



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice  
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

28 July 2024 – 10:30 AM  
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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PRELUDE *Fantasiestucke, Op. 12, No. 3* Robert Schumann  
Elizabeth Bunch, piano

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

\*GATHERING SONG

**Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down,  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down.**

- 2) **Feel like shouting "Hallelujah!"...**
- 3) **Ev'ry round goes higher and higher....**

\*RESPONSIVE PSALM from *Psalm 47* Ingrid Parker, liturgist

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**All: For God, the Most High, is awesome, a great ruler over all the earth.**

One: God subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. God chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom God loves.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!**

\*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

ANTHEM *Now Let Us All with One Accord* Gordon Young  
CHANCEL CHOIR • Cheryl Anderson, director

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Ingrid Parker

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.' So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

SERMON

*A Peculiar Ruler*

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE #793

Argentinian traditional

**Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!  
Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Dios.**

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy God.**



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

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Invitation

Featured Ministry: Perennials

Offertory Music

"Vouchsafe, O Lord" - from *Dettingen Te Deum*  
Eddie Tavalin, bass-baritone

Lynn Walton

Georg F. Handel

\*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 448 [hymn sheet]

*Take My Life, God, Let It Be*

VIENNA

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

arr. Edward Boatner