

September 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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. There is also a [Prayer Ground](#) set up at the front of the sanctuary. There are several quiet activities prepared for children. We know many of us need to wiggle a bit to be comfortable. Kids do too!!! Adults are welcome to sit in this area as well! #ChildofGod. 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

Introit

We Are Called

David Haas

***Call to Worship**

One: Those who trust in the Holy One are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.

Many: Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

One: We stretch out our hands and our hearts reaching for your goodness and righteousness.

Many: Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

One: Lead us on good paths and make us agents of peace.

Many: Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

***Opening Prayer**

Holy One, our Maker, we gather to worship you, to renew our spirits, and to connect as a community.

Some of us crave a joyful noise, some flourish in quiet contemplation, others desire movement, while others need to ponder our thoughts. However, we worship, we gather here. In this place, we find you in the midst of us. In this connectivity, we know that your covenant remains in effect. May your Spirit guide, empower, and speak. Amen.

***Hymn**

O' for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

HCH 42 vss. 1-4

HEARING THE WORD

First Bible Reading

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Anthem

You are Welcome Here

Marty Parks

The Good News

Mark 7:24-37

Message for All

Pastor Kris

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.

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

Reflection

Pastor Peter

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

Lord, Listen to you Children Praying

Ken Medema

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

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

*Song for Going Out

Lead Us from Death to Life

NCH 581, All Three verses

*Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders: Jonathan Schroerlucke (Dir. of Music), Jeff Darwin (Pianist), Reader 1: Marty Smith
Reader 2: Jan Klawitter, Pastor Kris Gorton and Pastor Peter Morris

Readers: Marty Smith and Jan Klawitter

Ushers: Steve Gorton and John Rosch

Media Room: Bill Jetzer

Fellowship: Cindy Rosch

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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 or 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. You can also follow us on Facebook (@FitchburgMemorialUCC), Twitter (@MemUCC), or join our Facebook group Memorial UCC: Ever-Widening Circles.

Lead Us from Death to Life

2 John 1:3; Isa. 2:2-4

Refrain, Sush Kumar
Stanzas, Mary Haugen, 1965

Refrain C C7 D G C F#B Am

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de -

Dm7 G C Dm7 C7/E C7 Dm7

spear to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to

G C/E F7 Am Dm7 G

love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let

Em Am Dm7 C/E Dm7 C/G G7 C

peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

to Stanzas

Dm7 G Em7 Am

1 Still all the an-gry cries, still all the an-gry guns, still now your
 2 So man-y lone-ly hearts, so man-y bro-ken lives, long-ing for
 3 Let jus-tice ev-er roll, let mer-cy fill the earth, let us be -

Dm7 G7 C Am Dm7

 peo-ple die, earth's sons and daugh-ters. Let jus-tice roll, let
 love to break in - to their an - guish. Come, teach us love,
 gin to grow in - to your peo - ple. We can be love,

E7 Am F D7/F# C/G G7 C to Refrain

mer - cy pour down, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.
 come, teach us peace, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.
 we can bring peace, we can still be your way of com - pas-sion.

The text for the refrain of this hymn is known as the "World Peace Prayer." It is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism. Since its introduction at a service in Westminster Abbey on Hiroshima Day, 1981, the prayer has been translated into numerous languages and circulated around the world. The musical setting and additional stanzas were composed by Marty Haugen, composer-in-residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Tune: WORLD PEACE PRAYER
 12.11.9.10. with refrain
 Marty Haugen, 1985

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740, etc.

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 Je-sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease
4 Glo-ry to God, and love and praise be ev-er, ev-er given

The glo-ries ev-er ech-o-ing the tri-umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
Is mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev-ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1760.

Tune: AZMON CM
Carl G. Glaser, 1828
Adapt. in L. Mason's Modern Psalmody, 1839
Alternate tune: RICHMOND