



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

12 November 2023 – 10:30 AM
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* arr. Rick Wakeman
Jazz on High • Art Alm, piano; Brad Hecht, saxophone Zack Olsen drums

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*GATHERING SONG

**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 – the lost and forsaken, gather us in – the blind and the lame;
Call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP Susie Land, liturgist

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

All: Be awake! Be alive! Praise God for deliverance and blessing.

One: Lift up your eyes to see all around you. Let your hearts rejoice with hope.

All: May justice water the earth like a shower, and peace abound.

One: Receive the promise of Good News.

All: We are called to proclaim the riches of God's love.

*HYMN #369 [hymn sheet] *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* KEEP YOUR LAMPS

*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.
Amen.**

*GREETING OF PEACE

ANTHEM

Manha de Carnival

Luis Bonfa

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:1-13

Susie Land

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

SERMON

Trim Your Wick

Pastor Dave

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

Invitation

www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving

Offertory Music

Waters of March

Antonio Carlos Jobim

*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 599 [hymn sheet]

Steal Away

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rivers of Babylon

Brent Dowe/Trevor McNaughton