



First Central Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 20, 2021

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Adoro Devote

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

Doug Lederer, liturgist

When waters are rough,

We hold each other tightly and call on God.

When the waters are calm,

We can splash and play, delighting in refreshing currents of community.

When the waters are deep,

Trusted friends help us to venture forth.

Through the currents, crashing waves, and depths of the unknown,
a Holy Presence remains.

Isn't it wonderful when all of the people live together in unity?

*Processional 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

Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11.
 Attrib. to J. Michael Haydn (1737-1806)
 Alternate tune: HANOVER

***Invocation**

Ever-living God, you are like the sea: powerful and endless, yet soothing and constant. Let us feel your refreshing presence as we gather near your waters to wade in the possibilities of life that you offer us this day. 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

Liz Patterson

First Testament Lesson

Ezra 7:25-28

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

Danger!

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Summer Choir

God, We Thank You for Our People

***Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jim Harmon

O God, sometimes we are inclusive and sometimes we are exclusive: forgive us for our two-sided nature. We are grateful when grace is extended to us, yet we can be absent-minded of this when others have wronged us. We welcome our own with hospitality and care, yet we often ignore those whom we see only from a distance. We long for oneness with ourselves, with you, and with others. Amen.

*** Assurance**

God's grace washes upon the turbulent shores of our lives, and we are forgiven to begin again. Let us learn to live at peace with ourselves and others, with Christ and creation, allowing justice and love to flow freely through our lives.

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

Der Engel

***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**

O God, you have offered unique gifts to each one of us. Teach us to celebrate and share those gifts so that we may create communities of graciousness and love. Through Jesus, we are reminded of the difference that an individual contribution can make. Let us offer our gifts generously for the service of all. Amen.

***Recessional Hymn**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7

Latin, 6th-8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.
St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
 3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
 With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
 peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
 Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry T. Smart, 1867
Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*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

Hyfrydol

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 20, 2021

Prayers: *Carolyn Baldwin*, having hip replacement Monday.

Joys: *Charlene & Jim Wozny*, celebrating the birth of great granddaughter *Lula Ann Bergen* (parents are *Kathryn & Spencer Bergan!*). *Jenny & Sam Pfeifer*, celebrating the birth of great granddaughter *Quinn Kately Pfeifer* (parents are *Nicholas & Ashley Pfeifer!*). *Bonnie & John Austin*, celebrating the birth of great grandson *Max Sands Sweeney* (parents are *Amanda & Nat Sweeney!*).

Happy Birthday this week: to *Randy Solberg*, *Lucy Franks*, and *Sierra Williams*.

Chancel flowers and decorations: sponsored this month by *Steve & Susan Dolezal*

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

Fair Trade Coffee: sponsors this month are *Steve & Susan Dolezal*.

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Activities for the Coming Week, June 21 – June 26

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43.

Monday: Staff meeting, 11 a.m.

Wednesday: Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Thursday: Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Friday: Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
CEOs, 6 p.m., Jack & Mary's. Please RSVP to *Sam* or *Jenny Pfeifer*.

Saturday: Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday, June 27

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

Summer Choir: 10 a.m., Sanctuary. *Last of the season.*

Pastoral Relations Committee: 11:30 am., *Scott's* office.

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