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WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 23, 2020
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We share this hour of worship,

All: called by God to pray together.

L: We share this hour of worship,

All: called by God to shed more light on God's Word together.

L: We share this hour of worship,

All: called by God to share our joys and concerns together.

L: As the community of faith gathered in; and as the Body of Christ called out,

All: Come let us worship God and share the love of Christ with everyone!

OPENING HYMN "Jesus Calls Us"

**Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea;
day by day his voice still calls us
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'**

**As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'**

**Jesus calls us: by your mercies,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts in glad obedience,
serve and love you best of all.**

OPENING PRAYER AND CONFESSION

L: When God calls us out, sometimes it is difficult for us to move,

All: Because we have too much to leave behind; like grudges and bad moods.

L: Sometimes when God calls us forth, it is difficult for us to move,

All: Because we are carrying too much; like old disappointments and painful hurts.

L: Sometimes when God calls us forth, it is difficult for us to move,

All: Because we may have to leave behind possessions, family, and friends...that which will not let us move on.

ASSURANCE AND PARDON

L: Remember, God will not leave you alone. Trust God's love and compassion as you turn your life around and move on to the new.

All: Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were

partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

L: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Going Deeper”

A TIME OF GRATITUDE

DUET “There Is a Balm in Gilead”
Marie Von Behren and Andrew Knapp

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

**You have come up to the lakeshore,
Looking neither for the wise nor wealthy.
You only wanted that I should follow.**

Refrain:

**Oh Lord, with your eyes You have searched me,
And, while smiling, have called out my name.
Now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me,
Now with you I will seek other seas.**

**You know that I own so little,
In my boat there’s no money nor weapons,
You’ll only find there my nets and labor.**

Refrain

**You need the caring of my hands.
Through my tiredness, may others find resting.
You need a love that goes on loving.**

Refrain

**You, who have fished other oceans,
Ever longed for by souls that are waiting,
My dear and good friend, as thus You call me.**

Refrain.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Minister: The Rev. Bill Lovin
Director of Children's Programs: The Rev. Ann Molsberry
Organist: Bill Crouch
Choir Director: Kristin Ramseyer

Special thanks to Marie Von Behren and Andrew Knapp for singing during our worship today.

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BILL LOVIN IS ON VACATION FROM THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 30. We welcome the Rev. Ann Molsberry, our Director of Children's Programs, to our pulpit this morning. Ann is a UCC minister who served several congregations before joining our staff in 2019. She will be preaching on August 30 as well. The Lamentations Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 2.

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.

DO YOU HAVE A HYMN THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SING IN THE COMING MONTHS? Let Bill Lovin know. This is no guarantee that we will sing it, as the hymn will need to be covered by our reprint license, fit with the rest of the worship service and work for the person who will be leading the singing—but we'd like to hear from you and sing a new song.

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_1x-SCO6dVPBbV0B?usp=sharing

DONATION STATEMENTS FOR JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2020 ARE NOW AVAILABLE. If you would like a copy please let Nan Martin know by emailing her at uccicgiving@uccic.org or leaving a message on the office line (337-4301). She can email a copy or put a paper copy in the mail, if you would prefer.

FOOD BANK RETURNS TO ACCEPTING IN-KIND DONATIONS

Beginning Wednesday, July 22nd, the CommUnity Food Bank will be able to accept donations of food and household items by appointment. Appointments will be available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8am-4pm.

There are 3 ways to request an appointment to drop off an in-kind donation. You can:

- Call the Food Bank at 319-351-0128
- E-mail donations@builtbycommunity.org, or
- Set up an appointment at [this link](#)

More information about the types of items we are able to accept is available [on their website](#).

The Consultation of Religious Congregations (CRC) is forming a Racism Education Work Group to compile resources and provide assistance to faith communities as they begin to tackle the tasks spelled out in the CRC Statement on Racism & Current Events. If you are interested in serving in the work group or would like more information, please contact Mark Martin at pastormwm@gmail.com or 319-330-3030.

TEE OFFERING Will Be Received on September 13: Our annual offering to support the Theological Education by Extension College in South Africa (TEE Offering) will be received during worship on Sunday, September 13. This offering has been a tradition in our congregation for several decades. It was initially started when the brother of our then minister, the Rev. Ed Heininger, worked for TEE in South Africa. TEE is a private, nonprofit, distance learning institution serving five south African countries. The mission of the college is to equip men and women for Christian ministry. Students come from 28 denominations across southern Africa including the UCC of South Africa. For more information about this amazing program, please visit their website at www.tee.co.za. Please plan to give generously—our support makes a difference.

CONGREGATIONAL UCC WILL SERVE AT THE FREE LUNCH PROGRAM on Monday, August 31. If you are interested in helping, please contact Vicki Thomae at vickithomae@gmail.com.

TABLE TO TABLE CAN USE YOUR HELP:

Garden Recovery Program: Calling all Gardeners! Table to Table is looking for home gardeners with extra produce to donate. You grow and harvest it, and they will pick it up! Start donating now by contacting T2T at gardendonation@table2table.org, or by calling 319-337-3400.

Gleaning Program: Let's go glean! Help us glean (harvest) food from local farms to donate to our neighbors in need. Flexible schedule and social distancing outdoors. To volunteer, contact Table to Table at gleaning@table2table.org or call 319-337-3400.

