



First Congregational Church of Walpole, UCC

June 20, 2021, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.

A friend may be waiting behind a stranger's face.

—Maya Angelou

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

(Based on Psalm 107)

Leader: Give thanks to the Eternal One, for God is good; whose steadfast love endures forever!

People: **Let the redeemed of God say so. The Holy One has redeemed us from trouble and gathered us in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no city to dwell in. hungry and thirsty, their souls fainted within them.

All: **Then they cried to Heaven in their trouble. God delivered them from their distress; God led them by a straight way, until they reached a city to dwell in.**

HYMN *When Morning Gilds The Skies*

WC No. 99

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair,
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this,
may Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day,
when from the heart we say,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear
when this sweet chant they hear,
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th'eternal song
through all the ages long,
may Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

Creator, redeemer, and spirit of life, be known in our midst today. We wait upon you in stillness and patience. You turn strength to weakness and weakness to strength. In days of pain and fear, in times of trial, in nights of grief and death, you help us walk, so that we do not faint. Forgive our failings we pray and renew us. You are our God, and we are your people. We open our hearts to you in this silence we offer...

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

ANTHEM *I Still Have Joy* -- Black American trad., arr Amidon,
extra verse a joint effort by Chuck Shaw and the choir

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Job 38:1-11; Mark 4:35-41

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader: For the Word in Scripture, for the Word among us,
 for the Word within us:

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SUNG RESPONSE

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia

SERMON

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Chuck Shaw

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

What Gift Can We Bring

NC No. 370

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come
true.

Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
The Word is our promise always, forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can't convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

DOXOLOGY

(Old Hundredth)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, the Word in flesh born low;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God, we offer words, song, and silence. Yet, our worship is incomplete without concrete acts of love. So, we offer you gifts of time, talent, and treasure, in joyous gratitude for all you have entrusted to our care. Help us to employ this offering wisely, that in our ministry, your love might be known more fully in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

WC No. 20

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother--all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others
 so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

The Reverend Richard Malmberg, Pastor
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Paul Looney, Zoom Director
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Scriptures-Minna Good