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WORSHIP FOR JUNE 19, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNETEENTH

“I would like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free... so other people would be also free.”

Rosa Parks

PRELUDE “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” John Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Patte Henderson, Liturgist

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Let us sing praises to the Lord our God.

**Let those who exalt themselves be humbled,
and let the humble be made glad.**

Come and see what God has promised.

Come and see what our Redeemer has done.

Together, let us worship God.

*HYMN 563 “Lift Every Voice and Sing” James Weldon Johnson, J. Rosamond Johnson

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

The Prayer of Our Savior

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.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Invitation

Offertory "I've Got Peace Like a River" Spiritual

*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(At this time, children are dismissed to attend Children's Church.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 16:16-24

PSALM 103:1-18

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all the benefits of the Lord,**
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**
who satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**The Lord executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

To Moses were made known God's ways
and to the children of Israel the works of the Lord.

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

The Lord will not always accuse us
nor remain angry forever.

**The Lord has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so is the Lord's mercy great upon the God-fearing.
**As far as the east is from the west,
so far has the Lord removed our sins from us.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 16:25-34

SERMON “What Must We Do?”

* HYMN 445 “Great Day”

Refrain:

**Great day! Great day, the righteous marching,
Great day!
God's going to build up Zion's walls.**

**The chariot rode on the mountaintop,
God's going to build up Zion's walls.
My God spoke and the chariot did stop.
God's going to build up Zion's walls. Oh, (Refrain)**

**This is the day of Jubilee,
God's going to build up Zion's walls.
God shall set the people free.
God's going to build up Zion's walls. Oh, (Refrain)**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” Wilbur Held

Minister:	The Rev. Bill Lovin
Director of Children's Programs:	The Rev. Ann Molsberry
Organist:	Bill Crouch
Choir Director	Chris Nakielski
Office Manager	Jenn Harden

Graphic: **Juneteenth Flag**—Echoing the red, white, and blue of the U.S. flag, the Juneteenth flag signifies that the enslaved and their descendants were and are Americans. A star in the middle represents Texas, with a larger outer star representing a new freedom and a new people. The flag was developed by Ben Haith, founder of the National Juneteenth Celebration Foundation. Haith created the flag in 1997 with the help Boston-based illustrator Lisa Jeanne Graf. The flag was revised in 2000 into the current version. Haith said the red, white, and blue colors symbolize the continuous commitment of people in the United States to do better—and to live up to the American ideal of liberty and justice for all.

Opening Prayer: The Rev. Dr. Sterling Morse, former coordinator for African American Intercultural Congregational Support, Presbyterian Church (USA).

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WE’RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING. We are putting the safety of both the vaccinated and the unvaccinated in our congregation and the community first. Masks are required for all people in all parts of the building. We will keep social distance in the pews. Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall after worship. Masks are optional in Rockwood Hall during Coffee Hour.

USHERS, GREETERS, AND HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES: As we continue to reopen, there are new opportunities to greet people coming to worship, to usher, and to provide hospitality during coffee hour after worship. Please sign up on the sheets in Rockwood Hall or call the church office--319-337-4031.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, June 20, in celebration of Juneteenth.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC—SUNDAY, JUNE 26: Summer is here and it’s time for the Church Picnic. Bring your family, bring your friends and join us at SHELTER 2 IN UPPER CITY PARK from 4-7 p.m. Our Membership Board will provide drinks and dessert. Please bring a dish to share and your own plates and tableware. (If you prefer because of Covid precautions, feel free to bring your own food.) You’re welcome to bring games and play equipment, musical instruments, lawn chairs, and anything else that will make for a happy gathering.

HELP PREPARE THE JUNE 27 MEAL FOR HOPE LODGE: The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge houses cancer patients (and their caregivers) who are receiving treatment at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Hope Lodge is now back to housing residents but they are not yet allowing volunteers in the building. However, they are welcoming groups to provide an evening meal, enough for 30 people, leaving food off at the door. Our church will be responsible for a meal on June 27. There is a sign-up sheet in Rockwood Hall. Food will be delivered to Hope Lodge by 4:30 that day and should be in containers (aluminum pans) that do not need to be returned. The address of Hope Lodge is 750 Hawkins Drive (near the Ronald McDonald House). If you have questions about this project, contact Sue Dayton, cdayton7@mchsi.com or 351-5886.

