

Roots of Belonging

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



~ 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

On Eagle's Wings

Joncas, arr. Carter

Welcome & Announcements

*** Introit**

***Call to Worship¹**

One: Through the prophets, ancient and new,
we come to understand differently the story of us.

All: God frees us from evil's deceit and
lifts the veil from our perception.

One: We are not powerless before evil.

We are not without hope. We need not be afraid.

All: Though destruction comes our way, we are still healers,
community builders, makers of beauty, cultivators of delight.

One: We are abundant in wisdom, and together, our courage abounds.
We will not be led astray by untruths that close our hearts off to the life
that remains.

All: God is not dead, but alive! We press on together by the power of
Love.

*** Invocation**

Holy Stranger, at times we do not recognize you. We have inherited
beliefs that narrow our perception. We rely on you, O God, to help us
expand our understanding of the Sacred among us. Stretch us, that we
might grow in faith. Challenge us, that we might deepen our
commitment to love's strange ways. Amen.

***Hymn**

I Love to Tell the Story

NCH 522

HEARING THE WORD

Hebrew Scripture

Exodus 14: 5-7, 19-31

Special Music

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-23, 28-35

Message for All

¹ "Liturgy That Matters Resource Collection - Enfleshed," Liturgy that Matters,
April 26, 2020, <https://enfleshed.com/liturgy-that-matters-subscription-library/>.

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

Tell Them Stories

Marty Smith

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Call to Prayer

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

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

Song For Going Out

I Danced in the Morning

in bulletin

***Benediction**

Postlude

Reflections

J. George

Worship Leaders: Mary Linklater (pianist), Brighín Kane-Grade (Choral Director), Marty Smith, Pastor Kris Gorton
Readers: Sonjia Short and Merry Spangler
Usher: Becky Kuhl
Media Room: Scott Oebser
Fellowship: Dean and Nancy 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. Visit 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 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.

Sydney Carter

VERSES



- 1.I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I
 2.I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but they
 3.I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame, the
 4.I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black, it's
 5.They cut me down and I leap up high,



- 1.danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 2.would not dance and they would-n't fol - low me,
 3.ho - ly peo - ple, they said it was a shame, they
 4.hard to dance with the dev - il on your back, they
 5.I am the life that I'll nev - er, nev - er die, I'll



- 1.came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth, at
 2.danced for the fish - er - men, for James and for John, they
 3.whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and they
 4.bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 5.live in you if you'll live in me,



- 1.Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 2.came with me and the dance went on.
 3.left me there on a cross to die.
 4.I am the dance and I still go on.
 5.I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

REFRAIN



Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be. I am the Lord of the



Dance, said he. I'll lead you all wher - ev - er you may be, I will



lead you all in the dance, said he. dance, said he.