



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

18 July 2021 – 10:30 AM

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

PRELUDE *Nardis* Miles Davis
Jazz on High: Lori Rivera, vocals; Art Lange, piano; Steve Ucello, bass; Zach Olsen, percussion

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP in dialogue with *Psalm 84* Lynn Walton, liturgist

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O God of Hosts.

All: My soul longs for your courts; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the Living God.

One: Even the sparrow find a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O God of Hosts, my ruler and my God.

All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever signing your praise. Blessed are those whose strength is in you.

*HYMN *Love Will Guide Us* lyrics by Sally Rogers

**Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
Hope inside us, will lead the way
On the road from greed to giving
Love will guide us through the hard night.**

**If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot speak before thousands,
You can give from deep within you.
You can change the world with your love.**

*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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

God is my light and my salvation – Psalm 27

You are invited to come forward to light a candle as a sign of your prayer

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

ANTHEM	<i>In My Father's House</i>	Eric Bibb
SERMON	<i>I Will Make You A House</i>	Pastor Dave
HYMN 313	<i>Like a Tree beside the Waters</i>	SILVER CREEK

**Like a tree beside the waters, nurtured by your loving care,
We, O God, your sons and daughters, your enduring witness bear.
In each passing generation may your voice of love be heard.
Bless, we pray, this congregation with your holy, living Word.**

**We, beside the living waters, drink from your eternal life.
Give to all, your sons and daughters, faith that rises over strife.
O Living God, most glorious, strengthen us for life today.
By the hope of timeless promise guide your church upon the way.**

OFFERTORY

Invitation
Offertory Music

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When Will I Ever Learn

Van Morrison

*COVENANT

**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.**

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Dave

POSTLUDE

A Change Is Gonna Come

Sam Cooke