

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Today is a communion Sunday. Before watching the worship service, you are invited to get whatever you eat and whatever you drink. It can be bread and grape juice or wine or as simple as a cracker or rice cake and water for use in our worship.

WORSHIP FOR JULY 12, 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

One of these mornings
You're gonna rise up singing
DuBose Heyward

PRELUDE "Largo" John Keeble

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 (a prayer by Maya Angelou)

**Father, Mother, God,
Thank you for your presence
during the hard and mean days,
for then we have you to lean upon.
Thank you for your presence
during the bright and sunny days,
for then we can share that which we have
with those who have less.
And thank you for your presence
during the Holy Days, for then we are able
to celebrate you and our families
and our friends.
For those who have no voice,
we ask you to speak.
For those who feel unworthy,
we ask you to pour your love out
in waterfalls of tenderness.
For those who live in pain,
we ask you to bathe them
in the river of your healing.
For those who are lonely, we ask
you to keep them company.
For those who are depressed,
we ask you to shower upon them
the light of hope.
Dear Creator, You, the borderless
sea of substance, we ask you to give to all the world
that which we need most—Peace. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 40:28-31

PSALM 30

I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
**O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing to the Lord, you faithful servants;
give thanks for the remembrance of God's holiness.**

For God's wrath lasts but the twinkling of an eye,
God's favor endures for a lifetime.

**Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.

You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

**Then you hid your face,
and I was filled with fear.**

I cried to you, O Lord;
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

**"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;
O Lord, be my helper."

**You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

[Unison]

**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4:4-9

SERMON "Renewal"

A TIME OF GRATITUDE

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

HYMN "As We Gather at Your Table"

**As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.**

**Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THANKSGIVING FOR BREAD AND CUP

Let us join together in prayer:

**We thank you, O Christ,
that scattered though we are, with different needs and hopes
you call us together at this meal and unite us as one body.**

**We thank you for this bread and cup set before us,
food and drink to nourish us in body and in spirit,
signs of your life-giving love.**

**May they speak to us
of the everyday made holy,
of life made new,
of hope for your realm among us.**

We remember that on the night of his arrest...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

SOLO "Be Thou My Vision"
 Wen Chin Liu

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, for your love for us that is gentle as a shower, that heals our pain and binds up our wounds, we give you thanks.

**For your love for us that is as sure as the dawn, that transforms our hidden places
and reveals your truth, we give you thanks.**

For your love for us that is mercifully steadfast, that calls us to you and raises us up, we give you thanks.

WE WANT TO SEE YOU! We would like to have members and friends be a part of the greeting time during our online worship. Please send us a brief—10-30 second—video of you or your family waving, saying “Hi,” singing, or whatever you would like. Or send a photo. We’ll start including a few of these in the worship service each week as a way to strengthen our connections with each other. Send your greeting videos to https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UcrZ4ya9xFir39cG_1x-SCO6dVPBbV0B?usp=sharing

CROP Walk—Congregational UCC was one of the Top 5 Teams this year, raising over \$930. This was in large part due to the efforts of Betsy Henson and Sylvia Woolums, who were two of the Top 10 Walkers. You can still donate [here](#) and even choose to support an individual walker or Congregational UCC.

HACAP has added a new volunteer opportunity and we are looking for help during the month of July. They are currently seeking volunteers to help with the following (more details in the sign-up below):

- Affordable Housing Unit Light Yard Work Volunteers (7/17)
- Veterans Memorial Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers (7/15)
- Mercer Park IC Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers (7/30)

Those interested can click below or share with a friend!

[**SIGN UP HERE**](#)

