haydn (1737-1806)  
 Alternate tune: HANOVER

## **\*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**

Hark! A Thrilling Voice

#### **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

**August 9, 2020**

**Prayers:** *Kathy McConnell*, recovering from hip replacement.

**Joys:** *Savannah Kirwan*, celebrating the birth of *Elliott Jacob Combs*, born last week – proud Great Grandmother is *Deb Kirwan*!

**Chancel flowers and decorations:** provided this month by members.

**Happy Birthday this week:** to *Nancy Dugan*, *Vickie Jones*, *Lennie Jefferson*, and *Nita Richards*. *If you have a birthday that isn't listed, that means it isn't in the church database. Please email or call the office to update your records.*

**Thank you:** to *Margot Wickman* and *Morgan Bennett* for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.

**All-Church Retreat:** has been postponed until next year.

### Activities for the Coming Week, August 10 – August 15

*Lectionary Readings: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.*

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

**Tuesday:** Council, 7 p.m., Zoom

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

### Sunday, August 16

**Worship:** 10:30 a.m. on YouTube, or in-person!

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