



August 15th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Union Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

*An Open and Affirming, Earthwise,
Progressive Christian Congregation*

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Welcome!

Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ welcomes everyone, no matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey.

As we begin to gather in person, we will continue to offer worship via Facebook Live broadcasts every Sunday at 10am. You can be here in person or participate virtually during, or any time after the service.

You can contact the church at any time. See office hours below.

Grace and Peace to all.



VISION

God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

(Micah 6:8, (NIV))

Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ Mission Statement



God calls us to minister to each other. This ministry goes beyond our congregation into the community, wider world, and to the earth itself. We seek to reach those in the margins of society, to empower the powerless, and to leave this earth a better place than when we each arrived.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF CENTERING

“We have become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams.”

- Jimmy Carter

LIGHTING THE CANDLES and WELCOME

If you are in-person, we invite you to fill out the friendship pad to let us know you are here.

If you are worshipping virtually, we invite you to click a reaction button on Facebook to let us know you are with us.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

5 Here in This Place

♩=126

A Aadd9(omit3) Dadd9(omit3)

A E/G#

Ho - ly one___ may your pre - sence here. o - pen our_ minds.

Dadd9(omit3) Dadd9 Bm7

— May your___ Spir - it a - mong us help us to find

F#m C#aug B7

— you are_ ris - ing up_ now_ like a foun - tain of_ grace

Dadd9

— from the ho - ly ground. Here in___ this_

A Aadd9(omit3) Dadd9(omit3)

place._____ Here in___ this_

A Aadd9(omit3) Dadd9(omit3) Dadd9(omit3)

place._____ Ho - ly one

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Here in___ this_ place._____

CALL TO WORSHIP **(PLEASE JOIN IN CALL AND RESPONSE)**

One: For the living of these days let us heed the promptings of possibility.

Many: Let us evoke creativities of compassion, let us be poised on wings of faith and love.

One: O come let us worship!

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In Christ There Is No East or West

*1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22**John Oxenham, 1908; alt.
St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;



But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.
 One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.



Singer and composer Harry T. Burleigh studied at the National Conservatory of Music from 1892 to 1896. He is recognized as the first African-American composer to employ spirituals in concert arrangements. This tune is named after the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City, where Burleigh served as baritone soloist for more than fifty years.

*Tune: McKEE C.M.
 African-American melody
 Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939
 Alternate setting: ST. PETER*

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE & PEACE PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

In the same spirit in which we receive the unconditional love of God in Jesus Christ, let us offer to one another our own sign of peace. One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Give Thanks

Senior Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

John Olson

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:35-40

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

REFLECTION

Darkness Into Dawn

John Olson

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God of Change and Glory

1 Cor. 12:4-27

Al Carmines, 1973

1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
 2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,
 3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new - ness of each night,

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

In the midst of chang-ing ways give us still the grace to praise.
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

Refrain

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

C F C F G

In our dif - fer - ence is bless-ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise

C F G

one Giv-er, one Word, one Spir-it, one God known in man-y ways,

F C G7 C

hal-low-ing our days. For the Giv-er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

OUR TIME OF SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT (let us pray together)

Our Creator in Heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come. Your 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE/RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter;
One God, Triune, whom we adore.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (let us pray together)

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

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John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
 4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,

The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.

Tune: DENNIS S.M.
 Melody by Johann G. Nägeli (c. 1768-1836)
 Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

BENEDICTION

One: Like a rock, God is under our feet.

Many: Like a roof, God is over our heads.

One: Like the horizon, God is beyond us.

Many: Like water in a pitcher, God is within us and in the pouring out of us.

One: Like a pebble in the sea, we are in God.

Many: Let us go and change our world as God has changed our lives.

One: Go in peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Elk River Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Pastor: Rev. Robin Raudabaugh

Cantor: Sam Eckberg

Interim Office Administrator: Gigi N.

Deacon: Marce Ediger

Choir Director: Sam Eckberg

Greeters: Sandy Stroebel

Handbell Director: Gigi Nauer

Ushers: Peterson Family

Piano & Organ: Carson Schneider

Liturgist: Marylyn Bowman

Director of Faith Formation:

Hospitality:

Altar Flowers:

Announcements

Office Hours

Pastor Robin is on vacation from August 8th through the 19th.

Office hours for the church this week are Sunday through Wednesday, 9:00am to 1:00pm. Call the church at (763) 441-1203 if you have general questions or need a pastor. Office email - churchoffice@elkriverucc.org.

Pastoral Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, an accident, or a death, even while Pastor Robin is on vacation, please contact her directly via text at 651.216.9012, phone or email revrobin@elkriverucc.org. You may also contact the church office though the response may take longer.

Church Materials

Copies of the Sunday sermon and bulletin are available in person or via Facebook, our website, and the UCC Squared Newsletter (email).

KEPT IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers our congregation members: Ella Rivers, Donna Church, Musz Bailey, Jim Babcock, Shelley Sherper, Bobbie Berg, Susan Olsen, Jackie Schuelein, Carol Lloyd, Joanne Burdick, Ruby Cawthra, Jane Houlton, Marion Marcott, Cheryl Wold, Judy Halgren, Amy Britt, Bailey Rosdahl, Jimmy Stevens, Dee & Jim Stevens (Jimmy's parents), Dave Foley, John Olson, Nicole [Kilber] Teske, Linda Fenton, Dave Halgren, Diane Narr, Joan Axen and Nancy Andersen.

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday, August 15th, 2021

10:00 a.m. Hybrid Worship Service
Guest Speaker – John Olson
In Person & Live Via Facebook
Liturgist: Marce Ediger
11:00 a.m. Hospitality

Tuesday, August 17th, 2021

6:30 p.m. No Bible Study

Wednesday, August 18th, 2021

3:30 p.m. SARI Demonstration
SherburneCounty Gov't center

Thursday, August 19th, 2021

1:00 p.m. Outreach and Justice
6:00 p.m. Outside Group (Girl Scouts)
6:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting

Sunday, August 22nd, 2021

10:00 a.m. Hybrid Worship Service
In Person & Live Via Facebook
Liturgist: Confirmands
11:00 a.m. Hospitality

Monday, August 23rd, 2021

6:30 p.m. Pastoral Relations Meeting

Tuesday, August 24th, 2021

5:00 p.m. Congregational Life
6:30 p.m. Bible Study (virtual)

Wednesday, August 25th, 2021

3:30 p.m. SARI Demonstration
SherburneCounty Gov't center
5:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday, August 26th, 2021

6:00 p.m. Outside Group (Girl Scouts).

Friday, August 27th, 2021

6:30 p.m. Friday Film
"Nomad Land"