



**TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**
AUGUST 15, 2021
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

PRELUDE

Reprise

Paul Manz

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 42:1-9, CEV
Janet Olschewsky

God the Lord says—

**the one who created the heavens,
the one who stretched them out,
the one who spread out the earth and its offspring,
the one who gave breath to its people
and life to those who walk on it—**

I, the Lord, have called you for a good reason.

I will grasp your hand and guard you,
and give you as a covenant to the people,
as a light to the nations,

**to open blind eyes, to lead the prisoners from prison,
and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon.**

I am the Lord;

that is my name;

I don't hand out my glory to others
or my praise to idols.

The things announced in the past—look—they've already happened,

but I'm declaring new things.

Before they even appear,
I tell you about them.

*** HYMN 305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

Darwall's 148th

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
Through the ages long!

Refrain

In bold accord,
Come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone,
And still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision,
Dream the dream! **(Refrain)**

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Let courage be our friend;
Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify
The Crucified!

Refrain

In bold accord,
Come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er
The ages long! **(Refrain)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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When we have fashioned idols of our own desire
or worshiped the temples of our own tradition,
Lord, have mercy.

(moment of silence)

When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice,
or failed to extend the invitation to others,
Christ, have mercy.

(moment of silence)

When we have clothed ourselves with worry rather than joy—
or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,
Lord, have mercy.

(moment of silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:1-9

SERMON

"Think on This"

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *A Declaration of Faith* PC(USA)
Janet Olszewsky

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Steven Phillips

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

The Peace of God
(Carrie Mills, Matthew Jarvis, Steven Phillips)

Douglas Wagner

Whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are true,
Whatsoever things are pure and lovely, think on these things.
Whatsoever things are wholesome, whatsoever things are good;
If there be any virtue, be any praise, think on these things.
And the peace of God that passes all understanding
Shall keep your hearts, shall keep your minds on Jesus Christ.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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*** HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*** BENEDICTION**

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POSTLUDE

Trumpet Processional in G

David Lasky

Today's Prayer of Confession is adapted from Standing in the Gap, written by Rev. Dr. Bob Gross, OCC, pastor at Lake Avenue United Church of Christ, Elyria, OH and posted on the United Church of Christ website.

David Patrick, our guest organist today, has recently returned to his native Sarasota following a distinguished career as music director, voice coach, pianist and organist for churches, colleges, theaters, and theme parks. In addition to a long tenure with the celebrated Dale Warland Singers, he has produced numerous musical events for Walt Disney World and was organist at First Presbyterian Church of Orlando.

We are grateful for the vocal talents of Matt Jarvis and Elder Carrie Mills, both of whom teach at Booker Middle School in choral music and drama respectively.