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Passing of the Plate

DOXOLOGY (Use whatever words are comfortable for you)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost). Amen.

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING and DEDICATION

Holy One, thank you for the privilege of giving. Bless these gifts and those who give. Enable us to trust and participate in your abundance. Extend wisdom and discernment as we allocate these offerings. Expand our reach and impact for your kindom and glory. Amen.

***SONG “His Eye Is On the Sparrow”**

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BENEDICTION

As you go, speak up for the marginalized, give voice to injustice, express cares and concerns of your own household, may a joy, hopeful, and grateful noise, and remember that the Still Speaking God is also Still Listening.

SUNG “Amen”(feel free to clap along!)

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Bold- Words in bold are said in unison.

Our worship has ended ~ Let our service begin!

Warm Birthday wishes go out to:

Catherine Irvine June 2nd

Angela Pane June 3rd

Christine Burgos June 6th

Carlos Burgos June 11th

Molly Arpano June 15th

Jean Lidstone June 22nd

Laura Taylor June 2nd

William Jent June 5th

Zack Newton June 6th

Bailee McNamara June 12th

Drew Dobeck June 19th

Ryan O’Toole June 28th

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to:

Debbie & Joe Facendola June 6th

*And God Heard: Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A Lindsay,
Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.*

*During the First Hymn we have a “Pop” collection for a local food bank either UNFROZEN freeze pops or Soda Pop. Thank you
for your generosity!*

*For all joys and concerns mentioned in the Pastor’s Tuesday email.
Remember in your prayers our special members: June and Edie K.*

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Musician, Kate Lyczkowski

Lay Reader, Kelly Colby

Ministers, The People of God

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Fathering Day

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING of the BELL/TIME of CENTER

*CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 86)

One: The Holy One is great and does marvelous things. Delight in God!

Many: The Holy One gladdens the soul. We lift them up!

One: In the day of trouble, we call on Comforter and Protector, Counselor and Provider, Companion and Peace.

Many: The Holy One soothes the soul. We call upon their name!

One: The Gracious and Eternal God gives us ear to ur prayers and listens to our cries.

Many: The Holy One hears the soul. We turn to God in hope and faith.

*SONG of PRAISE and SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

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*PRAYER of the DAY

Merciful and Compassionate God, we come into your presence. Be near to us as we draw closer to you. Be near to us even when we have doubts, have given up hope, and have been overwhelmed by our fears. Be near to us as we sing, pray, give, and receive. We praise you for your goodness and worship you for who you are.

*AFFIRMING and CONNECTING (Passing of the Peace) We sing: “Peace be with You” Twice.

* GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen. (Be seated)

Moment for All God’s Children

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 and ever. Amen.

*SONG “Grace Alone”

Every promise we can make
every prayer and step of faith
every difference we make
is only by his grace

Every mountain we will climb,
every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind
is only by his grace.

Every soul we long to reach,
every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share his peace
is only by his grace.

Every loving word we say,
every tear we wipe away,
every sorrow turned to praise
is only by his grace.

Refrain

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Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown he will provide.

Christ in us, our cornerstone;
we will go forth in grace alone.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 86:1-7 (The Message Translation)

¹⁻⁷ Bend an ear, God; answer me. I’m one miserable wretch! Keep me safe—haven’t I lived a good life? Help your servant—I’m depending on you! You’re my God; have mercy on me. I count on you from morning to night.

Give your servant a happy life; I put myself in your hands! You’re well-known as good and forgiving, bighearted to all who ask for help. Pay attention, God, to my prayer; bend down and listen to my cry for help. Every time I’m in trouble I call on you, confident that you’ll answer.

PRAYER of TRANSFORMATION and NEW LIFE

Listening God, we acknowledge that you know us. You are familiar with our attitudes, behavior, and character. You ground us in the fertile soil of your love. Yet, we confess that at times, we feel rooted in sand. We observe our life circumstances, and hope may collapse under despair, fear may overcome courage, and uncertainty drives out faith. Help us, O God, when we cry out and when we don’t. Speak to us so that your message drowns out any other voice, including our own, that believes less for us than your promises offer. Do a new thing in us, for us, and through us. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE AND ASSURANCE

Beloved, the Holy One has observed, received, and acknowledged your need and your hope. In Christ, new life has been revealed, opened, and modeled for you. By Spirit, the Holy One leads us into renewing and transformative life. This is God’s will for us through every trial and propel us through our journey of hope, healing, and wholeness.

Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 41-52 (Message Translation Version)

They Found Him in the Temple ⁴¹⁻⁴⁵ Every year Jesus’ parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up as they always did for the Feast. When it was over and they left for home, the child Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents didn’t know it. Thinking he was somewhere in the company of pilgrims, they journeyed for a whole day and then began looking for him among relatives and neighbors. When they didn’t find him, they went back to Jerusalem looking for him. ⁴⁶⁻⁴⁸ The next day they found him in the Temple seated among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. The teachers were all quite taken with him, impressed with the sharpness of his answers. But his parents were not impressed; they were upset and hurt. His mother said, “Young man, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been half out of our minds looking for you.” ⁴⁹⁻⁵⁰ He said, “Why were you looking for me? Didn’t you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father?” But they had no idea what he was talking about. ⁵¹⁻⁵² So he went back to Nazareth with them, and lived obediently with them. His mother held these things dearly, deep within herself. And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people.

Meditation - Rev. Marilyn Wilcox

Musical Meditation

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