



# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 11, 2021  
10:00 AM

## CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

Rev. Margaret LaMotte Torrence

## PRELUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Arr. Bish

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
**the world, and those who live in it;**  
for the Lord has founded it on the seas,  
**and established it on the rivers.**  
Lift up your heads, O gates!  
**and be lifted up, O ancient doors!**  
that the God of glory may come in.

## \* HYMN OF PRAISE 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

Ash Grove

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of all things,  
we know that the earth belongs to you,  
and yet we act as if it were our own.  
We exploit your creation;  
we neglect our neighbors;  
we twist the words of your prophets  
to suit our own ends.

Forgive us, Holy God.  
In this time set apart,  
allow us to see our lives in the light of your Word;  
help us find our place in the kin-dom of your love.

*(silent prayer)*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Margaret LaMotte Torrence

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 6:1-23

### SERMON

*"Rubber Band Man"*

Rev. Casey Aldridge

### SONG OF FAITH

*I Hope You Dance*

Mark Sanders and Tia Sillers

#### Verse 1

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder,  
Get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger.  
May you never take one single breath for granted,  
God forbid love ever leave you empty-handed.  
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean.  
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens.  
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance,  
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance . . .

I hope you dance, I hope you dance!

#### Verse 2

I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance,  
Never settle for the path of least resistance.  
Living might mean taking chances but they're worth taking,  
Loving might be a journey but it's worth making.  
Don't let a hurting heart leave you bitter  
When you come close to selling out reconsider.  
Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance,  
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance . . .

I hope you dance, I hope you dance!

(Time is a wheel in constant motion always rolling us along.  
Tell me who wants to look back on their years  
And wonder where those years have gone?)

### **Bridge**

I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean,  
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens.  
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance.  
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance . . .

Dance! I hope you dance!

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**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      from *The Confession of Belhar* - PC(USA) *Book of Confessions* 10.7  
Steven Phillips

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice  
and true peace among people;

**that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,  
is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;**

that God calls the church to follow him in this;  
for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

**that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;**

that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows  
and blocks the path of the ungodly;

**that for God, pure and undefiled religion  
is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;**

that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;

**that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need,  
which implies, among other things,  
that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice,  
so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

### **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**\*SENDING SONG 157**

*Lord of the Dance*

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Refrain**

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.  
They came with me and the dance went on. **(Refrain)**

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
And left me there on a cross to die. **(Refrain)**

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on. **(Refrain)**

They cut me down and I leapt up high.  
I am the life that will never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. **(Refrain)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Casey Aldridge

**POSTLUDE**

*Improvisation on Shaker Tune*

S. Phillips