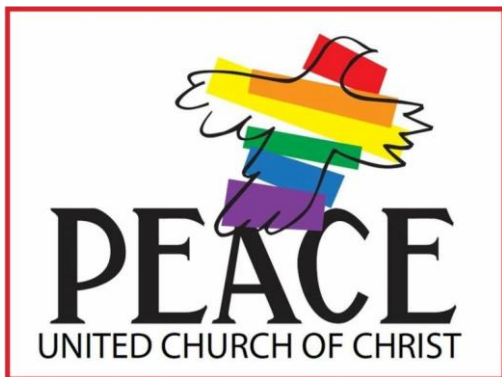




*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

4 October 2026 – 10:30 AM
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
World Communion Sunday

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

PRELUDE *Speak No Evil* Wayne Shorter
JAZZ ON HIGH • Aidan Santa Cruz, piano & vocals
Marcus Johnson, bass; Zack Olsen, drums; Joshua Pepper, saxophone

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

***GATHERING**

**We are the young – our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old – who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'r'y, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty, gather us in – the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (in dialogue with Psalm 19) Bill Walton, liturgist

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

All: Hear the story and attend to the wonders.

One: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge; but there is no speech, nor are there words, and their voice is not heard.

All: Yet their voice does go out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. So we thrill and sing in the truth beyond all praising.

***HYMN 20** [hymn sheet] *God of Abraham and Sarah* CONSTANTINE

***INVOCATION**

***GREETING OF PEACE**

WORD MADE PLAIN children are invited to gather in front Joliene Wade Gatlin

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

May the peace of God surround you... **Like the trees towering in the forest!**

May the peace of God warm you all over... **Like the sun shining in the sky!**

May the peace of God rise and roll over you... **Like the waves rolling in the sea!**

May the peace of God fill you... **Like the wind stirring in your soul!**

May the peace of God surround you... [singing] **Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen...** [repeating]

ANTHEM *A Love Supreme* John Coltrane

SCRIPTURE *Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20* Bill Walton

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses God's name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or manservant or womanservant, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

MEDITATION

Telling Stories

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

South African Hymn

(Masithi:) **Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa**

(Sing amen) **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

(Masithi:) **Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa**

(Sing amen) **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

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

concluding with *A 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.

OFFERTORY

The Creator Has A Master Plan

Pharoah Sanders

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward by the center aisle to receive.

Take bread, dip into the cup, partake immediately, and return to your seat by a side aisle.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all goodness, we thank you for the nourishment of our faith and the renewal of our lives through this Communion in Christ. So send us now into the world as instruments of your peace. Where there is hate, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O God, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. (inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, c.1181-1226)

*HYMN 42

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Better Get Hit In Your Soul

Charles Mingus

God of Abraham and Sarah

James Gertmenian, 1986; alt.

1 God of A - bra - ham and Sar-ah, God of Mo - ses, Mir - iam's Guide;
 2 God who danc - es in cre - a - tion, spin - ning stars a - bove our heads;
 3 God who loves the poor in spir - it, God who com - forts those who mourn;
 4 In our lives from birth to dy - ing, depth of sor - row, height of joy;

God of Da - vid and the proph - ets, God in Je - sus glo - ri - fied:
 God whose face is scribed in mu - sic, by whose hand the earth is fed:
 Balm for wounds, the friend of sin - ners, tak - ing the side of earth's for - lorn:
 Prais - ing God in ev - ery sea - son, let ev - ery key our hearts em - ploy.

Up from the dust you raise a peo - ple, breathe in the breath of life, of soul;
 Up from the ground you raise the moun - tains, raise our spir - its, lift our eyes;
 Up from the depths you raise your peo - ple, giv - ing them cour - age for the day;
 Praise is the heal - ing, praise, the glo - ry, praise is the fin - al mys - ter - y;

Down through the years the peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias make them whole!
 Down through the years your peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias flood the skies!
 Down through the years the peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias light their way!
 Down through the years let peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias set them free!

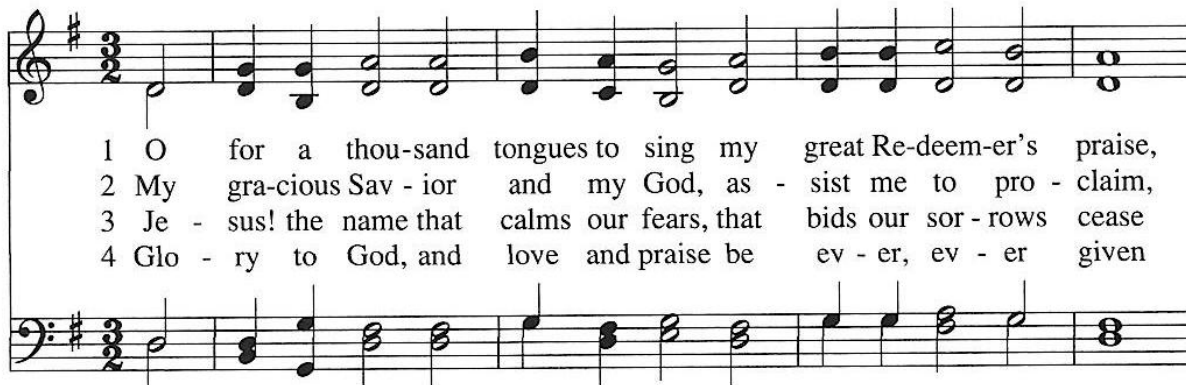
The healing power of praise and the history of God's dealings with humankind are the themes of this hymn, written by a United Church of Christ minister who is the grandson of Armenian immigrants. The tune is named for his father.

*Tune: CONSTANTINE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Melody by James Gertmenian, 1986
 Harm. Ronald Huntington, 1986; alt.*

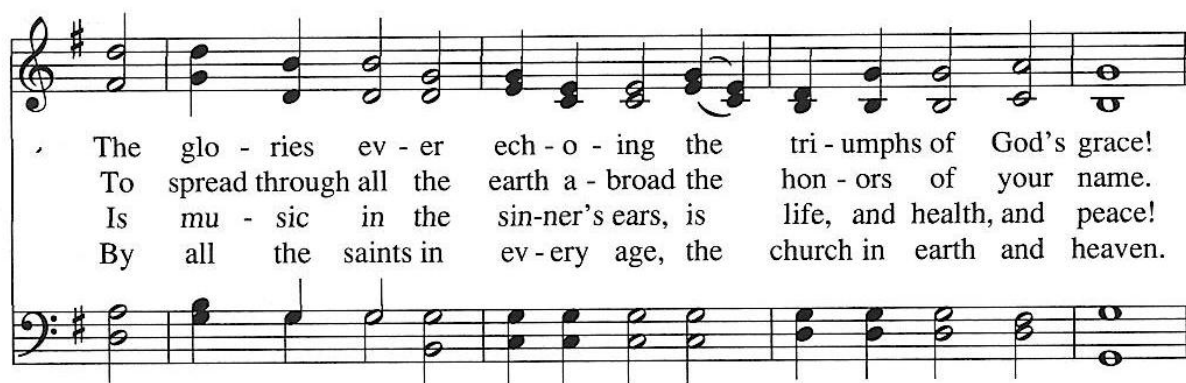
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.



1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease
4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given



The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. in L. Mason's Modern Psalmody, 1839
Alternate tune: RICHMOND