

Sunday Worship

June 12, 2016

~ Gathering ~

pray that Christ's love may plow our hearts

Call to Worship

Leader: O people of faith, we have gathered together for just a little while.

All: We have come from small towns and metropolitan areas, farmland and woodland, lake areas and river valleys.

Leader: As a community of faith, we gather because Christ's is the world in which we move.

All: We move and live and have our being in the world of Christ, which permeates and transcends the rigid boundaries we would impose.

Leader: From each of our local churches, we have been summoned to encounter and reflect upon God's radical love and delight.

All: When we return home, we will enact that love and delight through our lips and our hearts, through our hands and our feet, with all of creation, with all of God's folks.

Song of Praise

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

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Prayer of Confession:

adapted from: Jane Carol Redmont, A Litany of Remembrance

Leader: We dwell today on common ground. Together we remember.

All: We remember that this land was not empty. The peoples who walked this land before the settlers came loved the land and its waters and skies. Save us, Lord, from the loss of memory.

Leader: Teach us to remember. Teach us to listen. We remember.

All: We remember that human beings owned other human beings with power over them of life and death.

Leader: Spirit of truth, Holy Comforter, Open our hearts.

All: Teach us to remember. Teach us to listen. Save us from forgetting. Remembering is painful. Memory is hard. Memory is holy. Be with us, God of memory and of hope.

Assurance of Pardon:

adapted from Dr. Yolanda Pierce

Leader: Let us not rush to the language of healing before understanding the fullness of the injury and the depth of the wound... Let us not speak of reconciliation without speaking of...how we can repair the breach and how we can restore the loss...

adapted from #blacklivesmatter protests

Leader: When racism goes unchecked, unacknowledged, unrecognized,

All: We will shut it down.

Leader: When the Beloved Community is violated by violence and abuse of power,

All: We will shut it down.

Leader: Until the hope of a new day of freedom is made real in our midst,

All: We will shut it down.

~ Listening ~

Prayer: in appreciation for God's persistent faith that we will hear

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:28-32

Song of Faith

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Sermon

Prayers of the People

(remember to keep Rev. Tom and Monica Liddle and their family in prayer as they are commissioned on this day by the Minnesota Conference to start their service in East Timor on June 15 as Global Missionaries through the covenant between United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ)

~ Sharing ~

Prayer: for the eternal Spirit's laughter and love

Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

~ Going ~

Prayer: that the Eternal Spirit will sway our hands and our feet to joy in God's will

(As everyone at Annual Meeting gets ready to head homeward to their local churches and communities, we ask you to join with us in our intentional commitments)

The Charge

Leader:

God calls us to serve:
as apostles, prophets, evangelists;
as pastors, teachers, missionaries;
as doctors, farmers, therapists;
as truck drivers, retail workers, baristas.

Time and again, O God, you reach out in eternal love and mercy. Let our churches follow your call to equip all of us for the work of ministry and for the building up the body of Christ, who most embodied your radical love and justice to our world.

And now I ask,
O People of Faith;
What is your will?

Congregational Affirmation

As a people made in God's image,
befriended by Christ,
empowered by the Eternal Spirit,

we will reach out beyond our local churches, to touch a wider world, to remind all of the persistence of the Creator's radical love, Christ's radiant light, and the Eternal Spirit's ever-living, ever-unbreakable web of audacious tenderness and laughter.

Song

Amazing Grace
or **Guide My Feet**

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