



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

7 July 2024 – 10:30 AM
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE *On the Road Again* Willie Nelson
JAZZ ON HIGH • Luke Shepherd, piano & vocals; Mike Shannon, drums; Chris Charman, bass

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*LITANY OF RENEWAL James Weller, liturgist

One: Help us, O God our Savior;
All: Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
One: Look upon your congregation;
All: Give to your people the blessing of peace;
One: Declare your glory among the nations;
All: And your wonders among all peoples.
One: Let not the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
All: Never forget the lives of the poor.
One: Continue your lovingkindness to those who seek you;
All: And your favor to those who are true of heart.
One: Renew us by your mercy in the morning;
All: So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

*HYMN 594

MATERNA

**How beautiful, our spacious skies, our amber waves of grain;
Our purple mountains as they rise above the fruitful plain.
America! America! God's gracious gifts abound,
And more and more we're grateful for life's bounty all around.**

**How beautiful, sincere lament, the wisdom born of tears,
The courage called for to repent the bloodshed through the years.
America! America! God grant that we may be
A nation blessed with none oppressed, true land of liberty.**

**Indigenous and immigrant, our daughters and our sons;
O may we never rest content till all are truly one.
America! America! God grant that we may be
A sisterhood and brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

*GREETING OF PEACE

SCRIPTURE *Mark 6:1-13* James Weller

Jesus left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and

brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him.

Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

MEDITATION *You're My Home* Billy Joel
SERMON *Travelling Light* 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 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
Invitation
Offertory Music

www.PeaceUnited.org/giving
Far Away Places



Whitney/Kramer

As you come forward with your offering, you are invited to gather around the table for the Communion prayers.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayers of Consecration

Distribution

As you partake of the sacrament, you may return to your seat

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN 360

So. African (Zulu) traditional

1. **Thu-ma mi-na, thu-ma mi-na. Thu-ma mi-na, So-man-dla.**
2. **Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus. Send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.**
3. **Lead me, Jesu, lead me, Jesus. Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.**
4. **Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus. Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come Fly With Me

Van Huesen/Cahn