



**David's United Church of Christ  
August 20, 2023  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
Online Worship Bulletin**

**Prelude –**

*Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

Welcome & Announcements – *Pastor Emily Phillips*

Hymn – "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" (see lyrics below)

Call to Worship –

One: Now is the time to awaken to the presence of God the Eternal Spirit.

**Many: Now is the time to come alive with songs of praise.**

One: Today we open ourselves to the power of the Spirit in our lives.

**Many: Today we extend our hands in caring toward all of humanity.**

**All: We do all this because we have responded to the ministry and message of Jesus Christ, whose people we are.<sup>1</sup>**

Invocation

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment – *Kristen Gayler*

Mission Moment – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Invitation for Support – [www.davidsucc.org](http://www.davidsucc.org)

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

**Offertory Music –**

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 – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (see lyrics below)

Canticle – Psalm 133 (adapted from The Message)

One: How wonderful, how beautiful, when the entire human family gets along!

**Many: It's like a costly anointing oil flowing down one's head and beard,**

One: Flowing down Aaron's beard, flowing down the collar of their priestly robes.

**Many: It's like the dew on Mount Hermon flowing down the slopes of Zion.**

**All: Yes, that's where God commands the blessing, ordaining eternal life.**

Scripture Lessons – Hebrew – Isaiah 56: 1-8

Gospel – Matthew 15: 10-28

Sermon – “A Gospel That’s Especially Good News for the Outcasts”

*Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Special Music – “How Deep The Father’s Love for Us” Stuart Townend, arr. Carol Tornquist

*Kristen Gayler, vocals & piano*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Almighty and merciful God, we confess that as we come into the presence of Christ and one another, we are unprepared in heart and mind. We bring with us cherished hurts, traditions, prejudices, and angers; we fail to receive one another and folk who differ or disagree with us as sisters and brothers. Yet we come trusting in your grace and forgiveness. By your Spirit, awaken in us the freshness of new life, and give us wisdom to make differences of race and religion, of gender and orientation, and of opinion or background an occasion for learning. Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

Words of Assurance

Prayers of God’s People, Silent Prayers, Communion Prayer & Our Lord’s Prayer

Blessing and Partaking in the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn – “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (see lyrics below)

Benediction

**Postlude –**

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## This Is a Day of New Beginnings 383

*Unison*

1. This is a day of new beginnings,  
 2. For by the life and death of Jesus,  
 3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,  
 4. Christ is alive, and goes before us  
 \*5. In faith we'll gather round the table

time to remember and move on,  
 God's mighty Spirit now as then,  
 step from the past and leave behind  
 to show and share what love can do.  
 to taste and share what love can do.

time to believe what love is bringing,  
 can make for us a world of difference,  
 our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,  
 This is a day of new beginnings;  
 This is a day of new beginnings;

laying to rest the pain that's gone,  
 as faith and hope are born again,  
 seeking new paths, and sure to find,  
 our God is making all things new,  
 our God is making all things new.

\*Alternate text for Holy Communion

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 MUSIC: Carlton R. Young, 1984

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1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

## 526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;  
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,  
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

*Refrain*

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;  
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

*Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used.* ||: ♩. ♩. ♩. :||

This “communion calypso” (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.