

Union Congregational Church Mission Statement

An inclusive family of faith gathered as community to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ through service and love.

Trinity Sunday

June 7, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: We gather to speak of the wonders of God!

Many: We have come to seek God's purpose for our lives.

One: We gather as a group bound together by the Spirit.

Many: We come to remember the power of love in Christ Jesus.

One: Let us worship in Spirit and in Truth!

Many: Let us offer thanks to God for the goodness that surrounds us!

Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1) A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing,
Our present help amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe
with craft and power great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth without an equal.
- 2) Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus sets us free!
With might power to save, victorious o'er the grave,
Christ will prevail triumphant.
- 3) And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear for God has willed the truth to triumph through us.
The powers of evil grim, we tremble not for them;
Their rage we can endure, for lo, their doom is sure:
One little word shall fell them.
- 4) That word beyond all earthly powers forever is abiding;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us siding.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth shall triumph still;
God's reign endures forever.

Prayer of Invocation: (Unison)

God of Creation, you have planted your Spirit within us. You have called us from folly into wisdom. You have called us from complacency into action. You have loved us and you love us still. Gather us into this day. Give us hearts big enough to hope, to dream, and to create new community in your name. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Hebrew Bible Reading: 1 Kings 19:8b-13

He traveled for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of God came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ Elijah replied, "I have been very zealous for God Omnipotent. The people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death by the sword. I am the only one left, and now they're trying to kill me, too." ¹¹ God said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of God, for God is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountain apart and shattered the rocks by God's power—but God was not in the whirlwind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but God was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire—but God was not in the fire. And after the fire came a still small voice.* ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

*also rendered as "a gentle whisper"

Children's Message

Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Choral Response

“Live in Charity”
(Ubi Caritas)

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity, God will dwell with you.

WORDS: 9th cent. Latin (1 Cor 13:2-8)

UBI CARITAS (TAIZÉ)

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier and the Community of Taizé

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Invitation to Giving

“My God and My All”

My God and my all, how I long to love you
and give you my heart and give you my soul.

Show me the way to love, and give of my life for you;
Then will I live, then will I rise.

My God and my all, how I long to love you
and give you my heart and give you my soul.

And I will live with you, and I will die with you;
weeping for love, weeping for joy!

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Prayer of Dedication

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians: 13:11-14

¹¹ And now, beloveds, I must say goodbye. Mend your ways. Encourage one another. Live in harmony and peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All the holy ones send greetings to you. ¹⁴ The grace of our savior Jesus the Christ and the love of God and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Sermon

Listen. Just. Listen

Rev. Annie Britton

Communion Hymn

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1 Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name,
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garments hem.

2 As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Giver, break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

3 All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We may serve with faith anew.

WORDS: Percy Dearmer, 1925; *alt.*

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Service of Communion

Confession

For all the mercy we have failed to show,

we offer our sorrow and our will to do better.

For all the justice we have failed to demand,

we choose now to strive, that the kin-dom may come.

For those who have neither voice nor place,

we will raise our voices and offer our lives.

As we have been loved and forgiven, let us carry that Love and Mercy forward to all we meet. Amen.

Thanksgiving

God is with us.

Always, God is with us.

We gather with Love,

We lift that Love to the world,

As we offer our gratitude

And our thanks to the Source of our Being!

Holy One, we do offer thanks and praise for all the wonders of Creation, for infinite creativity and, most of all, for the Love to which we are called. We remember all the wise ones who have made you known to us through faith and through integrity of actions.

As they were called, so are we called to witness to Love and Light and Justice.

Among us came Jesus, to be one of us, to live with us, and to call us to lives of justice and mercy. In Jesus' words we hear the call to repentance, to love, and to acceptance. We know that, even in calling for justice, Jesus often became the target of injustice.

Grant us the courage to speak out against injustice, to stand in the face of hate without becoming hateful ourselves. May we find strength in peace, and in the assurance that we are not alone.

On the night when Jesus and friends were all gathered together, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and offered it, speaking words of love to those gathered, reminding them of love and of life. Jesus then took a cup. After giving thanks, offered it, speaking more words of love, consolation, forgiveness and especially of comfort --- that they would meet again in God's kingdom.

Blessing the Bread and Cup

Let us join as the community of all believers in blessing the elements before us,

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at each table, that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and throughout the world. Amen.

Eat with joy. Drink with love. We are blessed, indeed.

Hymn to go forth

“Peace Is Flowing Like a River”

Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out from you and me.
Spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free.

Hope is flowing like a river, flowing out from you and me.
Spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free.

Grace is flowing like a river, flowing out from you and me.
Spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free.

Trust is flowing like a river, flowing out from you and me.
Spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free.

WORDS: Anonymous

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Benediction

Benediction response

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880,

MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

PUBLIC DOMAIN

MUSIC: GOD BE WITH YOU

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Postlude

Roof Fund Update...

We have raised a little over \$3,000 towards the \$40,000 that is needed for the new roof. **We have an anonymous donor who is willing to match any donations that come in from now until August 31st up to \$5,000.** So if you would like to donate just put a check or cash in the collection plate, make sure it's marked for the roof fund (when we're back together for services). Or you can mail a check to the church (105 Pleasant Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333

Thank you!!!!