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September 17, 2023

8AM and 10:30AM Worship

Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

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*Congregational responses in **bold print**.*

** Denotes standing as you are able.*

TIME OF SHARING

GREETING

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here!

PRELUDE – “All Things Bright and Beautiful” – *K. Sadowski*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed be the name of our God
From this time forth and for evermore!
**From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of God is to be praised!**

It is Good to give thanks to God,
To sing praises to your name, O Most High;
**To declare your steadfast love in the morning
and your faithfulness by night.
Let us worship our God together!**

***HYMN #31 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

***PRAYER**

Majestic God, who led our spiritual ancestors with a pillar of cloud that hid them by day and protected them by night, lead us through the threatening times in which we live. Save us from the floods of our own misplaced trust, as you saved them from the waters of the sea and the weapons of their pursuers. In this day, grant strength to those who are weak and support for all who are stumbling. Let every tongue praise you as we give account to your of our deeds. Amen.

*RESPONSE TO PRAYER

“Sanctuary”

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Will you join me in confessing our disconnect
from each other and from God
as we turn toward our Creator in an attitude of prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we confess our ordinary faults:
the friend we did not call, the smile withheld,
the road rage, the gossip spread, the unnecessary critical word,
the time wasted. Please forgive us and make us sensitive,
aware, and caring, in Christ's name. Amen.**

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

KYRIE #750

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Forgiveness is the threshold.

First, we look out, then we are sent out.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM (10:30)

“Gonna Be a Great Day”

Words: J. P. Williams; Music: J. M. Martin

Senior Choir

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. ²The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. ³The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. ⁴“Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea. ⁵The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power— your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. ⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble. ⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.’ ¹⁰You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹“Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders? ²⁰Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. ²¹And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all

that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

SERMON

"Miriam's Joy!!"

HYMN "Wade in the Water" (*Insert*)

PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 United Church of Christ Statement of Faith**

**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.

***CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

One of the ways in which we tell the story
is through the giving of gifts to God.
In our gift-giving we participate with God,
in providing for the needs of God's people.
Let us give generously and from the heart.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #785**

*We give you but your own, what-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**May our gifts become symbols of our intention to minister with God
to satisfy the needs of those whom God loves. Amen.**

***HYMN #457 "Jesus I Live to You"**

***FINAL BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE – "Precession, from Suite in Classic Style" – J. Thompson and R. Scruggs**

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“Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary”

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Today's Worship Participants

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| Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young | | Pastor |
| Jen Mickelson | 8:00AM | Lay Liturgists |
| Catherine Hammons | 10:30AM | |
| Jane Eiker | 10:30AM | Organist |
| Sara Shank | 8:00AM | Assistant Organist |
| John McKay | 10:30AM | Senior Choir Director |
| Mark Luckenbaugh | 8:00AM | Percussion |
| Nina Redding | 8:00AM | Ushers |
| Janet & Steve Sheely | 10:30AM | |
| Ruth & Terry Krietz | 10:30AM | Greeters |
| Bonnie Smith | | Acolyte |
| Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Luke Milhimes, Sue Churchill, | | Tech Team |
| Russell Bailey, Carl Barrick, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Mike Chase, Terry Krietz | | |

Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; alt.

Refrain:

All things bright and beau-ti-ful,
all crea-tures great and small,
All things wise and won-der-ful,
our dear God made them all.

1. Each lit-tle flower that o-pens,
each lit-tle bird that sings,
God made their glow-ing col-ors,
and made their ti-ny wings.

Refrain:

2. The pur-ple-head-ed moun-tain,
the riv-er run-ning by,
The sun-set, and the morn-ing
that bright-ens up the sky.

Refrain:

3. The cold wind in the win-ter,
the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
The ripe fruits in the gar-den,
God made them ev-ery one.

Refrain:

WADE IN THE WATER 676

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Acts 2:41

Refrain

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

Verses

1. See that host all dressed in white,
2. See that band all dressed in red, God's gon-na trou-ble the
3. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

wa - ter. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - el - ite,
Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

D.C.

God's gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

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CONSECRATION

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Jesus, I Live to You

Henry Harbaugh, c. 1850; alt.

1. Je-sus, I live to you, the love-li-est and best;
My life will be your life in me, in your blessed love I rest.
2. Je-sus, I die to you, when-ev-er death shall come;
Un-ceas-ing-ly, you'll live in me in my e-ter-nal home.
3. Wheth-er to live or die, I know not which is best;
To live will be your bliss in me, to die is end-less rest.
4. Liv-ing or dy-ing, Lord, I ask to be your own;
My life will be your life in me, and heaven on earth be known.

Rom. 14:8; Phil. 1:21

On Sunday, September 17, 2023, Pastor Fred and Kara will offer a combined scripture and sermon as story. They will focus on the sorrow, grief, fear and eventually great joy of the Israelites as they move from slavery into freedom. Moses' sister Miriam's story will be highlighted.

Harriet Tubman was often referred to as Moses as she too, brought many of her people out of slavery. Water played a major role in both freedom stories.

Please join us as we explore how the living waters of creation continue to restore God's people.

You brought them in and planted them on the mountain of your own possession, the place, O LORD, that you made your abode, the sanctuary, O LORD, that your hands have established. ¹⁸The LORD will reign forever and ever." ¹⁹When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. ²⁰Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. ²¹And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the -sea."

Exodus 15:17-21