



# First Central Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 30, 2021

Trinity Sunday

**Prelude**

Restoration

**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**

Daryl Malena, liturgist

We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

We are here because we want to be God's people.

**We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.**

We come seeking to be changed.

**Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit.**

We want to be made whole by the living God.


We want to be true disciples of Christ.

**Come, let us worship together.**



**\*Processional Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

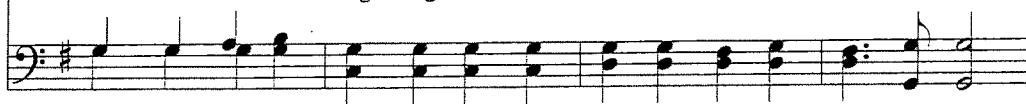
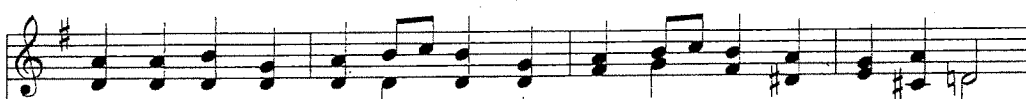
## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13**Henry van Dyke, 1907: alt.*




1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;  
 2 All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,  
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,  
 4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;


Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea.  
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.



*Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador,  
 Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this*

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.  
*Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824*

## **\*Invocation**

O God of Mystery, within your very self you model the beloved community. You are the Wisdom within our hearts, the Word who dwells among us, the Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves. Let us know your presence here today in a new way, that we might celebrate your love and go forth rejoicing. 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**

### **New Testament Lesson**

John 4:4-26

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**

Standing at Wells

Rev. Katie Miller

## **Musical Interlude**

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live without you as the center of our lives. Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest in our own uncertainties. We find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love through which you sent Christ to live among us. We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, of Christ as Redeemer, and of the Holy Spirit as ever-present sustainer. We do not live out the beloved community you desire for all. Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love. Amen.

### **\* Assurance**

God always claims us and loves us. God provides us living water that heals and renews. When we confess our lostness and seek new birth in the Spirit, putting to death our selfish pursuits, we can receive what God always offers, participation in God's new creation. We are born anew to a life which participates in eternity already. Receive this gift from God.

## 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.

## Testimony

Evan Davis

## Offertory

Liturgical Dance

*Jennifer Forbes Baily, Alice Love, David Nichols*

## \*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

Receive our offering, that we might come alive in the Spirit. Let us open our hearts and our  
lives to God and one another. Strengthen us in our giving. Through our generosity, let us  
experience true joy. Amen.

## \*Recessional Hymn

Crashing Waters at Creation

9-15-96  
9-22-96  
1/14/98  
**Crashing Waters at Creation**

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*Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991*

*Gen. 1:1-5; Exod. 14:21-22; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:13-14*

- 1 Crash-ing wa-ters at cre-a-tion  
or-dered by the Spir-it's breath,  
First to wit-ness day's be-gin-ning  
from the bright-ness of night's death.
- 2 Part-ing wa-ter stood and trem-bled  
as the cap-tives passed on through,  
Wash-ing off the chains of bond-age—  
chan-nel to a life made new.
- 3 Cleans-ing wa-ter once at Jor-dan  
closed a-round the One fore-told,  
O-pened to re-veal the glo-ry  
ev-er new and ev-er old.
- 4 Liv-ing wa-ter, nev-er end-ing,  
quench the thirst and flood the soul.  
Well-spring, Source of life e-ter-nal,  
drench our dry-ness, make us whole.

*Hymnwriter Sylvia Dunstan wrote this text to accompany a prayer for blessing the water in the United Church of Canada baptismal rites. She has credited the work of Miriam Therese Winter as her inspiration for some of the imagery in the last stanza.*

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.  
Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716), in  
Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

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## \*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

Veni Creator Spiritus

### 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

**May 30, 2021**

**Prayers:** *Dorothy Rydberg*, now at Rolling Hills; *Miriam Eckblade*, whose mother died last week; the *Zaiss, Wiseman*, and *Gustafson families*, on the death of *Melissa Wiseman Smith*; *Vickie Jones*, recovering from surgery.

**Joys:** *Vic & Jan Kensler*, celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

**Happy Birthday this week:** to *Jodi Roberts, Kay Jensen, Elijah Spencer, Linda Haubold, Will Kennedy, Patience Tarpeh, Colin Jones*, and *Marian Fey*.

### Activities for the Coming Week, May 31 – June 5

*Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15); Psalm 138; Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35.*

- Monday:** Memorial Day. Office closed.  
**Wednesday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Mind Matters, 7 p.m., Zoom  
**Friday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
**Saturday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
*Gordon Thompson* celebration of life, 10 a.m.

### Sunday, June 6

**Worship:** 10:30 a.m. on FaceBook Live, YouTube, or in person.

**Summer Choir:** 10 a.m., Sanctuary

**FirstKids:** Memorial Hall following the Conversation with the Children. Masks required.

**Pie Day:** but with cookies. On the patio following worship. Bring cookies to share!

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