



Urbandale

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Christ

God is still speaking 9

A Just Peace and Open and Affirming congregation

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are invited and welcome here.”

June 28, 2020

10:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

“We welcome into this community of faith, and affirm the participation in all aspects of church life, persons of every age, race, gender identity and expression, nationality, ability, and sexual orientation. We will continue our efforts toward inclusiveness, and stand against all forms of discrimination. We will empower ourselves, our children, and one another to be fully present in the world, living in Christ’s image and striving for justice and peace.”

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- You may wish to have the bulletin to follow along. You can pull up the bulletin for this service by going to urbucc.org
- If you want to take a moment to prepare your space for whatever helps you pray, meditate, or be mindful of God’s presence, please do that. Perhaps it is a candle or a cross.
- We will be asking you to jot some things down, which you may be able to do on the device you are using to watch this or grab a pad of paper and pen/pencil.
- Later in the service we will read from the Gospel of Matthew 10:40-42 so if you have a Bible, you might want to turn to that passage. We will be reading from the Inclusive Bible, so you can compare it with your translation.

GREETING

“Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines.”

Henri J.M. Nouwen, Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life, 20th century

CALLING OUR ATTENTION TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

God calls into our midst those who are beloved in all their diversity and we welcome them. God calls into our midst all those who are vulnerable, in need of teaching, healing, shelter and we welcome them. God calls into our midst all those with a word of challenge that proclaims God’s kin-dom for all and we welcome them. You call us into community. Show us that we are beloved and show us how to put our resources at the service of all. Help us know that the cup of water given in your name nourishes the one who gives and the one who receives. Satisfy our thirst to know your presence here and now. Let us come together now and worship our God who calls us to be “prophets of welcome.”

SPECIAL MUSIC “Sheep May Safely Graze, from Cantata No. 208” Johann Sebastian Bach
Carol Looney, Flute

TAKING STOCK OF OUR BLESSINGS AND RESOURCES

Urbandale UCC has a “Donate” tab at our website, urbucc.org or you may wish to donate to the wider church and may wish to visit the churches national website at ucc.org.

Take a moment and write down what you have that you can share with others. Perhaps you may wish to show your support by shopping at locally owned black businesses, reading and educating yourself on matters of white privilege and racism, continue reaching out to the vulnerable among us, letting others know you care. There are many ways we can continue to support one another. Think about how you might reveal the Presence of the Holy to the world through the sharing of your gifts and resources that God has so richly blessed you with.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

God of radical welcome, you call to us and tell us to stop clinging to things. You tell us to trust in your goodness because you provide all we need. God of hope, you call us to imagine a future “kin-dom” where all find a place at the table and are truly embraced. Speak through us and help us hear your assurance so we can joyfully and without hesitation, share your love and peace with others. We are grateful for your Good News that sustains us as we continue to work for justice and for your will to be done. Bless our sacred and vulnerable conversations as we strive to make a welcoming place at the table for all your people.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:40-42 (The Inclusive Bible)

⁴⁰“Those who welcome you also welcome me, and those who welcome me welcome the One who sent me.

⁴¹“Those who welcome prophets just because they are prophets will receive the reward reserved for the prophets themselves; those who welcome holy people just because they are holy will receive the reward of the holy ones.

⁴²“The truth is, whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these lowly ones just for being disciple will not lack a reward.”

MEDITATION

“Hospitality & Reward”

Rev. Amy Murray

PASTORAL PRAYER

Take a moment now to check your own prayer list. Add the names that need to go on it, review the names of those for whom you have been praying. Has an answer or resolution come? If so, make gratitude known to others.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

“O Savior, Let Me Walk with You”

Hymnal 503

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Abba 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.

“O Savior, Let Me Walk with You”

Hymnal 503

O, Savior, let me walk with you in earthly paths of service true;
Tell me your secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move be some clear winning word of love.
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience; let me be in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only you can give, with you, O Savior, let me live.

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