

Roots of Belonging

In you all of the families of earth will be blessed.



~ 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. After the Message for All, children are invited to sit by their family in the sanctuary or at the Prayer Ground. 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.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

All Hail the Power

Lani Smith

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Let There be Praise

Melodie & Dick Tunney

***Call to Worship¹ (inspired by Psalm 33)**

One: Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

Many: The Voice created the heavens and the earth. Praise God with loud shouts!

One: Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

Many: Let our voices ring and sing a new song. Let us turn toward the Creator in awe.

One: Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

Many: Happy are the people who seek God's counsel, who seek God's heart, and who seek God's kingdom. Rejoice in the Holy One!

***Opening Prayer²**

Generous God,

you gave us our voices, no two the same.

As you did with Abraham and Sarah,

you take and touch our lives and they can become extraordinary.

And in your Church you have gathered us,

in your community of common folk and complainers,

prophets and puzzled people,

you have called us and made a place for us.

So let what we say and do here,

what we ponder and decide here,

be real for us and honest to you,

as you prepare us for the life of the world in which you are praised.

Amen.

***Opening Song**

The God of Abraham Praise

NCH 24

HEARING THE WORD TOGETHER

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 12: 1-9

Anthem

Eye Has Not Seen

Marty Haugen

¹ UCC Worship Ways website (Second Sunday after Pentecost Year A)

² UCC Worship Ways website (Second Sunday of Lent Year A)

Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

Message for All

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.

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Reflection

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A Prayer of Trust adapted from Thomas Merton's *Thoughts in Solitude*

Leader: Lord God, We have no idea where we are going.

People: We do not see the road ahead. We cannot know for certain where it will end.

Leader: Nor do we really know ourselves, and the fact that we think that we are following your will does not mean that we are actually doing so.

People: And yet we believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And we hope we have that desire in all that we are doing.

Leader: We hope that we will never do anything apart from that desire. And we know that if we do this you will lead us by the right road, though we may know nothing about it.

People: Therefore, will we trust you always, though we may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. We will not fear, for you are ever with us, and you will never leave us to face our perils alone.

Call to Prayer

Benediction

Dave Lindorff

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 608-438-6307. We 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 and/or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org

SHARING A MEAL

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn *As the Grains of Wheat* NCH 783

Communion Meditation *Communion Song* Marc Jordan

Prayer

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Song** *O God, Who Calls Your Saints to Risk* (insert or lyrics)

***Benediction**

Postlude *Rejoice, the Lord is King* John Innes

Worship Leaders: Jeff Darwin (Dir. of Music), Bríghín Kane-Grade (Choir Director), Pastor Kris Gorton, and Pastor Peter Morris

Readers: Jill Carlson and Ulrika Swanson

Usher: Roger Elver

Media Room: Jeffrey Lipford

Fellowship: Mark Sieger

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QR code here. If you are interested in monthly automatic withdrawals, please email Ulrika Swanson at ulrikaswanson@gmail.com, and she will get you signed up.

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.

O God, Who Calls Your Saints to Risk

Text: David Bjorlin

Music: Benjamin Brody

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