HELP SUPPORT THE SCHOOL KIDS IN THE SOUTH DISTRICT: The Mission Board has signed our church up to provide supper on August 8, 2022 at 5:00 in Weatherby Park. United Action for Youth and the Johnson County Interfaith Coalition are hosting suppers in Weatherby Park in June, July and early August. We will feed approximately 100 people, primarily youth who will have had a strenuous afternoon of structured activities in the park. We’ve been asked to provide food that kids would like. Families and passersby will also be welcome. We could use help cooking, serving, and/or sharing this community meal with the South District residents. If you are interested in helping, send a note to Donna Hirst, donna-hirst@uiowa.edu. 2022 has been a very challenging year for kids, and we hope this effort will

help the South District kids learn that the community “has their back” and wants their summer to be excellent.

1. Indicate whether you want to provide food, expected dish and servings.
2. Indicate whether you want to help serve.
3. Indicate whether you want to share this community meal.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO GAVE TO THE STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFEREING ON PENTECOST. We received over \$300 to support UCC new and renewing churches, youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership development. You can still give—put “Strengthen the Church” on your check of envelope or give online.

OPEN HEARTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER DIAPER AND WIPES DRIVE THIS SUMMER: The Mission Board is sponsoring a diaper and wipes drive for Open Heartland, a community center for Spanish speaking families here in Iowa City. You are invited to create a clever name for our drive and collection box, but most of all, please drop off diapers in sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5 and training pullups, as well as wipes in the box in Rockwood Hall. They are particularly in need of the larger sizes. If you want to contribute cash to this effort, the Mission Board will do the shopping—just put “Diaper Drive” on your envelope or check. Let's delight them with our generosity! Let's all "get behind" the effort.

THE WOMEN'S LUNCH WILL BE HELD on Thursday, June 23rd, at 11:45AM at Monica's. Call or text Martha Ann Crawford—319-855-8340—to reserve a seat.

SIGN UP FOR *CHANGE AGENT*: AN ONLINE UCC MISSION BOARD SOCIAL CHANGE BULLETIN BOARD: The Mission Board is responding to requests from the congregation and creating an Online Social Change Bulletin Board. This monthly email publication will be a system that will include notices of rallies, petitions, upcoming legislative or policy actions warranting letters or phone calls, protests, important meetings of the school board or city council, each of which has the potential to increase social justice. Highest priority alerts will be local actions, then state actions and national actions. Notices will not support political candidates or parties. We would be delighted if everyone in the congregation is interested in subscribing. If you would like to receive these monthly mailings send your contact information to Jenn Harden, uccicadmin@uccic.org.

VISITING THE DIVERSITY MARKET, Saturdays, 1:00-7:00, June-July 30, is an excellent way to support our South District neighbors. International food, crafts, art, jewelry. Pepperwood Plaza 1067, Hwy 6

TABLE TO TABLE IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS to help with maintaining their mission of connecting abundance with need in Johnson County. They are incredibly flexible: whatever your schedule is, they can probably work with it! They have volunteers that come in twice a week and volunteers that come in twice a month and both are valuable to the organization. Duties can include: harvesting produce at farms and orchards, driving or riding in T2T vans on routes to pick up and deliver food, helping prep vans for their routes in our shop (move empty boxes around while listening to some tunes!), offering free fresh produce in at-need

neighborhoods, and more. If your interest is piqued, check out their website (table2table.org), contact them at volunteer@table2table.org or at 319-337-3400.



WANT TO GIVE ONLINE? SCAN THE QR CODE FOR OUR GIVING APP. Your giving makes a world of difference.

WE ARE NOW LIVE STREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:15 ON SUNDAY MORNING. You can join us online in real time at <https://vimeo.com/event/1424751>. This streaming address is the same each week.

RECORDINGS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICES are posted after worship on Sunday at <https://vimeo.com/channels/1547852>. The recordings remain up permanently, so you can watch past worship services at your convenience or recommend them to a friend.