FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 25, 2023
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE — Tim Boggess

PRELUDE — *Interlude for Piano* — Mark Hayes

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — from Psalm 143, Jeff Bartell

Let us hear of your steadfast love in the morning,
O Lord, for in you we put our trust.
Teach us the way we should go,
for to you we lift up our souls.
Teach us to do your will, for you are our God.
Let your good spirit lead us on a level path.

*** HYMN 35** — *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* — LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Abiding God, we confess that we often choose
to go our own way instead of following your way.
We only ask for your direction when we are lost
or have reached a dead end. Well, we are lost.
Dead ends are all around us and within us.
Show us again your path which leads to life.
Remove any obstacles that are in the way of
following you today, and everyday.

(a moment for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

*** SONG OF JOY 804** (v. 1) *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SERMON *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* Tim Boggess
(Road Trips: Stories of Faith on the Move)

*** HYMN 366** (vv. 1, 2 & 4) *Love, Divine, All Love Excelling* HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Confession of 1967*
Jeff Bartell

The risen Christ is the Savior of all people.
Those joined to him by faith
are set right with God
and commissioned to serve
as God's reconciling community.
Christ is head of this community, the church,
which began with the apostles
and continues through all generations.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

ANTHEM *African Canticle* David Angerman
(The Chancel Choir; Matt Jarvis, soloist;
Mark DeRose, percussion; Isaac Mingus, upright bass)

This anthem uses a call and response form inspired by African idioms.
The Swahili response, *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*, means *Singing praises to God*.
The refrain, *Sifa kwa Bwana*, means *Praise to the Lord*.

You are the moon on a midnight lake. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*.
You are the tune of the stars in space. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*.
You are the truth of a waterfall. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*.
You are the Maker, the Lord of All. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*.

Refrain:
O sifa, sifa kwa Bwana! You are my maker and friend!
O sifa, sifa kwa Bwana! You are the journey's end.

You are the wind through the waving tree. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*.
You are the call of the crashing sea. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*.
You are the strength of the mountain tall. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*.
Your name is Yahweh, the Lord of All. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*. (Refrain)

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.

*** HYMN 65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Tim Boggess

*** POSTLUDE** *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* Craig Phillips

Our guest organist today is Glenn Priest. He received his Bachelor and Master degrees in Applied Piano from Boston University and completed his seminary work in theology at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Glenn has held worship leading roles at churches in Massachusetts, Tennessee, and North Carolina, and is now at Fairhaven Church, Ohio, where he is the Team Leader of Ministry Arts.