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WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 30, 2020
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146 paraphrased)

L: I will praise God as long as I live! I will sing praises to God all my life!

All: Praise God! O my soul!

L: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs—they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

All: Praise God! O my soul!

L: Happy are those whose help is in God! God, who made heaven and earth! God, who keeps faith forever! God, who executes justice for the oppressed! God, who gives food to the hungry!

All: Praise God! O my soul! God will reign forever, for all generations! Praise God!

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!

HYMN Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;

Let the Amen sound from His people again,

Gladly for aye we adore Him.

OPENING PRAYER AND CONFESSION (Proverbs 22 paraphrased)

L: A good name is to be chosen rather than riches, and favor is better than silver.

All: Those who are generous are blessed.

L: The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord, God is the maker of them all.

All: Those who are generous are blessed.

L: Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

All: Those who are generous are blessed.

L: Spirit of the Living God,

All: Forgive those who are not generous.

ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Brothers and sisters, I announce with great joy that we are forgiven! It is God that feeds everyone and God that blesses everyone's generosity!

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE LESSON Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel,

and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Uppity Women”

A TIME OF GRATITUDE

GIFT OF MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN “O for A World”

**O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

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. 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 uccigiving@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.

