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WORSHIP FOR JUNE 26, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“To do great work one must be very idle as well as very industrious.”
Samuel Butler

PRELUDE “Exordium” Andrew Fletcher

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Tom Mittman, Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP (from the Song of Solomon)

Now the winter is past,
the cold is over and gone.

**The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come,**
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

**The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom.**

HYMN

“The Summer Days Are Come Again”

Samuel Longfellow

**The summer days are come again;
Once more the glad earth yields
Its golden wealth of ripening grain,
And breath of clover fields,
And deepening shade of summer woods,
And glow of summer air,
And winging thoughts, and happy moods
Of love and joy and prayer.**

**The summer days are come again;
The birds are on the wing;
God’s praises, in their loving strain,
Unconsciously they sing.
We know God gives us all the good
That does our cup o’erbrim;
For summer joy in field and wood
We lift our joyful hymn.**

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we know the beauty of this day and we are grateful. We experience the warm stirring of summer and the fullness of the earth, and we are grateful. We share the love of family and friends and the community that is this church, and we are grateful.

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we know the opportunity to bring new selves to this new day. As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth, make us signs of your abundant mercy. And remind us that we are also precious, not because we are good but because you have accepted us and called us to be your very own. Amen.

DUET

"Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?"

African-American Spiritual, arr. Leonard Van Camp

Andrew Knapp and Marie Von Behren

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

The 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 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.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Invitation

Offertory “Interlude” Arthur Bliss

*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(At this time, children are dismissed to attend Children's Church.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 20: 8-11

PSALM 116:1-9, 12, 14

I love the Lord, because the Lord has heard the voice of my supplication
and inclined an ear to me whenever I cried out.

**The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

**Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.**

The Lord watches over the innocent;

I was brought very low, and the Lord helped me.

**Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has treated you well.**

For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

How shall I repay you, O Lord,

for all the good things you have done for me?

**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all the chosen people.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 8:40-56

SERMON "Why Slow Down Now?"

* HYMN 263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;**

**Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Maestoso” Richard Pantcheff

Minister:	The Rev. Bill Lovin
Director of Children’s Programs:	The Rev. Ann Molsberry
Organist:	Bill Crouch
Choir Director	Chris Nakielski
Office Manager	Jenn Harden

WE’RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING. We are putting the safety of both the vaccinated and the unvaccinated in our congregation and the community first. Masks are required for all people in all parts of the building. We will keep social distance in the pews. Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall after worship. Masks are optional in Rockwood Hall during Coffee Hour.

USHERS, GREETERS, AND HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES: As we continue to reopen, there are new opportunities to greet people coming to worship, to usher, and to provide hospitality during coffee hour after worship. Please sign up on the sheets in Rockwood Hall or call the church office--319-337-4031.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC—THIS AFTERNOON AT 4:00: Summer is here and it’s time for the Church Picnic. Bring your family, bring your friends and join us at SHELTER 2 IN UPPER CITY PARK from 4-7 p.m. Our Membership Board will provide drinks and dessert. Please bring a dish to share and your own plates and tableware. (If you prefer because of Covid precautions, feel free to bring your own food.) You’re welcome to bring games and play equipment, musical instruments, lawn chairs, and anything else that will make for a happy gathering.

HELP PREPARE THE JUNE 27 MEAL FOR HOPE LODGE: The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge houses cancer patients (and their caregivers) who are receiving treatment at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Hope Lodge is now back to housing residents but they are not yet allowing volunteers in the building. However, they are welcoming groups to provide an evening meal, enough for 30 people, leaving food off at the door. Our church will be

responsible for a meal on June 27. There is a sign-up sheet in Rockwood Hall. Food will be delivered to Hope Lodge by 4:30 that day and should be in containers (aluminum pans) that do not need to be returned. The address of Hope Lodge is 750 Hawkins Drive (near the Ronald McDonald House). If you have questions about this project, contact Sue Dayton, cdayton7@mchsi.com or 351-5886.

HELP SUPPORT THE SCHOOL KIDS IN THE SOUTH DISTRICT: The Mission Board has signed our church up to provide supper on August 8, 2022 at 5:00 in Wetherby Park. United Action for Youth and the Johnson County Interfaith Coalition are hosting suppers in Wetherby Park in June, July and early August. We will feed approximately 100 people, primarily youth who will have had a strenuous afternoon of structured activities in the park. We've been asked to provide food that kids would like. Families and passersby will also be welcome. We could use help cooking, serving, and/or sharing this community meal with the South District residents. If you are interested in helping, send a note to Donna Hirst, donna-hirst@uiowa.edu. 2022 has been a very challenging year for kids, and we hope this effort will help the South District kids learn that the community "has their back" and wants their summer to be excellent.

1. Indicate whether you want to provide food, expected dish and servings.
2. Indicate whether you want to help serve.
3. Indicate whether you want to share this community meal.

OPEN HEARTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER DIAPER AND WIPES DRIVE THIS SUMMER: The Mission Board is sponsoring a diaper and wipes drive for Open Heartland, a community center for Spanish speaking families here in Iowa City. You are invited to create a clever name for our drive and collection box, but most of all, please drop off diapers in sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5 and training pullups, as well as wipes in the box in Rockwood Hall. They are particularly in need of the larger sizes. If you want to contribute cash to this effort, the Mission Board will do the shopping—just put "Diaper Drive" on your envelope or check. Let's delight them with our generosity! Let's all "get behind" the effort.

SIGN UP FOR *CHANGE AGENT*: AN ONLINE UCC MISSION BOARD SOCIAL CHANGE BULLETIN BOARD: The Mission Board is responding to requests from the congregation and creating an Online Social Change Bulletin Board. This monthly email publication will be a system that will include notices of rallies, petitions, upcoming legislative or policy actions warranting letters or phone calls, protests, important meetings of the school board or city council, each of which has the potential to increase social justice. Highest priority alerts will be local actions, then state actions and national actions. Notices will not support political candidates or parties. We would be delighted if everyone in the congregation is interested in subscribing. If you would like to receive these monthly mailings send your contact information to Jenn Harden, uccicadmin@uccic.org.

VISITING THE DIVERSITY MARKET, Saturdays, 1:00-7:00, June-July 30, is an excellent way to support our South District neighbors. International food, crafts, art, jewelry. Pepperwood Plaza 1067, Hwy 6

TABLE TO TABLE IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS to help with maintaining their mission of connecting abundance with need in Johnson County. They are incredibly flexible: whatever your schedule is, they can probably work with it! They have volunteers that come in twice a week and volunteers that come in twice a month and both are valuable to the organization. Duties can include: harvesting produce at farms and orchards, driving or riding in T2T vans on routes to pick up and deliver food, helping prep vans for their routes in our shop (move empty boxes around while listening to some tunes!), offering free fresh produce in at-need neighborhoods, and more. If your interest is piqued, check out their website (table2table.org), contact them at volunteer@table2table.org or at 319-337-3400.



WANT TO GIVE ONLINE? SCAN THE QR CODE FOR OUR GIVING APP. Your giving makes a world of difference.

WE ARE NOW LIVE STREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:15 ON SUNDAY MORNING. You can join us online in real time at <https://vimeo.com/event/1424751>. This streaming address is the same each week.

RECORDINGS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICES are posted after worship on Sunday at <https://vimeo.com/channels/1547852>. The recordings remain up permanently, so you can watch past worship services at your convenience or recommend them to a friend.