

David's United Church of Christ
June 25, 2023
66th Anniversary of the U.C.C.
Online Worship Bulletin

Prelude – “But Now I See” Richard A. Williamson
Tim Williams & Lyn Morton

Welcome & Announcements – *Emily Phillips*

Hymn – “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (See below for Lyrics)

Call to Worship – *Rev. Stuart Wells*

One: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who say to Zion:

Many: Your God reigns!

One: God comes in the power of love and justice; therefore let us wait with eagerness and worship with joy.

Many: God comes to judge the world with righteousness and the people with truth.

All: Let the heavens be glad; let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it. Shout for joy all the earth!

Invocation – **We thank you, living God, that in Jesus Christ you have built a house not made with hands, a people among whom you live. We thank you that you have called us and that we belong to you. We come now longing to know the touch of your Spirit that we may be encouraged to serve you in the world. Come to us that we may recognize you and sing your praise; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment – “It's Not Magic” *Rev. Stuart Wells*

Mission Moment – *Rev. Gail Wells*

Invitation for Support – **www.davidsucc.org**

Offertory Music – “Father, Most Holy” Christe Sanctorum from Paris Antiphoner
arr. David Cherwien

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 – “Children of the Heavenly Father” (see lyrics below)

Canticle – Psalm 86: 1-10 (adapted from The Message)

One: Bend an ear, God; answer me. I’m one miserable wretch! Keep me safe—haven’t I lived a good life?

Many: Help your servant—I’m depending on you! You’re my God; have mercy on me. I count on you from morning to night.

One: Give your servant a happy life; I put myself in your hands!

Many: You’re well-known as good and forgiving, bighearted to all who ask for help.

One: Pay attention, God, to my prayer; bend down and listen to my cry for help.

Many: Every time I’m in trouble I call on you, confident that you’ll answer.

One: There’s no one quite like you among the gods, O Lord, and nothing to compare with your works.

Many: All the nations you made are on their way, ready to give honor to you, O Lord,

One: Ready to put your beauty on display, parading your greatness, and the great things you do—

Many: God, you’re the one, there’s no one but you! God, you are the one and only!

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Holy One, you call us into a community of faith, but that community is scared by sin. Divisions, real and imagined separate us from our sisters and brothers. We are too quick to imagine ourselves more faithful than others and too slow to see that faith active in others. Anger and resentment are sometimes companions and we judge others rather than look honestly at ourselves. Help us be compassionate toward others, and to ourselves. Grant that we might set aside our fears and all that weakens our witness to your abiding love. We offer these words of confession that we might grow more faithful, more loving, and that we might more clearly reflect your Spirit to others. Amen.¹**

Words of Assurance

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

Special Music – “Say the Name” Margaret Becker and Charlie Peacock
sung by *Tim Williams*

Scriptures – Epistle – Romans 6: 1-11
Gospel – John 1: 35-51

Sermon – “Come and See” *Rev. Gail Wells & Rev. Stuart Wells*

UCC Statement of Faith – (see below)

Hymn – “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” (see lyrics below)

Benediction

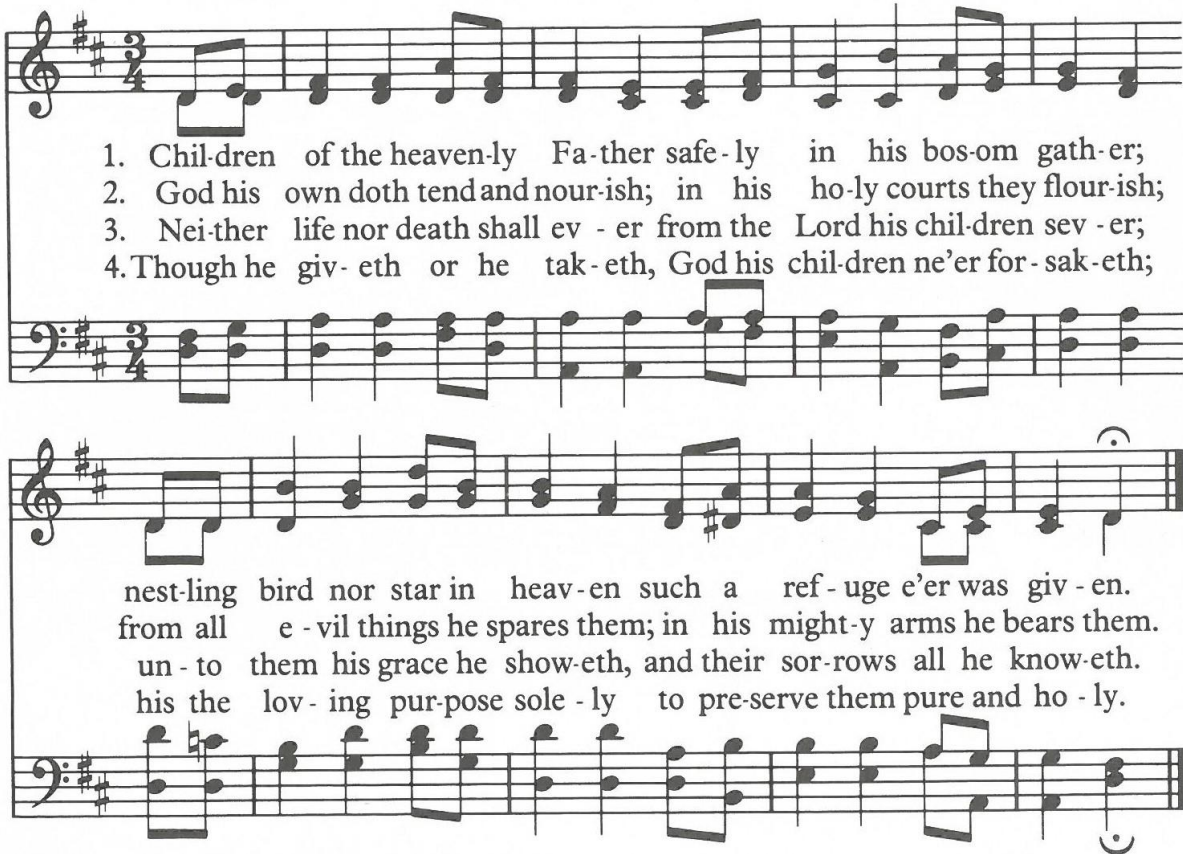
Postlude – “Recessional in C” Douglas E. Wagner

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Children of the Heavenly Father

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1. Chil-dren of the heav-en-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bos-om gath-er;
 2. God his own doth tend and nour-ish; in his ho-ly courts they flour-ish;
 3. Nei-ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;
 4. Though he giv-eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for-sak-eth;

nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 from all e - vil things he spares them; in his might-y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show-eth, and their sor-rows all he know-eth.
 his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

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 MUSIC: Swedish melody 88.88

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Statement of Faith

in the form of a 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 you
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.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

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John Zundel, 1855
For another key, see 43, 368