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WORSHIP FOR JULY 3, 2022  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“We need not fear humans or what they can do to us, but rather, we need fear only God. This we do by acknowledging God’s righteousness, trusting in God’s providence, and anticipating God’s present help and future judgment.”

Susan Garrett

PRELUDE “Shall We Gather at the River” Aaron Copland  
Marie Von Behren

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bea Hicks, Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 29)  
Ascribe to the Sovereign God glory and strength.

**Worship God in holy splendor.**

May God give strength to the people!

**May God bless the people with peace!**

HYMN 262 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay;  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

**God our Creator: you led people to this land, and out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong, or justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation's good; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO            "Zion's Walls"            Aaron Copland  
                  Marie Von Behren

SERVICE OF GIVING

Invitation

Offertory        "Simple Gifts"            Aaron Copland  
                  Marie Von Behren

\*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

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Isaiah 58:1-9

PSALM 33

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;  
it is good for the just to sing praises.

**Praise the Lord with the harp;  
play upon the psaltery and lyre.**

Sing for the Lord a new song;  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

**For your word, O Lord, is right,  
and all your works are sure.**

You love righteousness and justice;  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, fills the whole earth.

**By your word, O Lord, were the heavens made,  
by the breath of your mouth all the heavenly hosts.**

You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin  
and store up the depths of the sea.

**Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
let all who dwell in the world stand in reverence.**

For the Lord spoke, and it came to pass;  
the Lord commanded, and it stood fast.

**The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught  
and thwarts the designs of the peoples.**

But the Lord's will stands fast forever,  
and the designs of the Lord's heart from age to age.

**Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!  
happy the people you have chosen to be your own!**

O Lord, you look down from heaven  
and behold all the people in the world

**From where you sit enthroned you turn your gaze  
on all who dwell on the earth.**

You fashion all the hearts of them  
and understand all their works.

**There is no ruler that can be saved by a mighty army;  
a warrior is not delivered by great strength.**

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  
for all its strength it cannot save.

**Behold, your eye, O Lord, is upon those who fear you,  
on those who wait upon your love,**

to pluck their lives from death,  
and to feed them in time of famine.

**Our soul waits for you, O Lord;**

**you are our help and our shield.**  
Indeed, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.  
**Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,  
as we have put our trust in you.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Galatians 5:1, 13-15

SERMON      “Prizing Our Liberties, Maintaining Our Rights”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THANKSGIVING FOR BREAD AND CUP

**Pour out your Spirit  
on us and on these gifts.  
Make Christ known to us in the breaking of this bread, and the sharing of this cup.  
As we eat this bread, we remember that many are hungry.  
As we share the cup together, we remember that many are thirsty.  
May the day come soon when there may be food and water for all.  
May the day come soon when justice and peace take the place of violence.  
May the day come soon when your freedom may be known by all of creation.  
Make us again into your body, loving, serving, and caring for the world**

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We give you thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another and for the world.  
Amen.**

\* HYMN 289      O God of Every Nation

**O God of every nation,  
Of every race and land,  
Redeem the whole creation  
With Your almighty hand;  
Where hate and fear divide us**

**And bitter threats are hurled,  
In love and mercy guide us  
And heal our strife-torn world.**

**From search for wealth and power  
And scorn of truth and right,  
From trust in bombs that shower  
Destruction through the night,  
From pride of race and station  
And blindness to Your way,  
Deliver every nation,  
Eternal God, we pray!**

**Lord, strengthen those who labor  
That we may find release  
From fear of rattling saber,  
From dread of war's increase;  
When hope and courage falter,  
Your still small voice be heard;  
With faith that none can alter,  
Your servants undergird.**

**Keep bright in us the vision  
Of days when war shall cease,  
When hatred and division  
Give way to love and peace,  
Till dawns the morning glorious  
When peace on earth shall reign  
And Christ shall rule victorious  
O'er all the world's domain.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE “America the Beautiful” Arr. Cindy Berry**

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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.

**THANKS TO MARIE VON BEHREN** for singing this morning.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 4,** in celebration of Independence Day.

**BILL LOVIN WILL BE ON VACATION FROM JULY 8-24.** He will be working at the church this coming week until then. The Rev. Bob Molsberry will be preaching next Sunday, July 10.

**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.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED FOOD TO THE JUNE 27 HOPE LODGE DINNER:** Linda Muston, Donna Hirst, Dianne Atkins, Joyce Myer, and Barb Hanson. Our next dinner at Hope Lodge will be in September.

**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](mailto: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; BOTTOMS UP, FOR JUNE AND JULY:** The Mission Board is sponsoring a diaper and wipes drive for Open Heartland, a community center for Spanish speaking families here in Iowa City. 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. Also, monetary gifts are

very welcome so the Mission Board can purchase items in quantity at a discount. Let's delight them with our generosity!

**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](mailto: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](http://table2table.org)), contact them at [volunteer@table2table.org](mailto: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.