



Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

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COMMUNITY GATHERS IN SPIRIT BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Good people of the church,
Lift up your eyes and see.

**ALL: Have you not seen?
Have you not heard?
Our God greets us here.**

One: Good servants of the Most High,
Open your ears to hear.

**ALL: Have you not seen?
Have you not heard?
Our God meets us here.**

One: Good children of the light
Open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

**ALL: For we have seen, heard and known
From the beginning to the end,
Our God...is.**

***OPENING HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past #25**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is our arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream fades at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while troubles last, and our eternal home!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and
direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your
ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING GRACE

**One: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven
through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I
say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.**

ALL: Thanks be to God.

One: May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. Amen

***SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

THE COMMUNITY LISTENS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER

One: Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40: 21-31 New Revised Standard Version

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,

or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,

calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,

mighty in power,

not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

One: God is still speaking

ALL: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

With Wings Like Eagles
Reverend Patty Dodds

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS

ALL: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Response to the prayers

One: Christ in your Mercy,

ALL: Hear our Prayer.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

One: God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never ending gift of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: God has abundantly blessed us and calls us to be a community that honors each other, to be servants to others with joy, to share our love and material possessions.

One: Let us honor God from thankful hearts and joyful spirits.

ALL: God of extravagant mercy, we come to dedicate all our offerings to you. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, commissioned to share the Good news. May all that we dedicate -- our abilities, the fleeting moments of our days, the resources entrusted to our management -- announce your reign and the nearness of your kingdom. We give with joy, thanking you for the opportunity to be a blessing to all the families of the earth. Amen

THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY

***CLOSING HYMN A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #439**

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our present help amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and power great,
and armed with cruel hate, on earth without an equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus sets us free! With mighty power to
save, victorious o'er the grave, Christ will prevail triumphant.**

**And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear for God has willed the truth to triumph through us.
The powers of evil grim, we tremble not for them; their rage we can endure,
for lo, their doom is sure: one little word shall fell them.**

**That word beyond all earthly powers forever is abiding;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us siding.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill;
God's truth shall triumph still; God's reign endures forever.**

***COMMISSION**

Pastor: As we prepare to leave this place, let us proclaim the ministry to which God has called us:

People: We will go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; and with God's help, let us be of good courage, holding fast to that which is good; With Christ as our model, we will render to no one evil for evil; we will strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak; help the afflicted and honor all people. Let us rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***BENEDICTION**

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GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE

***indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit**

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the Rev. Kaji R. Spellman in **The Delightful Lightness of Being in Light**, Posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways Website.

Announcements:

Masks are no longer required in our building. Members and friends should determine based on their personal health and vaccination status if they wish to continue wearing one. Also please be sensitive to one another's need for continued social distancing.

Mark your calendar for September 12th – We will have a special service to celebrate being together again followed by a meal.

Next Sunday, July 25th Scripture: Micah 6:1-8

Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Call or email the church office for more information. Everyone Can Participate!

Mark your Calendars for our upcoming Chicken Barbeques! September 18th.

Our next Arts & Crafts Night will be August 12th from 6-9pm. Bring your own craft or come to chat.

Please contact Pastor Patty if you have any concerns or needs, or if you just need to talk. Phone: 570-506-0677, email: Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org

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