



David's United Church of Christ

August 13, 2023

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Online Worship Bulletin

Prelude – “Go Down”, Moses” Traditional Spiritual, arr. Bob Walters

Tim Williams, Music Director

Welcome & Announcements – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” (see below for Lyrics)

Call to Worship – *Cyra Cobb*

One: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day is born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

Many: We celebrate the beauty of creation and the wonder of the whole human family. We remember those whose love has shaped our lives and those whose struggles for peace and justice have been unsleeping in spite of opposition.

One: We gather to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves anew to God’s work in the world.

Many: May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.¹

Invocation

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children’s Moment – *Tim Williams*

Mission Moment

Invitation for Support – www.davidsucc.org

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Music – “Peace on Earth” Greg Gilpin, sung by Kettering Senior Show Choir

Doxology **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

Praise Christ all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter.

One God Triune whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn – “How Can I Keep from Singing” (see lyrics below)

Canticle – Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b (adapted from The Message)

One: Hallelujah! Thank God! Pray to God by name! Tell everyone you meet what God has done!

Many: Sing God songs, belt out hymns, translate God's wonders into music!

One: Honor God's holy name with Hallelujahs, you who seek God. Live a happy life!

Many: Keep your eyes open for the works of God; be alert for signs of God's presence.

One: Remember the world of wonders God has made, God's miracles, and the verdicts God has rendered—O seed of Abraham, God's servant, O child of Jacob, God's chosen.

Many: God called down famine on the country, breaking every last blade of wheat.

One: But God sent Joseph on ahead, who had been sold as a slave.

Many: They put cruel chains on his ankles, an iron collar around his neck, until God's word came to the Pharaoh, and God confirmed God's promise.

One: God sent the king to release Joseph. The Pharaoh set him free;

Many: Pharaoh appointed Joseph master of his palace, put him in charge of all his business,

One: To personally instruct his princes, and train his advisors in wisdom.

Many: Hallelujah!

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession – **O God of love, God of power, we have heard your promises of abundant life and have been afraid to believe them. We have worshiped you with our lips but have reserved parts of ourselves for our own purposes and plans. We are bound by our need for absolute certainty and so we often miss your living presence in the surprises of life. Renew us by turning our trust to you again. Teach us to pray and act in ways that work for peace and justice in our world, championing those things that plant seeds for love and community to flourish. In the name of Jesus Christ, who goes before us, so that we can know and share your love.**
Amen.¹

Words of Assurance

Prayers of God's People, Silent Prayers & Our Lord's Prayer

Special Music – “Bound for Greater Things” Ken Medema, sung by Kettering Senior Show Choir

Scripture Lessons – Hebrew – Genesis 37: 1-4, 18, 22-28

Epistle – Romans 10: 9-15

Gospel – Matthew 14: 22-23

Sermon – “Do Not Be Afraid, But Get Out of the Boat”

Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb

Hymn – “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” (see lyrics below)

Benediction

Postlude – “Music for the Royal Fireworks” George Frideric Handel

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1. I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord, who filled the earth with
3. There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries

rise, that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, and built the loft - y skies.
food, who formed the crea-tures thru the Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
known, and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher- e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care;

the moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur -vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky.
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres - ent there.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1715

MUSIC: Trad. English melody; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?



1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



Refrain



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

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