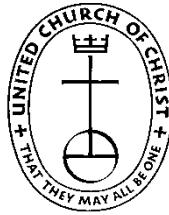


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## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: "O Stor Gud" Jerry Ray

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on Psalm 68

One: Sing to God; sing praises to God's name.  
Let all the nations bow down to worship God.

**MANY: God is ruler over all creation.  
God reigns over earth and the farthest heavens.**

One: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over all.  
Listen to hear God's mighty voice.

**MANY: This sanctuary I filled with God's presence.  
Here we receive power and strength from God.**

One: Here we pray together for God's guidance.  
The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness.

**MANY: God draws us together as one people.  
We can experience eternity in the midst of time.**

\*OPENING HYMN: NCH #22 "Sing Praise to God"

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**We worship you with joy, awesome God. Through times of trial and suffering, your love has sustained us. You have restored our self-confidence when we floundered in doubt and fear. You have been our protector through the wilderness. Meet us now in the particular situations each of us faces. Pour out your presence that we may be resources to one another, finding our oneness and our prime vocation in Jesus Christ. May our worship honor you and equip us to serve you. Amen.**

\*GLORIA: #759

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,  
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

SECOND TESTAMENT READINGS: Acts 1:6-14  
and 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

PIANO SOLOS by Silas and Gemma Thomasino

\*GOSPEL LESSON: John 17:1-11 Pastor Rosemary

SERMON: "It's Up to Us to Accomplish the Work of Jesus"

ANTHEM: Duet by Lew Thomasino and Nancy Eisenhower  
"Above All" arr. Hayes

PASTORAL PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: **NCH #775**

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings.  
Bear you on the breath of dawn.  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: "Meditation on Blessed Assurance" Landon

\*DOXOLOGY: # 780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**Thank you, God, for empowering our prayers and multiplying our gifts. You provide for the needy through us.**

**What a privilege! Widows and orphans and prisoners find hope in you because we join you in caring for them. You give homes to the desolate when we share. Your power is working in us. Blessed be your name, O God! Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: NCH #542 “Born of God, Eternal Savior”**

DURING THE HYMN THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH #812 Threefold Amen  
Amen, Amen, Amen**

POSTLUDE: “Be Thou Exalted” Chester Nordman

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**PRAYER LIST:** *Today we lift up in prayer this family.*

*And prayers for healing:*

*Serving in Christ’s Name:*

**Ministers** – All members of St. John UCC

*Participants in Today’s Worship:*

**Pastor** – Rev. Rosemary Captain

**Minister of Music** – Sharon Banjavcic

**Liturgist** - Susan Williams

**Ushers** – Chuck Kistler and Susan Williams