



HOPE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Windows of Hope Series
June 16, 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 "Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice" Robert Elmore
(* *Indicates that all are invited to stand*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

One: God calls us from a burning bush.

All: We are standing on holy ground!

One: The Spirit calls us to proclaim God's name to all generations.

All: We are standing on holy ground!

One: Jesus calls us from the cross: come and follow me.

All: We are standing on holy ground!

*GATHERING HYMN “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer” #18 *New Century Hymnal* vv.1-2
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

**Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (1)

God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of your love.

Over and over again, you turn our expectations inside out and upside down.

And still we don't understand the radical nature of your grace.

**We play by our own rules of justice, even when it means excluding those
we are called to love and defend.**

In our darkest moments, we doubt if we are worthy of your trust.

God, help us remember that you give us all the tools of faith we need;

that through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength to follow your call
as true disciples of Jesus Christ. (*silent confession*)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The God who brought our ancestors out of slavery will not desert us.

God has promised to be with us throughout all generations.

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice, for God is with us!

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer” v.3

When I reach the River Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on heaven's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to you, I will ever sing to you.

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 3:1-12

Numbers 21:4b-9

A Word of God that is still speaking,
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land” #572 *New Century Hymnal*
vv.1, 3-4

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**When Israel was in Egypt’s land, let my people go,
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.**

**Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt’s land,
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.**

**No more in bondage shall they toil, let me people go,
Nor spill their blood on Egypt’s soil, let my people go. Refrain**

**Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go,
And let us all in Christ be free, let my people go. Refrain**

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 "A Meditation" Simon Lesley
(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: "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" #307

New Century Hymnal

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**Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion city of our God;
One whose word cannot be broken formed you for a blessed abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.**

**See! The streams of living waters, springing from eternal Love,
Well supply your sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, while such a river ever will their thirst assuage:
Grace which, like our God, the Giver, never fails from age to age?**

**'Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that their God is near!
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.**

**Savior, if of Zion's city we through grace a part may claim.
Let the world deride or pity, we will glory in your name.
Fading is all worldly pleasure, all earth's boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures, none by Zion's children know.**

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"In Thee Is Gladness"

J. S. Bach

SENDING

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

Worship Endnotes

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Worship Leaders June 16, 2024

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