

David's United Church of Christ
May 28, 2023
Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday/Quilt Dedication
Online Worship Bulletin

Prelude – “The Greatest Love of All” Michael Masser
Tim Williams, Music Director

Introit – “I Was Glad” Lloyd Larson

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

Hymn – “Forward Through the Ages” (See below for Lyrics)

Call to Worship – *Evvie Thompson*

One: Come together, joining hands and hearts.

Many: Let our hands be links of chain that hold our lives together—

One: Not a chain of bondage but a silver cord of strength,

Many: A ribbon of love and faith and community, giving us slack to sail the wind,

One: Yet holding us in a mystical embrace, that we may be alone but never lonely,

Many: That we may be together but never lost in the crowd, that we may be one without forfeiting uniqueness.

One: Come together, joining hands and hearts,

Many: And let the Spirit of God and the human spirit flow in each one and through us all

One: As we gather here to share this time and space

Many: And as we walk together on this journey of faith into the fullness of life.¹

Invocation – United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (see below)

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Introduction of First Year Confirmands — *Cyra Crooms Cobb, Daniel Dhanraj,*
Dominic Worsowicz, Marshall Worsowicz, Scarlett Wyman, Alex Wysong

Introduction of Those Being Confirmed Today — *Sylvia Gallagher-Yerman, Becket King,*
Graham Mhaskar, Evvie Thompson, Ian Vest, Caleb Walton

Children's Moment – *Tim Williams*

Quilt Dedication – *Debbie McCoy*

Mission Moment – Strengthen the Church Offering

Invitation for Support – www.davidsucc.org

Offertory Music – “You Will Be Found” Pasek & Paul
sung by *Ted Eltzroth*, accompanied by *Tim Rezash*

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

Choral Anthem – “Peter Gonna Preach” John Parker & Larry Shackley
Keving Craig, soloist in the a cappella anthem

Canticle – Psalm 104, various verses (adapted from The Message) *Becket King*

One: God, my God, how great you are!

Many: Beautifully, gloriously robed, dressed up in sunshine...

One: What a wildly wonderful world, God!

Many: You made it all, with Wisdom at your side, made earth overflow with your wonder-filled creations...

One: The glory of God—let it last forever!

Many: Oh, let us sing to God our whole life long,

One: Sing songs of praise to God as long as I live!

Many: Bless God, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Scriptures –	First — Acts 2: 1-8	<i>Ian Vest</i>
	First cont. — Acts 2: 11-18, 21	<i>Sylvia Gallagher-Yerman</i>
	Epistle — 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13	<i>Graham Mhaskar</i>
	Gospel — John 7: 37-39	<i>Caleb Walton</i>

Sermon – “Calling All Dreamers” *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “I Come with Joy” (see lyrics below)

Litany of Confirmation *Emily Phillips & Kevin Craig*

One: The journey of faith is a journey through life.

Many: We are pilgrims, travelers, making our way.

One: We sojourn on the pathway of the saints.

Many: We walk the same highway and follow the same landmarks which led them.

One: But for each generation, in each place and time, and for each seeker who travels this way the road seems different.

Many: Today we celebrate tomorrow’s leaders, the heroes of a history yet to be made.

One: We hold out our hands to them and beckon them to join us on the journey.

Many: As they walk beside us, we may tell them our stories, but we may not tell them the way.

One: It is a quest they must follow by themselves.

Many: We can tell them of our questions and offer to walk beside them, but the answers must come from within their own hearts.

One: We celebrate a new generation of faith, a new branch, with its leaves about to blossom.

All: *Let us all make a place for them and let them know that the family of Christ is their family too, as we all worship God together.*¹

Order of Confirmation: Affirmation of Baptism, Invitation & Questions

Prayer of Confirmands

O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.

