



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

***Windows of Hope Series***

June 9, 2024 10:30 a.m.

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" John A. Behnke

*(\* Indicates that all are invited to stand)*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (2)**

We gather to hear the Word. **We gather to live the Word!**

We gather to experience Comfort. **We gather to experience Challenge!**

We gather to find the Cost of discipleship. **We gather to find its Joy!**

We gather to find Humanity. **We gather to find Community!**

We gather to find Church. **We gather to find God!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** “God of Grace and God of Glory” #436 *New Century Hymnal* vv.1-4  
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
Crown your ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**From the evils that surround us and assail the Savior’s ways,  
From the fears that long have bound us—free our hearts for faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days**

**Cure your children’s warring madness; bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, make our broken spirits whole,  
Make our broken spirits whole.**

**Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christlike graces, in the fight to set us free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, in the quest for liberty, in the quest for liberty.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (2)

God of the rainbow, you made a covenant with all creatures, promising life and hope.

**God of pathways, you show us how we should walk.**

Yet we forget our connection with one another and think that we are the center of the universe.

**We wander from your paths of truth into paths of selfish pride.**

Forgive us and lead us always into the arms of your love. (*silent confession*)

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God is merciful and full of steadfast love. God will not forget us.

God will lead us on paths of steadfast love and faithfulness forevermore.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE** “God of Grace and God of Glory” v.5

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;**

**Let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,**

**Serving you whom we adore.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN**

**LISTENING**

*God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 9:8-17 Pew Bible pp. 7-8  
A Word of God that is still speaking, Thanks **be to God!**

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “God the Sparrow God of the Whale” #32 *New Century Hymnal*  
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,  
How does the creature say Awe, how does the creature say Praise?**

**God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast,  
How does the creature cry Woe, how does the creature cry Save?**

**God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave,  
How does the creature say Grace, how does the creature say Thanks?**

**God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal,  
How does the creature say Care, how does the creature say Life?**

**God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook,  
How does the creature say Love, how does the creature say Peace?**

**God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart,  
How do your children say Joy, how do your children say Home?**

### RESPONDING

*We respond to God’s Word through our prayers and our gifts.*

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY “Morning Has Broken” Setting by David Christiansen  
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Amen, We Praise Your Name” #598 *Glory to God Hymnal*

**Amen, we praise your name, O God!**

**Amen, we praise your name, O God!**

**Amen, amen, amen, amen! Amen, we praise your name, O God!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*COMMISSIONING HYMN: “In the Midst of New Dimensions” #391 *New Century Hymnal*  
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,**

**Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?**

**Refrain: God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,**

**We your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.**

**Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,**

**Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? Refrain**

**As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,**

**Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. Refrain**

**We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,**

**Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. Refrain**

**Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,**

**May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. Refrain**

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata on "St. Anne"

Gordon Young

**SENDING**

*With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.*

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Worship Endnotes

(1) Adapted from [www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com).

(2) Adapted from [www.re-worship.blogspot.com](http://www.re-worship.blogspot.com).

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