



Hymn Sing Sunday: 80th Anniversary of Hope
Windows of Hope Series
June 23, 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 Trumpet Tune on "Westminster Abbey"
Adrian LePique, Trumpet

Jerry Westenkuehler

(Indicates that all are invited to stand)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (1)**

One: We gather, looking back to see the paths taken,

All: Looking forward to see our path.

One: We honor those who have gone before us,

All: and celebrate where we are today.

One: We welcome the possibilities and opportunities before us.

All: We gather to worship the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow!

*GATHERING HYMN: (1940s): I Sing a Song of the Saints of God #295
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack) *New Century Hymnal*

**I sing a song of the saints of God, faithful their whole lives through,
Who bravely labored, lived, and died for the God they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and another a shepherd in pastures green;
They were saints of God, if you know what I mean. God, help me to be one, too.**

**They loved their God and they lived that love. It was loving that made them strong.
They did what was right, for Jesus' sake, lived justly their whole lives long.
And one was a prophet, and one was a priest, and another was slain by a fierce wild beast;
There is no earthly reason, none in the least, why I shouldn't be one, too.**

**They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is filled with living saints who choose to do God's will.
You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea,
in a church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea:
For the saints are folk like you and like me, and I mean to be one, too.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Hope, we thank you for your faithfulness in guiding and providing for this church through the years, during times of celebration and challenge.

We ask for your forgiveness for the ways in which we have not been faithful—in the past or in the present, as individuals and as a congregation—to your Word and your ways.

Forgive us when we wander from your love.

Draw us into community with each other, and feed us with the milk of your grace, that we may grow in faithfulness and work together in peace. *(silent confession)*

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, believe the good news! In Christ, we are forgiven;
our lives are made new, and our future of hope is restored!

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (1950s) "How Great Thou Art" #625 *Glory to God Hymnal v.1*
**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the world thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!
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*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 26: 1-3 Pew Bible pp.158-159

HYMN (1960s): "I Danced in the Morning" #157 *Glory to God Hymnal*

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.
Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance, and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the Dance went on. *Refrain*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the Dance and I still go on.
Refrain

They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life, that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *Refrain:*

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 26: 4-9 Pew Bible p.159

HYMN (1970s): "There's a Quiet Understanding" Tedd Smith

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 26:10-11 Pew Bible p.159

HYMN (1980s) "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" #69 *Glory to God Hymnal vv. 1&3*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,
all who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Sarah Fredriksen McCann

HYMN (1990s) "Let Us Build a House" #301 *Glory to God Hymnal* vv. 1&5

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as word within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE (2000s) "Light Dawns on a Weary World" Words by Mary Bringle
Music by William P. Rowan

Ian McCann, baritone

OFFERTORY "The Church's One Foundation" Arr. Don Hustad
Offer to God and then use this time for stillness, prayer and meditation.

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

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMISSIONING HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy" #277 *New Century Hymnal*
(Sung at first service of the congregation as well as first service in current sanctuary)

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

**Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty! Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Holy, holy, holy, saints adore you truly!

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only, from the beginning God eternally.

Holy, holy, holy, though we know but dimly,

Through the eyes of humankind your glory may not see,

You alone are holy, you alone are worthy, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!

All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune on "Amsterdam"

Jerry Westenkuehler

SENDING

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

Thanks to God, we at Hope United Church of Christ have good news to share. And we should feel compelled to share it, because there are people in St. Louis who are looking for a progressive and loving faith community. When we share Hope, we make it easier for them to find us!

Worship Endnotes

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June 23, 2024 Worship Leaders

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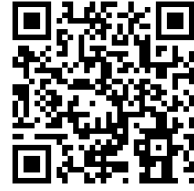
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