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WORSHIP FOR JULY 5, 2020  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“May we never forget that in the sunshine of our lives, through the storm and after the rain—it is all with God—in all ways and forever.”

John Coltrane

PRELUDE “I Want Jesus in My Heart”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 96)

O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name;  
tell of God’s salvation from day to day.**

Declare God’s glory among the nations,  
God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.

**Worship the Lord in holy splendor;  
tremble before God, all the earth.**

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**let the field exult, and everything in it.  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.**

HYMN      “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

**O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with sisterhood  
From sea to shining sea!**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!**

**O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And ev'ry gain divine!**

**O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!**

OPENING PRAYER

**On this day, O God, we look around to see the world, our country and our lives in upheaval. So many things are upended, so many things need to be put right. A world needs to be put together anew.**

**We remember you are the one who brings the world into being out of formlessness and you continually reside within the crests and crevices of its swirling mass, your creating spirit sustains it still.**

**Let us rely on your inventive power to create what will be new, what will emerge from the chaos and be good. Be the wisdom in our decisions, allow us to choose the moves and turns we must take to keep going towards what you desire for this earth and all its inhabitants. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Isaiah 43:18-25

PSALM 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.**

[Unison]

**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON      II Corinthians 1:15-22

SERMON      "Jazz 2020"

A TIME OF GRATITUDE

DUET      "I Danced in the Morning"  
Kristin and Josh Ramseyer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN           “God of Change and Glory”

**God of change and glory, God of time and space,  
When we fear the future, give to us your grace.  
In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.**

**Refrain:**

**Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.  
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise  
One Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word  
Known in many ways, hallowing our days.  
For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!**

**God of many colors, God of many signs,  
You have made us different, blessing many kinds.  
As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear.**

**Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,  
You are still creating endless love and light.  
This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart.**

POSTLUDE           “This Little Light of Mine”

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**WE WANT TO SEE YOU!** We would like to have members and friends be a part of the greeting time during our online worship. Please send us a brief—10-30 second—video of you or your family waving, saying “Hi,” singing, or whatever you would like. Or send a photo. We’ll start including a few of these in the worship service each week as a way to strengthen our connections with each other. Send your greeting videos to [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UcrZ4ya9xFir39cG\\_lx-SCO6dVPBbV0B?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UcrZ4ya9xFir39cG_lx-SCO6dVPBbV0B?usp=sharing)

On this weekend of the Virtual Iowa City Jazz Festival, we’ve gone into vault to bring out some music from last year’s July 7 jazz worship service featuring some old friends: Dick Watson, piano, Gary Palmer, bass, Craig Wood, drums, and Lynne Hart, saxophone. Congregational UCC’s own Ethan Buck is sitting in as well.

**FREE LUNCH PROGRAM NEWS: *Providing Good Food and Hospitality since 1983***—Our church prepared **117** lunches to go at the Free Lunch Program on June 29. Since the dining room is now closed due to COVID-19, new procedures have been established that are working very well. So many generous members of our church volunteered their time by donating food for

take-home lunches. Heartfelt thanks to: **Dianne Atkins, Ginny Clemons, Martha Ann Crawford, Sue Dayton, Diane Duncan-Goldsmith, Barb Hanson, Shelagh Hayreh, Marge Hoppin, Jane Kinney, Linda Muston, Connie Parsons, John & Sharyn Reitz, Edie Roberts, Rebecca Weatherford and Lee Wood.** Special appreciation to **Barb Hanson, Edie Roberts and Patty Roberts** for their cheerful onsite support. Our next scheduled serving date is Monday, August 31, 2020. *Vicki Thomae*