



*An Open & Affirming Congregation of  
the United Church of Christ*

27 October 2024 – 10:30 AM  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
**Reformation Sunday**

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

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PRELUDE *Prière à Notre-Dame* Léon Böellman  
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

\*GATHERING

**Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from *Psalms 126* Anne Rogers, liturgist

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

One: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**All: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

\*HYMN 4 [hymn sheet] *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* HYMN TO JOY

\*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

**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.**

\*GREETING OF PEACE

SCRIPTURE *Jeremiah 31:7-8* Anne Rogers

For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,

'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing  
Chancel Choir • Cheryl Anderson, director

Z. Randall Stroope

SERMON

*Restore Our Fortunes!*

Pastor Dave

Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

RESPONSE

South African Hymn

(Masithi:) **Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa** (Sing amen) **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**  
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**Amen, Bawo, Amen, Bawo,** **Amen, amen, amen, amen,**  
**Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa.** **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Featured Ministry: Prophets of Hope

The Rev. Beverly Brook

Invitation

[www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving](http://www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving)

Offertory Music

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

Healey Willan

Prayer of Dedication

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Tony Augimeri, moderator

Daniel Carlin, Danielle Carlin, Debby Carroll, Lois Lawson

\*COVENANT

**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.**

\*HYMN 309 [hymn sheet]

*We Are Your People* (stanzas 1-4)

WHITFIELD

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Toccata*

Léon Böellman

You are invited to be seated for the postlude (a barn-burner!) Members are asked to remain in the sanctuary for a very brief but important congregational meeting to vote on the following resolution:

*The congregation endorses a comprehensive fundraising campaign to be conducted over three years, inviting commitments to a capital funds goal of \$500,000, to continuing support of the church's annual fund (stewardship drive), and to include Peace United Church of Christ as a beneficiary of estate plans.*