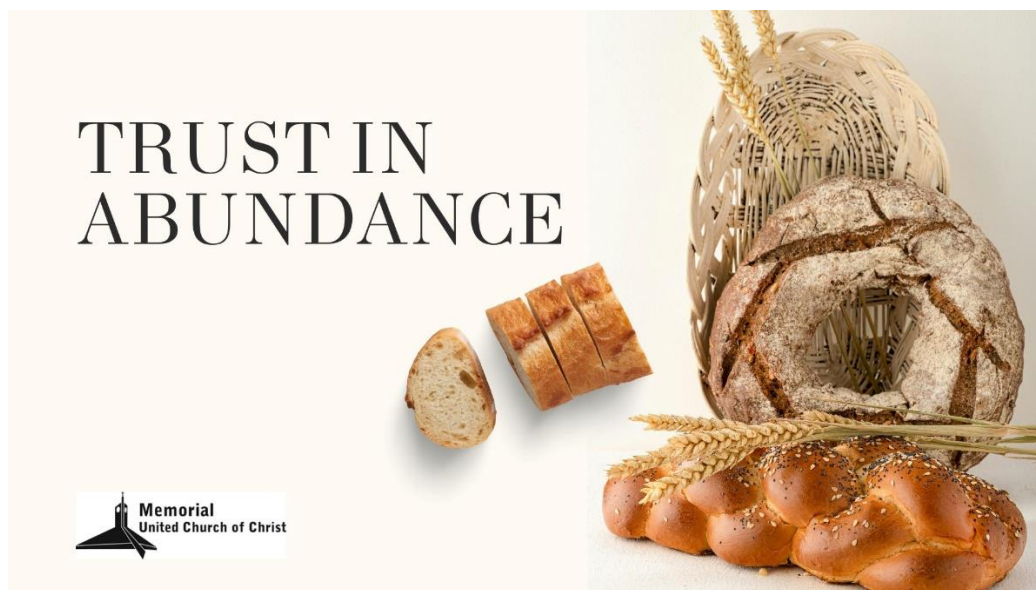


July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am



### Welcome Visitors

**Guide to the bulletin:** An asterisk (\*) indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit. Text printed in **BOLD** indicates everyone says them together. **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal next to your pew chair.

**Children:** Children are always welcome here. We know youth grow – in the love of God and the love of others – when they have opportunities to worship in community. That is why we are excited to have children of all ages with us throughout the service on the first Sunday of each month. On other Sundays throughout the summer, children are invited to attend Sunday Funday following the Message for All—though they are still welcome in worship. If the youth in your family would like to stay in worship, there are a variety of quiet activities and fidgets the youth (and adults!) can do available by the sanctuary doors. You and/or your children are welcome to get up during the service to select something to do. If you want to have your younger children (ages 0-4) taken care of during the service, we have a nursery available at 9:30 am.

### GATHERING TOGETHER

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Community Connections

#### \*Opening Song

**Amazing Grace**

John Newton, arr. David McKeown

John and Mary Koeppel

#### \*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

**One:** To offer radical acceptance,

**All: to receive the warmth of welcome,**

**One:** to devote ourselves to acts of ordinary care,

**All: to rest for the sake of rest,**

**One:** to unlearn the logic of violence,

**All: to practice expansive compassion—**

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from "Liturgy That Matters Resource Collection," enflashed, July 28, 2024, <https://enflashed.com/liturgy-that-matters-subscription-library/>.

**One:** this is to meet the Holy,  
**All:** this is to co-create the World to Come.  
**One:** For even amidst tumult,  
**All:** liberation can be tended like a garden.  
**One:** Let us worship God—  
**All:** the Holy woven through our days.

**\*Opening Prayer**

God, oh, God!—We feel like we are in a pressure cooker—the planet’s temperatures turned to boiling by evil-doers, housing costs cranked to unaffordable by the greedy. The clamor of hopelessness blares from the news. Divest with us from death-dealing systems, that we may be invested in simplicity and loving relationships. We will care for each other and call it hope! We will tend to the earth and call it joy! God, oh, God!—meet us in our way-making. Sooth our aching spirits and rescue us from despair. Amen.

