

**United Church of Christ, First Congregational
Norwich, New York
June 14, 2020**

A TIME OF GATHERING AS WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *Abide with Me*
Jason Handy, piano

William H. Monk
Arr. by Timothy Matthews

WELCOME (Pastor John)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Rita Giangarra)

Holiness, Word, Power, you reveal yourself as one God in three persons, a mighty, creative, life-generating dancer who invites your creation to join you. Catch us up in your love and lead us into your world to call others to follow you with singing and rejoicing. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Linda Oehme)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Rita Giangarra)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

HYMN *God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*
Meena Conant, Jason Handy, Mary Williams, voice
Bob Oehme, organ

Tune: CANONBURY

CHILDREN'S TIME (Linda Oehme)
The Lord's Prayer

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING OF PEACE

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Ericka Tyler)
Psalm 8

To the leader: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

mortals^[a] that you care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

and crowned them with glory and honour.

⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
9 O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

ANTHEM *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
trad. English melody
arr. Michael Bedford

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
And ev'ry where that I could be, thou, God, art present there.

SCRIPTURE (Ericka Tyler)
Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

SERMON

INTERLUDE *Be Still and Know*
Mary Williams, voice

PASTORAL PRAYER (Pastor John)

CLOSING HYMN *Lead Us from Death to Life* Tune: WORLD PEACE PRAYER

BLESSING (Pastor John)
Through baptism, you are one with Christ.
He will be with you always.
Through baptism, you have received the Holy Spirit.
She breathes into you new life.
Through baptism, you are sealed in the love of God,
who will keep you forever.

POSTLUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal
Jason Handy, organ

Henry Smart
arr. David S. York