



HOPE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Windows of Hope Series
June 30, 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

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (1)

One: O Lord, you are God. There is no other God but you.

All: We renounce all that we have allowed to come between us.

One: O God, we worship you. We praise and honor your name.

All: We worship you on this, your holy day.

One: For your love, for your word, for all that you have given:

All: O God, we thank you and praise you on this Sabbath day!

*GATHERING HYMN “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” #12 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of our God that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.
O, how your wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!**

**On earth there’s not a plant or flower but makes your glory known.
The clouds arise and spread their showers by order from your throne.
All life is but a gift from you and ever in your care;
Wherever people gather, you, O God, are present there.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (1)

No matter how honorable we imagine ourselves to be, God of grace,
your perfect love reveals our imperfections all too clearly.

**No matter how hard we strive to fulfill your covenant with us,
there are always times when we fall short.**

Forgive us when we fail to follow the vision of true community you hold before us,
And open our eyes to see your presence and guidance in all aspects of our lives.
(*silent confession*)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news! God shows steadfast love and blesses us to the thousandth generation.
God forgives us our sins and restores us to new life, today and forevermore. **Thanks be to God!**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #236 *New Century Hymnal* (*repeat once*)

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 20:1-17 Pew Bible p.58
A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” #286 *New Century Hymnal* vv.1-3
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Refrain: Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” *Refrain***

**You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
And you goaded your people with a law and a land;
When they were confounded by their idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain***

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *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

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*** 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: "I Have Brought You Out of Egypt"

Tune: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette.

"I have brought you out of Egypt," Moses heard the Lord God say.

"I have saved you! I have freed you! people, listen and obey.

Have no other gods before me; don't make idols for yourselves.

I will judge those who reject me; worship me and no one else."

"Do not use the Lord's name wrongly, use God's name for what is good.

Keep the Sabbath; keep it holy; rest and worship as you should.

Honor father, honor mother; do not murder! Honor life!

Do not wander to another from your husband or your wife."

God continued these commandments: "Do not steal another's things;

And you shall not bear false witness — see the anguish that it brings.

Do not seek with bitter longing what you see across the street.

Keep these laws and find within them where my love and justice meet."

God of grace, we see your promise in the covenant you give.

For your law is wise and wondrous as it shows us how to live.

Loving God and loving neighbor, may we follow where you call.

Saved by grace, may we together seek to live your gracious law.

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING

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

Worship Endnotes

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