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WORSHIP FOR JUNE 27, 2021  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Give me a way, O God, to know myself well enough not to be afraid of what is inside me.  
Help me not to watch myself, but instead to watch you and listen to you.  
Then let me return to the world to love and serve others as fully as I can.  
Donna Schaper

PRELUDE "Moderato" J.C. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from the Song of Solomon)

Now the winter is past,  
the cold is over and gone.

**The flowers appear on the earth,  
the time of singing has come,**  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

**The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom.**

HYMN

“The Summer Days Are Come Again”

Samuel Longfellow

**The summer days are come again;  
Once more the glad earth yields  
Its golden wealth of ripening grain,  
And breath of clover fields,  
And deepening shade of summer woods,  
And glow of summer air,  
And winging thoughts, and happy moods  
Of love and joy and prayer.**

**The summer days are come again;  
The birds are on the wing;  
God’s praises, in their loving strain,  
Unconsciously they sing.**

**We know God gives us all the good  
That does our cup o’erbrim;  
For summer joy in field and wood  
We lift our joyful hymn.**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of Love, we gather to worship in your name.  
We come as a church family.  
We aren’t alike.**

**We don’t look alike.  
We don’t think alike.  
We don’t act alike  
and we don’t all like the same things.  
Despite all our diversity  
and our faults  
we are all made in your image.  
May we never forget whose image we reflect.**

**We pray for an inclusive church  
and yet we don’t always like each other.  
It is hard to accept  
that other good people can hold views that differ from ours.**

**Not all of us can walk a straight and narrow path.  
Not all of us would want to.  
We know there are many worthy paths to travel  
and you can be found on them all.**

Provision us with hope and joy.  
Enable us to walk tall  
and move forward valuing otherness.  
Help us to seek good in everyone  
and in that seeking there find you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Jeremiah 17:7-8

PSALM 74:12-20

God is our Sovereign from time past,  
the giver of help through all the land.

**It was you who divided the sea by your might,  
who shattered the heads of the monsters in the sea.**

It was you who opened springs and torrents;  
it was you who dried up ever-flowing rivers.

**Yours is the day and yours is the night.**

**It was you who appointed the light and the sun;**

It was you who fixed the bounds of the earth;  
you who made both summer and winter.

**Never forget the lives of your poor.**

**Let not the oppressed be put to shame.**

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**Remember your covenant.**

**Do not let the oppressed return disappointed;**

**let the poor and the needy bless your name.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON      I Corinthians 16:13-14

SERMON      “Pride 365”

A TIME OF GRATITUDE

SOLO      “By the Grace of the Spirit”    Andrew Gant  
   Colin Wilson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN      “In the Midst of New Dimensions”      Julian Rush

**In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.  
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?**

[Refrain] **God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.**

**Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,  
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?**

**As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,  
Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams**

**We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,  
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.**

**Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,  
May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE            “Allegro maestoso”    Johann Erasmus Kindermann

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**Thanks to Colin Wilson** for singing this morning.

**RECORDINGS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICES** are posted by early Sunday morning each week 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.

**AN ALL CHURCH PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON THIS AFTERNOON, Sunday, June 27, from 4-7 at City Park Shelter # 12.** The Membership Board planned this event as a way for us to see one another and catch up as we move toward reopening our church building. The Membership Committee will provide drinks and dessert. We’re making this a potluck, recognizing that each person/family will have different levels of comfort with this. Bring a dish to share if you are comfortable with that and if not, bring food for yourself/your family. Shelter 12 is near the play area, so this should be fun for people of all ages. See you there!

**We invite you to send your thoughts and good wishes for our recent high school graduates to Tom Mittman, the chair of the Diaconate, who will then compile these and present them to the graduates.**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SING A SOLO, DUET, ETC. DURING WORSHIP THIS SUMMER.** If you are interested, you can sign up [here](#). High school instrumentalists and others who are interested in sharing a solo and accompanying a couple of hymns are also welcome to participate. For more information, please contact Kristin Ramseyer.

**REOPENING NEWS:** The Reopening Committee is making progress as we plan for a safe return to in-person worship services. We are increasing our internet capability so that we can livestream our worship when we return to Sunday morning services. We are making sure that our filters and air intake provide for high air quality in the sanctuary. Our current plans look toward restarting in-person worship in early August. Some church boards have started meeting at the church.

If you haven't done so yet, please take a few minutes to fill out the Reopening Committee's second survey online. And note that this is not a group survey. We ask that each church member in your family fill one out. You can find the survey [here](#).

**BOB AND CLAIRE ASHMAN ARE LOOKING FOR GARDEN HELP.** If you'd like to help them keep their garden growing this summer, please call Bob at 319-512-6401.

**JOHNSON COUNTY INTERFAITH COALITION VOTER REGISTRATION EFFORT**  
The Johnson County Interfaith Coalition has received a substantial grant to do voter registration and canvassing in Johnson County. We will be able to hire a canvassing coordinator and pay folks to do canvassing in lower income and neighborhoods of people of color.

We will be using an online database to do data entry, searching, creating contact lists for neighborhoods, etc.

We need folks with computer experience to work with the Voter Action Network (VAN) database. If you have computer skills and are willing to donate some time to assist with this project over the next 1.5 years, please let me know. As with most computer tasks, the scheduling of work is flexible, and you would get training in the use of the database.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Donna Hirst

### **Table to Table Seeks Volunteers**

Our volunteers keep good food from going to waste by rescuing it from food donors and delivering it to area agencies that serve people who are food insecure. **In 2019 our volunteers rescued 2.5 million pounds of food, serving 19,000 neighbors in need!**

Volunteers interact with food donor organizations, box up and load food donations into a Table to Table van, and transport and unload the food at recipient organizations such as community pantries, shelters, preschools, etc.

Route shifts typically take place between 8am-Noon Monday-Friday and last about 2-3 hours. Number of shifts each week depends on the need and the volunteer's availability. We also have a limited number of routes on Saturday mornings. During the summer we also have opportunities related to gleaning fresh fruits and vegetables.

If you think you might be interested and have a bit of time on your hands (even just a few hours during the week) and would like to volunteer, **please email [volunteer@table2table.org](mailto:volunteer@table2table.org) or call 319-337-3400 to chat about volunteer opportunities.** More information is available at our website: <https://table2table.org/volunteers/>. Masks are required and we have implemented additional safety precautions in accordance with CDC guidelines.

**Things to know:**

- Must have a valid driver's license and access to a vehicle
- Volunteers typically lift 30-40 lb. boxes of food
- Must be willing to volunteer a minimum of 30 total hours