



Kent United Church of Christ

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL, and W.I.S.E. CONGREGATION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 13, 2023

PRELUDE

Blest Are They

David Haas

GREETING

Rev. Amy Gopp, senior minister

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Sellman, liturgist

For the beauty of the summer day,
And the comfort of friends nearby;
For the invitation to love and be loved,
For our God who extends that call;
For time set apart to nourish the soul,
For time to go out into the world equipped with love:
For all these things we give thanks. Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN (Insert)

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*INVOCATION

Paul Sellman

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Amy

"Jesus Loves the Little Children" is sung to bless the children.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 15:1-9

Here ends the reading from God's word.

Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.

SERMON

The Violence of the Cross

Sophia Hayden

SPECIAL MUSIC

Shelter Me

Tab Benoit

Josh Case, Bill Hoover, & Noel Reeves, musicians

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Amy

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 #242

The Strife is O'er

VICTORY

INVITATION TO GIVE AND RECEIVE

Paul Sellman

*DOXOLOGY

**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

*CLOSING HYMN #253

Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*BENEDICTION

Sophia Hayden

*POSTLUDE

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Rick Founds



*The flowers today are an offering from Karen and Thurl Carmany
in celebration of their 30 years together!*



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Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.