



First Central Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 13, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

O Salutaris

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Scott Jones

*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

Mike Kratville, liturgist

With the melody of the lute and the harp and the song in our hearts, we declare God's steadfast love in the morning and faithfulness at night.

Come and give thanks to our God. Sing praises to the holy name.

Your works are great, O God. Restore your people.

We sing our praises of joy to you. God's works make us glad.

*Processional Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age.

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

***Invocation**

O God, you are maker of all that is beautiful. In this time together, touch us, teach us, inspire us. May we build together a world of peace and justice so that all may share in Creation's abundance. Amen.

***Gloria**

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

Dena Higginbotham

First Testament Lesson

Haggai 2:1-5

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

Take Courage

Rev. Dr. Scott Jones

Summer Choir

They Did Not Build in Vain

***Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Jeannie Bates

Gracious God, you are indeed generous. You give us the gifts of the Spirit. Sometimes, we forget that all we have is given to us by you. And that you remain sovereign of all things. Forgive us. Help us to remember that being made in your image, we should be as generous and loving as you are. Amen.

*** Assurance**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit and a contrite heart.
By God's steadfast love for us, we are forgiven of our sins. Thanks be to 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.

Offertory

Maybe

Kelly Beaman

Kelly Beaman, trombone; Allison Beaman, trumpet; Jim Ogden, narrator

***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**

You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God. We return a portion of what we have to
you in grateful thanksgiving. Bless our offerings that they will nurture the seeds of hope and
healing in this community and beyond. Amen.

***Recessional Hymn**

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

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(How Can I Keep from Singing)

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -
 2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is
 3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells
 4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -

ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that
 liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A
 ring - ing; Whea friends re - joice both far and near, how
 bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since

hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult
 new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my
 can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and
 first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes

and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It
 in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since
 dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When
 fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All

finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing - ing?
 Love com - mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?
 friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?
 things are mine since I am Christ's— how can I keep from sing - ing?

***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

Fanfare

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 13, 2021

Prayers: *Allison Hardy*, on the death of her grandfather; *Mike Kratville*, recovering from surgery.

Joys: *Jake Sharpe*, celebrating 5 years cancer free!

Happy Birthday this week: to *Yvette Polinsky* (last week!). *Irma Rosberg*, *Alex Hotchkiss*, *Leah Wiggins*, *Jan Riggimbach*, and *Jonah Spencer*.

Thank you: to *Allison Beaman and Kelly Beaman* for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning. Thanks also to *Jim Ogden* for narrating.

FirstYouth: 3 p.m., Obner State Park.

Activities for the Coming Week, June 14 – June 19

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41.

- Monday:** Staff meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Eves, 7 p.m., planning meeting at Barb Switzer's.
- Wednesday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Thursday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Chancel Team, 7 p.m. at Susan Fortina's.
Congregational Care Ministry, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Saturday:** Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
World Refugee Day, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Joslyn.

Sunday, June 13

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.

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