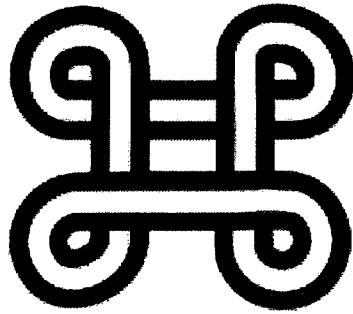


Welcome to Worship
St. John's (Hain's) United Church of Christ
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 18, 2021



*Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Prelude in Classic Style
Billie Rhinehart, organ

Gordon Young

INVOCATION

God of all, you have brought us so near to you
that we can claim to live with you in your household.
We open our hearts to your peace,
we open our consciousness to your call to be your people
reconciled and no longer strangers to one another. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, come close,
you who have been far away, draw near.

**Christ has broken down the barriers that separate us from God and eradicated all
conflict that separated us from each other.**

Come close, together we will build a house based on reconciliation and love.

***HYMN #350**

The Summons

CALL TO CONFESSION

The image on front of today's bulletin is called an *Mpatapo*. It is a West African symbol of reconciliation, peacemaking and pacification, and represents the bond or knot that binds parties in a dispute to a peaceful, harmonious reconciliation. Let us use it as a source of contemplation while we confess our sins to God and to one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today we come confessing our path preference,

how we sometimes get stuck in the way things have always been.

We acknowledge that we set ourselves on a path entrenched in social convention, from which it is difficult to break way.

When you call us to change and we find deviations on our preferred path, we sometimes become distressed and resistant to what is new. We can be bitter and annoyed when people break down entrenched systems that no longer works for everyone, and refuse to reconcile ourselves to a different view.

At these times, forgive us God of grace. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

With peace, Christ has broken down the walls that divide; we are reconciled to God and integrated into God's household as forgiven people. This will be our strength as we join together to continue building a loving community of faith. **Amen.**

*SIGN OF PEACE

HYMN #596

Help Us Accept Each Other

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE WORLD

Starting Prayer

Creator God: hear us and answer our prayer.

(Brief time of silence)

Gas leaks in the **Gulf of Mexico**; parts of a mountain in **Cyprus** engulfed with smoke and flames destroying lives, forests, homes, villages and farmland; the ban by **Turkey** on most **U.K.** plastic waste reminding us of our manifold social and economic interconnectivity; lunar missions by **China** to understand the age of the moon, almost daily reports on exploration on **Mars**, that help us understand our universe better; the shock and fears of the people of **Haiti**, after the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse that has thrown an already turbulent nation into chaos; We continue to mourn since the collapse of the Champlain Towers South and give thanks for those who worked to recover the bodies of the victims; we pray for the continued and speedy recovery of Pope Francis, as he recovers from surgery; relief that COVID19 rates are continuing to trend

downward in many countries – yet the ERs and ICUs are filling both with new Covid-19 cases; the many with chronic illnesses now in crisis because they were unable to safely receive adequate health care during the worst of the pandemic; ransomware attacks around the world, resulting in disruptions large and small; uncapped methane wells that pepper places like Montana, U.S. – having been abandoned for decades - adding to our CO2 burden.

Ending Prayer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Think of the words we pray every week, "Give us this day our daily bread." God promises to provide us with what we need to live today so we may see tomorrow. When we think of what we actually have, though, it is more than enough. We give honor and thanks to God when we make our generous offering from our abundance.

OFFERTORY

Orison
Billie Rhinehart, organ

Guiseppe Tartini
arr. Van Denman Thompson

***DOXOLOGY HYMN #34**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF OFFERING

We give, so that reconciliation will become a reality in our world. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Pastor Ann Bolek

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

SERMON

***HYMN: # 581** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BENEDICTION

Take a different path when you go from here; take the one that makes strangers friends, and aliens fellow citizens. Take the one that overcomes hostilities and breaks down dividing walls. And as you go, know that God's spirit of peace goes with you. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Chorale and Toccata on "*Nun Danket*"
Billie Rhinehart, organ

arr. Mark Kellner

*We Welcome and Thank Billie Rhinehart,
for being our guest organist today.*

This service has been adapted from the following sources:
Service Prayers for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost written by Rev. Quentin Chin,
member of Church on the Hill in Lenox, MA.ucc.org;
Worldinprayer.org.; Seasons Fusion: 2014-2015.

**Pastor Dan Clark and Pastor Ann Bolek can be contacted
if you are in need of pastoral care.
As Covid restrictions are relaxing, home visits are being made again.**

Go forth
Serving Together in Faith, Hope and Love
Work for reconciliation and the unity of the Body of Christ.
Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before God
“Together Serving in Faith, Hope and Love”

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are sponsored by Bill Roberts
in memory of my dear wife Jean.

BETHANY CHILDREN’S HOME IN NEED OF DUFFLE BAGS

Children are arriving at Bethany Children’s home carrying
only a brown paper bag with their personal items and clothing in it.

