



Kent United Church of Christ

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

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* arr. Mark Hayes

GREETING Rev. Amy Gopp, senior minister

OPENING SONG *Laudate Omnes Gentes* Taizé
Laudate Omnes Gentes
Laudate Dominum
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Laudate Dominum
(Praise, all peoples, praise the Lord! ~Psalm 117)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 66:1-9 Molly Mains, liturgist

*A BLESSING
~John O'Donohue

**May we live this day
Compassionate of heart,**

Clear in word,
Gracious in awareness,
Courageous in thought,
Generous in love.
Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May you sense the peace of Christ that is already within you, between us, and all around us.
May that peace be with you today and always.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SNAP CHAT

Pastor Kim, minister of faith formation

"Jesus Loves the Little Children" is sung to bless our children as they depart



A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Molly Mains

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Here ends the reading from God's Word.

Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.

SERMON

On Your Doorstep

Pastor Amy

SONG OF RESPONSE

The Kingdom of God
*The kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.*

Taizé

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Molly Mains

O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples
without purse, luggage, or sandals.

All too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need,
looking for safety by avoiding risk,
and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down.

Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and heal us of our pain and guilt.

Forgive us and heal us, O God.

Holy One, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Galatians not to grow weary,
but to use every opportunity to work for the good of all.
And yet, hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt
erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out.
Forgive us for any hollow excuses we are tempted to make
and heal us of our exhaustion.
Forgive us and heal us, O God.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN SILENCE

During this time of silence, you are invited to pray for friends, family, and the world.

Listen for God's prayer for someone important in your life.

Listen for God's prayer for the world alive in you.

Hold your small stone as you prayerfully listen in love. Be open to surprise.

Then, when you hear your prayers for this time, express those prayers

for the people, situations, and issues you carry in your heart

by bringing your small stone to the center of the circle.

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bread of the World
Cody Burroughs, soloist

Wayne L. Wold

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

Outreach Ministry

*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.**

*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN #591

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

POSTLUDE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Fred Bock



***Our service has ended. Now our service begins.
We are the body of Christ and the whole world awaits us.***

The flowers today are an offering from Marilyn Freeman in celebration of our family.