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## COMMUNITY GATHERS IN SPIRIT BEFORE GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This is the place, and this is the time; here and now,  
God waits, to break into our experience:

**ALL: To change our minds, to change our lives, to change our ways;**

One: To make us see the world and the whole of life in a new light:

**ALL: To fill us with hope, joy and certainty for the future.**

One: This is the place as are all places; this is the time as are all times.

**ALL: Here and now let us praise God.**

#### **\*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 your 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 Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

## **Second Peter 3: 8-9 Common English Bible**

Don't let it escape your notice, dear friends, that with the Lord a single day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a single day. The Lord isn't slow to keep his promise, as some think of slowness, but he is patient toward you, not wanting anyone to perish but all to change their hearts and lives.

One: God is still speaking

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

## **MESSAGE**

**All the Time**  
**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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*Please follow the Usher's directions**

**To receive the elements today, We will come to the table in small groups. Please hold your open hands to receive the bread and the empty cup to be filled.**

## **INVITATION**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ ...  
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, ... now and forever. Amen.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving for the gift of the Lord's Supper**

**ALL: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY**

**\*CLOSING HYMN      Jesus Still Lead on      #446**

**Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;  
And although the way be cheer-less, we will follow, calm and fear-less;  
Guide us by your hand to the promised land.**

**If the way be drear, if the woe be near,  
Let not faith-less fears o'er take us, let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many a woe to our home we go.**

**When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring, make us patient and enduring;  
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;  
Heavenly Leader still direct us, still support, console, protect us,  
Guide us by your hand to the promised land.**

## **\*COMMISSION**

**One: Let us go and meet the world  
which God loves  
and for which Christ died.**

**ALL: Let us proclaim that God is worthy of our trust  
and Christ of our discipleship.  
Let us live as heirs of Christ  
and as the people of God  
in the midst of God's world.**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BENEDICTION (inside back cover of New Century Hymnal)**

## **GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE**

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

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### **Announcements:**

**Masks are strongly recommended.** 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.

**This Sunday's Flowers donated by: Helen Yohe "for the birthday celebration of our Daughter-in-law, Corrina"**

**Next Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> , Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

**We have posted a wish list in the Narthex- Can you help with an item or more? Please place your items in the marked boxes**

**Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex. Mark your Calendars for our next Chicken Barbeque and Rummage Sale on September 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Most UCC congregations will receive the NIN offering on **October 3, 2021** as part of their World Communion Sunday observance. However, some local churches select another date. NIN contributions can be made online at any time

Weekly Zoom Bible Study based on the Sunday scriptures - will resume on Monday September 13 at 7 pm. The reading for this week is Genesis 1:1 -2:4. The Zoom link will be emailed by Monday morning.

Book Study: Reunion by David Kalas begins Sunday September 19 at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Pastor Patty so we can get a copy of the book for you.

**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](mailto:Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org)

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