



Kent United Church of Christ
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL CONGREGATION
October 17th, 2021

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome

Rambo and Huntsinger,
arr. Stephen DeCesare

Lydia Lumpkin, soloist
FayAnn Sebaly, piano

GREETING

Linda Morris, hospitality and membership committee

*OPENING HYMN #70

God Is Here! As We Your People Meet

ABBOT'S LEIGH
FayAnn Sebaly, organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Sellman, liturgist

Leader: Please rise in body or in spirit for the call to worship:
We are all called to experience grace and share the gift of life in Jesus.

People: We gather to sing ourselves to God.

Leader: We remember the faith that lived in those who loved and inspired us.

People: We know the Lord's song includes verses of grace we've yet to learn.

Leader: In every scene of trauma, tragedy, and fear we discover Love already at work.

People: And we join a chorus where brokenness and captivity become healing and freedom.

Leader: We are all called to experience grace and share the gift of life in Jesus.

People: We gather to sing ourselves to God!

*INVOCATION

Paul Sellman

CHILDREN'S SNAP CHAT Becky Dunlap, Christian education ministry
"Jesus Loves the Little Children" is played to bless our children

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Noah Dunlap, UYF

2 Timothy 1:3-7

Here ends the reading from God's word.

Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.

OUR FAITH STORIES

Rekindle God's Gift

Renee LaCombe, Sam Madden,
Patrick Mason, Brenda Schneider,
& Frank Hairston

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Harold Hight, soloist

ENDLESS SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sue Otterson, Stephen Leader

Lay Leader: We remember those who loved us into faith, who embodied God's invitation to experience and share life abundant. With the Psalmist we know that it is hard to sing the LORD's song in a strange land. But even when we forget, the words to your song comes back to us:

Love has always been at work in our lives. Love will find us again.

People: God, hear our song.

Lay leader: With all people who join the chorus of faithful life in Jesus.

People: God, sing your song through us.

Lay leader: For those whose memories are filled with more pain than grace.

People: God, rekindle memories of your nearness to the broken.

Lay leader: With melodies of love and stories of redemption.

People: God, help us share the gift of grace for the sake of life.

Lay leader: O God, help us add the verses of grace found in every life to your covenant song and promise to make all things new. We pray all of this just as we pray the prayer your Son taught us to pray together, saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Creator
who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom,
and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

HYMN OF

COMMITMENT #294

There's a Spirit in the Air

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

verses 1,3,5
Harold Hight, guitarist
Phil Otterson, guitarist

INVITATION TO THANKSGIVING

Barb Marken, deacon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Karen Kaulen, deacon

Leader: Please join me in our prayer of confession:

We have sinned against you and one another, Lord.

We have not lived from our spiritual hearts.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession.

Silence

We have not loved you wholly.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not lived from our spiritual hearts.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession.

Silence

We have not loved kindness, pursued justice, or walked humbly with you.

We have not lived from our spiritual hearts.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession.

Silence

We have not shared the good news with our lips or in our lives.

We have not lived from our spiritual hearts.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession.

Silence

Leader: God is merciful and just and forgives us our sins,
and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

Glory to God! Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Christ who makes peace within us.

Let us claim it.

Christ makes peace between us.

Let us share it.

May the peace of Jesus the Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*You are invited to turn around in your pews
to look, wave, and share a sign of peace with one another.*

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Karen Carmany, stewardship ministry

*DOXOLOGY

Sandy Roeger, Organist

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Amy

*UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each
one the ways of life and death.**

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and
apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to
us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world
to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus
Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

**You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your
servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the
powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his
passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in
the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal
life in your realm which has no end.**

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Come, Celebrate the Call of God
Sandy Roeger, organist

ALIDA'S TUNE

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Joan Eshler, Joy Circle

POSTLUDE

Higher Ground
Noel Reeves, Bill Hoover, and Josh Case

Stevie Wonder



***Our service has ended. Now our service begins.
You are the Body of Christ, and the whole world awaits you.***

*The chancel flowers today are an offering from Revs. Kim and Amanda Nagy
in celebration of their 3rd wedding anniversary.*

Thank you to all the lay leaders who participated in our worship service today!