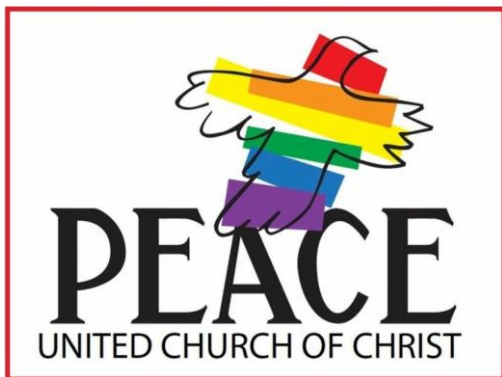




*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

16 August 2026 – 10:30 AM
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.**

PRELUDE

My Shining Hour
Aidan Santa Cruz • piano & vocals

Harold Arlen/Johnny Mercer

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Postlewaite, liturgist

One: In the gathering of school supplies, in the harvesting of backyard gardens:

All: God blesses us.

One: In the simple acts of daily chores, in kindnesses shared with a stranger:

All: God is gracious.

One: In the rapture of a child chasing a firely, in the smile of an elder telling a story:

All: God's face shines upon us.

One: We praise you, O God.

All: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

*HYMN

Paul B. Svenson

**Many are the wonders of God, many doors open wide,
Many roads that are still untraveled
Many are the gifts that we share, many burdens we bear
Many mysteries still unraveled**

[chorus] **Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love...**

**Some will be teachers of life, some the preachers of love,
Some the Fathers and some the Mothers
Some will be the ones who will care, some will listen and share
Serving God while they serve each other [chorus]**

**Living as the body of Christ, and the heart of the earth,
And the hands that will break new ground
Celebrate the gifts from within, now it's time to begin,
God's people can turn the world around now. [chorus]**

*INVOCATION

*GREETING OF PEACE

During the Greeting, please remember those joining us online.
Share signs of peace with them, using the camera at the back of the sanctuary on the center aisle.

ANTHEM

The Kiss

Judee Sills

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

One: For those who long to hear the Good News of your love,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For those who want for food, clothing and shelter,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For those who live with war and rumors of war,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For all who struggle for hope and meaning,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For ourselves and our loved ones,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For the health of your creation,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

**Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:**

May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.

May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.

And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.

Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.

Invitation

Offertory Music

www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving

Mercy, Mercy, Mercy



Joe Zawinul

We covenant with God and with each other:

to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;

to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;

to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;

to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;

to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;

for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.

In Christ There Is No East or West

*1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22**John Oxenham, 1908; alt.
St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.
 One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.

Singer and composer Harry T. Burleigh studied at the National Conservatory of Music from 1892 to 1896. He is recognized as the first African-American composer to employ spirituals in concert arrangements. This tune is named after the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City, where Burleigh served as baritone soloist for more than fifty years.

*Tune: McKEE C.M.
 African-American melody
 Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939
 Alternate setting: ST. PETER*