



CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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WORSHIP FOR JULY 9, 2023  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“A God who bleeds with our wounds is a God of compassion. At that point of contact between God’s Spirit and ours, the Spirit of compassion passes through our spirit. We open our hearts, we love, we forgive. We need inspiration for our hearts as much as for our work. Inspiration heightens our compassion the way that it heightens our vision.”

Joanna Laufer & Kenneth S. Lewis

PRELUDE                    “The Gift of Love”    Setting by John Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS                    Rachel Burchett, Liturgist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 107)

Give thanks to the Sovereign God, for God is good,  
and God’s mercy endures forever.

**We give thanks for God’s steadfast love  
and for God’s wonderful works for all people.**

God satisfies the thirsty soul  
and fill the hungry with good things.

**God leads us out of shadows and gloom  
and we tell of Gods’ deeds with shouts of joy.**

**\*HYMN 475 “O That I Had a Thousand Voices”**

**O that I had a thousand voices  
To praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,  
Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be,  
What great things God has done for me.**

**O all you powers that God implanted,  
Arise, keep silence now no more;  
Put forth the strength that God has granted!  
Your noblest work is to adore.  
O soul and body, join to raise  
With heartfelt joy our Maker’s praise.**

**You forest leaves so green and tender  
That dance for joy in summer air,  
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,  
You flowers so fragrant and so fair,  
You live to show God’s praise alone.  
Join me to make God’s glory known.**

**All creatures that have breath and motion,  
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,  
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,  
Help me to sing God's praises high.  
My utmost powers can never quite  
Declare the wonders of God’s might.**

**\* OPENING PRAYER**

**Creator of our lives, source and destiny of all that is, we come to you in partial awareness of the hallowed nature of each human life, and in need of your reviving Spirit for comfort and grace. In the beauty of this place set aside, in the solemn reverence of time set apart to hear your Word, in the strength of mutual care, in the silence and in the songs which attend your redeeming power, we come to worship and to wait for you.**

**May every bitter thought and each nagging worry about what we have done and what we have failed to do be washed out into the ebbing sea of your boundless mercy. Let every noble thought and every impulse of love be stirred anew by the breath of your Spirit. So lead us by your gentle inspiration to sense in each moment eternal depths, immeasurable goodness and the possibilities of tomorrow. Amen.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#466)**

**O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer’s praise,**

**The glories ever echoing  
the triumphs of God's grace!**

**Glory to God, and love and praise  
be ever, ever given  
By all the saints in every age,  
the church in earth and heaven.**

SOLO            "Though I May Speak"  
                  Kevin Koepnick

#### 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        "Andante"        Josef Renner

\*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

(Children are dismissed to Children's Church)

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 49:13-18

#### PSALM 145:1-9

I will exalt you, O God my Sovereign,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
there is no end to your greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another  
and shall declare your power.**

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty  
and all your marvelous works.

**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,  
and I will tell of your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

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

[Unison]

**O Lord, you are loving to everyone,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Matthew 9:35-10:8, 16

SERMON      “God Keeps Us Around to Send Us Out”

\*HYMN 413      “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

**All who love and serve your city,  
all who bear its daily stress,  
all who cry for peace and justice,  
all who curse and all who bless:**

**In your day of wealth and plenty,  
wasted work and wasted play,  
call to mind the word of Jesus,  
"You must work while it is day."**

**For all days are days of judgment,  
and the Lord is waiting still,  
drawing near a world that spurns him,  
offering peace from Calvary's hill.**

**Risen Lord, shall yet the city  
be the city of despair?  
Come today, our judge, our glory.  
Be its name “The Lord is there!”**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      “Sortie”      Jacques Lemmens

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Director of Children's Programs:	The Rev. Ann Molsberry
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Choir Director	Chris Nakielski
Children's Choir Director	Majesty Constable
Office Manager	Jenn Harden

TODAY

❖	Worship Service	10:15 am
	Children's Church	During Worship
	Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall	After Worship

TUESDAY

❖	Finance Committee	10:00 am
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SATURDAY

❖	Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
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NEXT SUNDAY

❖	Worship Service	10:15 am
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**WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING.**

Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall after worship. Masks are welcome.

**HOPE LODGE:** Our next Hope Lodge dinner will be tomorrow, Monday, July 17. If you want to participate, see the sign-up sheet in Rockwood Hall. If you have questions see Sue Dayton or email [cdayton7@mchsi.com](mailto:cdayton7@mchsi.com)

**THE JULY MEN'S BREAKFAST IS THIS COMING SATURDAY,** July 15. We'll meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Riverfront Hy-Vee. No reservation is necessary. Just show up and join the other guys.

**THE FAMILY OF RUTH KUNTZ INVITES FRIENDS FROM THE CUCC TO JOIN THEM IN CELEBRATING RUTH'S 90TH** birthday on Saturday, July 22 in the Heiden Community Room (5th floor) in Oaknoll's Spring building at 735 George Street. The main Oaknoll parking lot is off of West Benton Street in front of the main Oaknoll building. Permission has been granted for cars to park on the east side of George Street for this event.

The birthday party will be from 2 to 4 p.m. (with comments at 3:00). Ruth asks that no cards or gifts be given. As an alternative please consider bringing one item for the CommUnity Food Bank. The most needed items include: canned fruit in juice, peanut butter, canned meat, baby diapers, baby formula, rice and pasta, hearty soups and stews, toilet paper, and detergent.

**BE A PART OF WELCOMING STUDENTS IN AUGUST:** When the UI Fall Semester begins in late August, Congregational UCC will once again welcome the new and returning students. The exact dates and details are still in the works, but this will be a new and reimagined event designed to let students know who we are, what we value, and how they might find a spiritual home here while studying at the University. More information will be available in late July and early August. In the meantime, if you have suggestions or would like to help with the planning, please talk with Martha Ann Crawford, Allan Hogue, or Bill Lovin.

**THE JOHNSON COUNTY INTERFAITH COALITION (JCIC) IS HAVING A FAITH IN ACTION FRIEND AND FUNDRAISER** on September 7, 5:30-8:00 at the Unitarian Universalist Society. Bea Hicks and Donna Hirst are co-chairs of the event. Our church is purchasing a table for 10. If you'd like to attend, please call the church office at 337-4301 or send a note to Jenn Harden at [uccicadmin@uccic.org](mailto:uccicadmin@uccic.org) and copy Donna at [donna-hirst@uiowa.edu](mailto:donna-hirst@uiowa.edu)

**DO YOU HAVE A CHURCH KEY?** We have recently made new keys and are working at getting a better list of people who have keys. If you have a key to the church, please contact Trustee Chairperson, Kevin Richards, at (608) 807-7195 or at [kdrichards1958@gmail.com](mailto:kdrichards1958@gmail.com). Thanks.

**SEE SOMETHING—SAY SOMETHING:** If you notice something in the building that needs attention—a leaky faucet, a loose railing, etc.—please let the church office or Trustee Chairperson, Kevin Richards, know right away. You can reach Kevin at (608) 807-7195 or at [kdrichards1958@gmail.com](mailto:kdrichards1958@gmail.com). Thanks.

**USHERS, GREETERS, AND HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES:** There are still some 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.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS A LITURGIST ON SUNDAY MORNING?** This is a great opportunity to welcome people and to lead them in worship. Bill Lovin provides the material. You provide the spirit. Contact Bill if you are interested or would like more information.



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**WE LIVE STREAM 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/154m7852>. The recordings remain up permanently, so you can watch past worship services at your convenience or recommend them to a friend.  
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