



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice  
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

13 June 2021 – 10:30 AM

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

*\*indicates the congregation is invited to stand*

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PRELUDE *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* David M. Cherwien  
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from *Psalms 92* Elizabeth Schilling, liturgist

One: It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to God's name;

**All: To declare God's love in the morning, and God's faithfulness by night.**

One: The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**All: In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap.**

\*HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.**

**Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, make our broken spirits whole,  
Make our broken spirits whole.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,  
Serving you whom we adore.**

\*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

**Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:  
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.  
May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.  
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.  
Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.**

**Amen.**

ANTHEM *Dona Nobis Pacem* (from *Harmoniemesse*) Franz Joseph Haydn  
Chancel Choir • John Anderson, guest conductor

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar;  
 I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;  
 I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.  
 On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,  
 in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.  
 Under it every kind of bird will live;  
 in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.  
 All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord.  
 I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;  
 I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.  
 I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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[Jesus taught,] 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

SERMON

*Breaking Open*

Pastor Dave

INTERLUDE

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Tony Augimeri

Offertory Music

*Blessed Are Ye, Faithful Souls*

Johannes Brahms

\*COVENANT

receiving Roger Bowers into Covenant Membership

**We covenant with God and with each other:  
 to walk together in all God's ways  
 as the Holy is revealed to us;  
 to give ourselves freely and without reserve  
 to Jesus' ministry in this church;  
 to celebrate through worship God's  
 amazing gifts of unity and diversity;  
 to take up Christ's mission around the world,  
 striving for justice and peace;  
 to care for the earth and all her creatures,  
 reconciling ourselves to them in love;  
 for God gives immeasurable grace  
 into all life and every life. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
 We are Christ's new creation by water and the word;  
 From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;  
 With precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of our war,  
 We wait the consummation of peace forevermore;  
 Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,  
 And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet we on earth have union with God the Three-In-One,  
 And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
 O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,  
 Like them, the meek and lowly, may love eternally.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter