



*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

29 June 2025 – 10:30 AM
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Serenade
Aidan Santa Cruz • piano & vocals

Franz Schubert

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tony Augimeri, liturgist

One: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

All: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the way of love.

One: We come with busy lives that leave little openness to consider Christ's call.

All: Give us discernment and discipline to follow you in the ways of peace.

One: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

All: Give us grace to follow you in the way of generosity.

One: We rejoice in the Holy Spirit who empowers us to follow the way.

All: We pray for openness and courage to share in the joy of following God.

*HYMN

Traditional

Freedom's name is mighty sweet

And soon we're gonna meet

Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on

Hold on, hold on

Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on

I got my hand on the gospel plow

Won't take nothing for my journey now

[chorus]

Only chain that we will stand

Is that chain o' hand on hand

[chorus]

*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.

*GREETING OF PEACE

ANTHEM

Brave

Bareilles/Antonoff

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:51-62

Tony Augimeri

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

SERMON

Keep Your Eyes on the Prize

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

SPIRIT

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Music

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On the Sunny Side of the Street



Jimmy McHugh

*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.**

*HYMN 492 [hymn sheet]

I Would Be True

PEEK

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Climb

Jessi Alexander

Following this worship service, the congregation will convene it's annual meeting next door in our fellowship hall.

I Would Be True

Phil. 4:8-9

St. 1, 2, Howard Arnold Walter, 1917

St. 3, anon.; alt.

1 I would be true, for there are those who trust me; I would be
 2 I would be friend of all, the foe, the friend-less; I would be
 3 I would be prayer - ful through each bus - y mo - ment; I would be

pure, for there are those who care; I would be strong, for
 giv - ing, and for - get the gift; I would be hum - ble,
 con - stant - ly in touch with God; I would be tuned to

there is much to suf - fer; I would be brave, for
 for I know my weak - ness; I would look up, and
 sense God's slight - est whis - per; I would have faith to

there is much to dare, I would be brave, for there is much to dare.
 laugh, and love, and live, I would look up, and laugh, and love, and live.
 keep the path Christ trod, I would have faith to keep the path Christ trod.

The first two stanzas of this hymn are from "My Creed," a poem that Howard Walter sent to his mother from Japan, where he taught English before becoming a Congregational minister. Walter died at the age of thirty-five while working for the Y.M.C.A. in India.

Tune: PEEK 11.10.11.10.10.
 Joseph Y. Peek, 1911