



David's United Church of Christ

June 11, 2023

Third Sunday after Sunday Online Worship Bulletin

Prelude – "Trusting Jesus" Ira D. Sankey, arr. Mary McDonald
Tim Williams & Lyn Morton

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

Hymn – "The God of Abraham Praise" (See below for Lyrics)

Call to Worship – *Connor Dowsse*

One: We have been called here to face into God's gracious way of living. We are to leave the past behind us and walk into these new days of our ministry.

Many: **Sometimes we'd rather remember how things used to be.**
Sometimes we're afraid to live as disciples.

One: But this is a new day, and Christ is sharing freedom with us. It is a day to put aside all fear, to leave doubting behind for now, and to take courage in God's loving call.

Many: **We will look to the new day, and we will set ourselves on the Jerusalem road. We will strive for faithfulness, even at the cost of popularity, and we will be disciples of Christ, joining with God in the work of renewing and healing the world around us.¹**

Invocation

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Recognition of Graduates and Sunday School Teachers – *Karin Avila-John*

Children's Moment – *Tim Williams*

Mission Moment

Invitation for Support – www.davidsucc.org

Offertory Music – "Living Bread" Henry Baker, arr. Richard A. Williamson

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 – We ask for God's wisdom and courage to face the problems of our day. We beg for God's power, confess our fear and pride, and affirm a desire to seek social justice.

Special Music – "Do You Realize?" The Flaming Lips
Scott Thompson, vocals & guitar

Canticle – Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19 (adapted from The Message)

One: I love God because God listens to me, paid attention as I begged for mercy.

Many: God listened so intently, as we laid out our case before God.

One: What can I give back to God for the blessings God's poured upon me?

Many: I'll lift high the cup of salvation—a toast to God!

One: I'll pray in the name of God; I'll complete what I promised God I'd do,

Many: And we'll do it together as God's people.

One: When we arrive at the gates of death,

Many: God welcomes those precious, faithful ones with love.

One: Oh, God, here I am, your servant,

Many: We are your faithful servants, set us free for your service!

One: I'm ready to offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and pray in the name of God.

Many: We'll complete what we promised God we'd do, and we'll do it together as God's people,

One: Here in this place of worship, in God's house, among God's beloved.

All: We will praise the Lord! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

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.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession – **We admit to you, God of our life, that our celebration of the coming of your Spirit is often an empty ritual. Through the Spirit, you offer us life, but we cling to the ways of death. Through the Spirit you offer us freedom but we cling to our chains. Through the Spirit you offer us unity, but we continue building walls between ourselves and others. Through the Spirit you offer us power, but we shrink away in fear and doubt. Forgive us, O God, that we refuse the gifts you offer. Allow us to touch the risen Christ that our doubts may be overcome. Let us sing and dance with joy, truly celebrating your presence. Let us move with courage into the world with the word of your love. We pray in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen¹**

Words of Assurance

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

Hymn – "God of the Ages" (see lyrics below)

Scriptures – Hebrew – Genesis 12: 1-9
Matthew 9: 9-13

Sermon – "So-called Christian Nationalism is Neither Christ-like nor Patriotic"
Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb

Hymn – "My Hope is Built" (see lyrics below)

Benediction

Postlude – "You Shall Go Out With Joy!" Douglas E. Wagner

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The God of Abraham Praise

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1. The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath de - pend.
 3. The heaven-ly land I see, with peace and plen-ty blest;
 4. The God who reigns on high the great arch-an-gels sing,



An - cient of Ev - er - last - ing Days, and God of love;
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up-borne, to heaven as - cend.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty, and end - less rest.
 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - might - y King!



Je - ho-vah, great I AM! by earth and heaven con-fessed;
 I shall be - hold God's face; I shall God's power a - dore,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
 and sing the won-ders of God's grace for - ev - er - more.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 Je - ho-vah, Lord, the great I AM, we wor - ship thee!"



WORDS: From *The Yigdal* of Daniel ben Judah, ca. 1400;
 para. by Thomas Olivers, 1760; alt.

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MUSIC: Hebrew melody, *Sacred Harmony*, 1780; harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

Trumpets, before each stanza

1. God of the a - ges, whose al-might-y hand
 2. Thy love di-vine hath led us in the past;
 3. From war's a-larms, from deadly pes-ti-lence,
 4. Re-fresh thy peo- ple on their toil-some way;

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
 be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy Word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

My Hope Is Built

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1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ-teous-ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang-ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm-ing flood. When all a-round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is
 sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.