Congregational Prayer for Confirmands

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. ²

Act of Confirmation - Prayer & Special Blessing with Laying on of Hands

Question About Participation

Congregational Response

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as members of the household of God. Through the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 – "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (see lyrics below)

Benediction

Benediction Response – "Go Forth in Joy" Hal Hopson

Postlude – "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" arr. James Pethel

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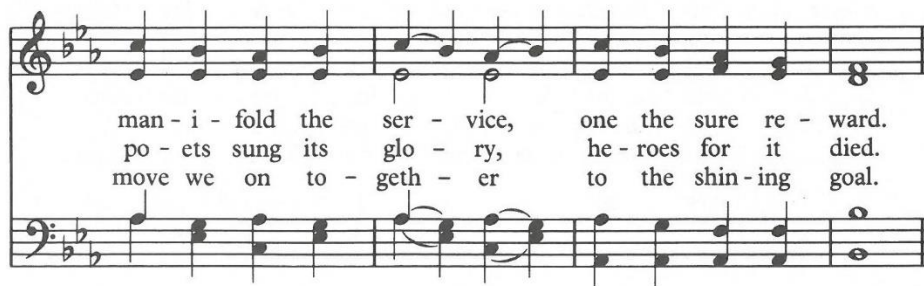
1. For-ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,
 2. Wid - er grows the king - dom, reign of love and light;
 3. Not a - lone we con - quer, not a - lone we fall;



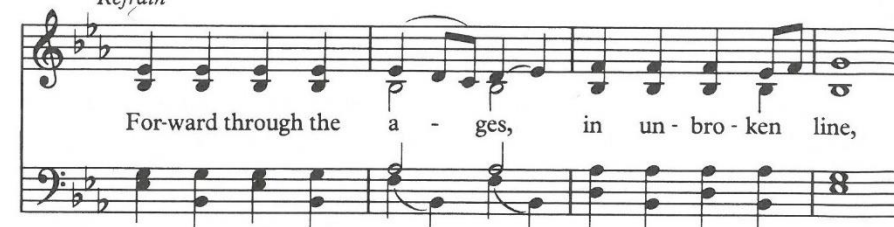
move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine;
 for it we must la - bor, till our faith is sight.
 in each loss or tri - umph lose or tri - umph all.



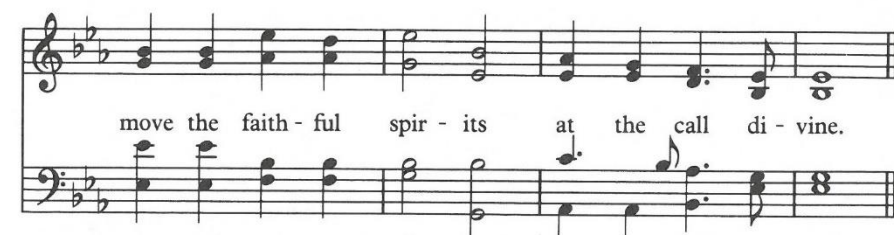
gifts in dif - fer - ing mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,
 Proph - ets have pro - claimed it, mar - tyrs tes - ti - fied,
 Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv - ing whole,



man - i - fold the ser - vice, one the sure re - ward.
 po - ets sung its glo - ry, he - roes for it died.
 move we on to - geth - er to the shin - ing goal.

Refrain


For-ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,



move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine.

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (Doxology)

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 your 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.



I Come with Joy

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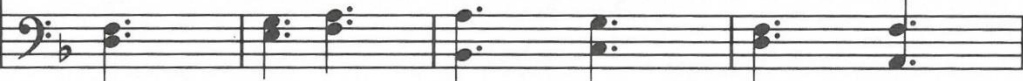

Unison




1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en,
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di -
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence,
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our

loved and free, in awe and won - der to re - call his
 all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in
 vi - sion ends. The love that made us makes us one, and
 al - ways near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known; we
 dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple in the world, we'll

life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
 live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.



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DOVE OF PEACE

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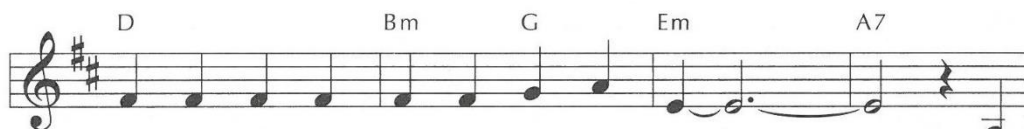
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Prayer of St. Francis



1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.



3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so



much to be con-soled, as to con-sole, to be



un-der-stood, as to un-der-stand, to be



loved, as to love, with all my soul.

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