**\*Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* NCH 4, vss 1 -3

**HEARING THE WORD**

**First Bible Reading** Ephesians 3:14-21

**Special Music** *Amazing Grace* arr. Rima Greer  
Bell Choir

**The Good News** John 6:1-21

**Message for All** Pastor Peter  
After the Message for All, children are invited to  
leave with teachers to attend Sunday, Sunday, Sunday Funday!

**Prayer of Jesus**

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.

**Reflection** Pastor Peter

**SHARING OUR LIVES**

**Call to Prayer** *Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary* Sing! 187

**Prayers of the People**

During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Or you can text prayers to Pastor Kris at 608-571-5870. Pastor Kris will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: [pastorkris@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@memorialucc.org)

**Offering: Extravagant Generosity**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication<sup>2</sup>**

We dedicate our offerings to Liberating Love who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the collective power that is at work between us. To Liberating Love be the glory for all generations, to all flora & fauna, for ever and ever! Amen.

**GOING OUT TO THE WORLD**

**\*Song for Going Out**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

NCH 347 (all 3 verses)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**Worship Leaders:** Jonathan Schroerlucke (Dir. of Music), Jeff Darwin (Pianist), Pastors Kris Gorton and Peter Morris

**Readers:** Marty Smith and Barb Gallogly-Turner

**Ushers:** John Rosch and Nancy Potter

**Media Room:** Jeffrey Lipford

**Fellowship:** Jeanne Prueher and Dean Baumgardner

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**Bathrooms:** There are two bathrooms near the main entrance of the church. A third Gender Neutral and Accessible bathroom is in the hallway by the nursery. If you need assistance finding the restrooms, an usher will gladly help you



**Giving Options—Ever-Widening Opportunities:** Checks can be mailed directly to the church or dropped off during office hours. Please indicate any special designation in the memo line. You can give securely via PayPal with your credit card, debit card, or direct withdrawals. Giving online through PayPal is fast and secure, and you do not need a PayPal account to make one-time or recurring donations. Visit [memorialucc.org](https://memorialucc.org) and click the "giving" link in the upper right-hand corner or scan the QR code here. If you are interested in monthly automatic withdrawals, please email Cathy Halpin at [halpincjo@gmail.com](mailto:halpincjo@gmail.com), and she will get you signed up.

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<sup>2</sup> Adapted from "Liturgy That Matters Resource Collection." enfleshed, July 28, 2024. <https://enfleshed.com/liturgy-that-matters-subscription-library/>.

**Want to Know More About Us?** Co-pastors Kris and Peter would be happy to set up a time to chat further. Feel free to contact either of them at [pastorkris@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@memorialucc.org) or [pastorpeter@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorpeter@memorialucc.org). You don't need to be a formal member to get involved here. There is a lot of information on our website at [www.memorialucc.org](http://www.memorialucc.org). You can also follow us on Facebook (@FitchburgMemorialUCC), Twitter (@MemUCC), or join our Facebook group Memorial UCC: Ever-Widening Circles.

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## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13**Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;  
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,  
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,  
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

*Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador,*

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.

RESPOND

# 187 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

$\text{♩} = 60$   
D/A Em/A D A

1. Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, — pure and  
- pow'r me to be a wit - ness for you, — act - ing

G Em<sup>7</sup> D/A A A<sup>7</sup>

ho - ly, tried and true; — with thanks  
bold - ly, in your name; — seek - ing

D A

-giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing — sanc - tu -  
jus - tice, where there is hurt - ing — off - ring

G Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D D/A Em/A D

- ar - y for — you. 2. God em -  
hope where there is — pain.

## Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time *p*, second time *f*)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

This hymn came into being when composer Doreen Potter asked poet Fred Kaan to write a text for her adaptation of a Jamaican folk melody. It was first used at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi (1975), and in Vancouver (1983).

Tune: LINSTEAD L.M. with refrain  
 Jamaican folk song  
 Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975