The idea is to give each child a new duffle bag
to have of their very own to use on site or
when they leave to go to a foster family.

We are asking you to either purchase a duffle bag,
a gift card to Wal-Mart or Target,

or if you would like to give a monetary donation,
checks made out to St. John’s Hain’s UCC, memo as “Duffle Bags”

The church staff will purchase the duffle bags and deliver them to the Bethany Home.
The items can be put in the coat room or dropped off in the church office by July 23rd.

Thank you in advance for your support!

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED

Consistory has approved the use of a new florist
for Sunday flowers and also for special occasions.

Steins Florists in Shillington has been our florist of choice.
The cost for Altar flowers is the same, \$50 for 2 vases of flowers,
and as previously, you are welcome to pay more if you wish.

The payment will still be paid to the church office

You may also use them for non-Altar flowers or as before,
a florist of your choice. Their phone number is 610-775-0430.

Any questions feel free to call or e-mail

Karen Krick 610-678-7471 or rudi2303@aol.com

the sign-up sheets to sponsor the Altar Flowers or Non-Altar Flowers
is on the coat room bulletin board and sponsors are needed!

THIS WEEK AT HAIN'S CHURCH

- Today** 9:30 a.m. In Person/Live Streaming Worship Service
- Tuesday** 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting – Conference Room
- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. In Person/Live Streaming Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting - Grove

STAFF

Rev. Dan Clark, Interim Pastor
Rev. Ann Bolek, Pastor of Visitation & Spiritual Care
Orin Nelson, Director of Music
Patricia Roberts, Children's Ministry Director
Tina Grindrod, Financial Administrator/Cemetery Clerk
Donna Hummel, Administrative Secretary
Rev. Peter Goguts, Pastor Emeritus

DAILY DEVOTIONS

SUNDAY

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

MONDAY

Psalm 100
Jeremiah 50:1-7
Hebrews 13:17-25

TUESDAY

Psalm 100
Zechariah 9:14-10:2
Acts 20:17-38

WEDNESDAY

Psalm 100
2 Samuel 5:1-12
Luke 5:1-12

THURSDAY

Psalm 145:10-18
1 Kings 19:19-21
Colossians 1:9-14

FRIDAY

Psalm 145:10-18
2 Kings 3:4-20
Colossians 3:12-17

SATURDAY

Psalm 145:10-18
2 Kings 4:38-41
John 4:31-38

SUNDAY

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

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Support Disaster Work at Surfside Building Collapse in Miami

Any churches and individuals who want to support the UCC response to the building collapse in Miami, please be aware that the UCC is working with the Miami long-term recovery committee (FRIEND) in serving those who have been affected by the collapse. The UCC is seeking funds so we can make grants to support this effort. To make a gift online go to ucc.org/general-donation/. In the fund drop down select Emergency USA. In the designation box you can write Building Collapse in Miami. Complete the rest of the form.

Or, you may make a gift by mailing a check made payable to the United Church of Christ, to 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. Please be sure to note Emergency USA - Miami Response on your check in the memo section and/or in an attached letter.

The Summons

Unison
N.C. F C7 Dm

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but
 4 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but

Gm7 Gm Csus C N.C. F C7

call your name? Will you go where you don't
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and
 call your name? Will you set the pris - oners
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

Dm Gm7 Bb/C F N.C.

know and nev - er be the same? Will you
 kind and nev - er be the same? Will you
 free and nev - er be the same? Will you
 you and nev - er be the same. In your

Gm7 Bb Bb6 Am7

let my love be shown, will you let my
 risk the hos - tile stare should your life at -
 kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

WORDS: John L. Bell (1949-)
 MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell (1949-)

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CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

#350 continued

Bb6 Bb Csus C N.C. F C7

name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

Dm Gm7 Bb/C F

grown in you and you in me?
prayer in you and you in me?
mean in you and you in me?
grow in you and you in me.

596 Help Us Accept Each Other

Unison
G A7 Cdim Am7(b5) Gmaj7 G6 A7

1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3 Let your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved
4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

Bm Em Emsus2 Em Cmaj7 Bm7 Am7 D7sus2 D7

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

Bm7 Emsus2 Em Em(#7) Em7 Am9 Bm7 C D C#dim7

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
to prac - tice your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:

G C#dim7 Am7 Bm Am C G
D D D D D D

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929-)
MUSIC: John Ness Beck (1930-1986)

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

G D Em Bm Em D ³ D Em C G D

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G D $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{F\#dim}{A}$ G Em D Am $\frac{G}{B}$ D7 G

praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
 MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561), *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

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581 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

A D A E7 A D(♯₂) D A E7 A

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life

A D A E7 E♯dim7 F♯m D A E7 A

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

F♯m F♯m F♯m C♯7 F♯m C♯ A D A E B7 E7

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

A D A E7 E♯dim7 F♯m D A E7 A

e-equal part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.