



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

21 June 2026 – 10:30 AM
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FATHER'S DAY

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

PRELUDE *On A Clear Day* Burton Lane
Aidan Santa Cruz, piano & vocals

WELCOME The Rev. Beverly Brook

*CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Coneway, liturgist

One: Where ignorance, self-love and insensitivity have fractured life in community,
All: give your light, O God of love
One: Where injustice and oppression have broken the spirit of peoples
All: give your light, O God who frees.
One: Where hunger and poverty, illness and death have made life an unbearable burden,
All: give your light, O God of grace.
One: Where suspicion and hatred, conflict and fear have challenged your goodness,
All: give your light, O God of Peace.
One: Eternal Spirit, open the eyes of nations and peoples so they may walk in the light of
love: remove the myth of entitlement and privilege from nations and peoples so that
they may drink from the fountain of your goodness.
All: Amen.

*HYMN #497 [hymn sheet] *Guide My Feet* GUIDE MY FEET

*A PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS adapted by the Pendle Hill Community

**Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for the reign of peace to come
We pray now that your will be done.
Let heaven and earth become as one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river,
From each one to each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days.
Come swiftly Mother; Father come
Forever your name is all in One.
Amen**

*GREETING OF PEACE

ANTHEM *Everybody Hurts* R.E.M:Berry/Buck/Mills/Stipe

Jesus is giving instructions to his disciples as they ready themselves to leave him and share the message.

Jesus shares, a student doesn't get a better desk than her teacher. A laborer doesn't make more money than his boss. Be content—pleased, even—when you, my students, my harvest hands, get the same treatment I get. If they call me, the Master, 'Dungface,' what can the workers expect? Don't be intimidated. Eventually everything is going to be out in the open, and everyone will know how things really are. So don't hesitate to go public now.

Don't be bluffed into silence by the threats of bullies. There's nothing they can do to your soul, your core being. Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life—body and soul—in their hands.

What's the price of a pet canary? Some loose change, right? And God cares what happens to it even more than you do. God pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head! So don't be intimidated by all this bully talk. You're worth more than a million canaries.

Stand up for me against world opinion and I'll stand up for you before God in heaven. If you turn tail and run, do you think I'll cover for you?

Don't think I've come to make life cozy. I've come to cut—make a sharp knife-cut between son and father, daughter and mother, bride and mother-in-law—cut through these cozy domestic arrangements and free you for God. Well-meaning family members can be your worst enemies. If you prefer father or mother over me, you don't deserve me. If you prefer son or daughter over me, you don't deserve me.

If you don't go all the way with me, through thick and thin, you don't deserve me. If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you'll find both yourself and me. (from *The Message*)

SERMON

Attention Must Be Paid

Rev. Bev

RESPONSE #286

SPIRIT

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Music

Walk Tall

Josef Zawinul

*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 #584 [hymn sheet]

I Am the Light of the World

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Let It Be

Paul McCartney

Immediately following this worship service there will be a gathering next door in our fellowship hall to consider the church's likely financial outlook with the delay of Peace Village Housing, and to review different options for supporting our mission and ministry with a balanced budget. Church leaders want you to see the numbers and to have opportunity for prayerful reflection as we move toward the congregation's annual meeting, June 28, and the possibility of difficult budget decisions.

Guide My Feet

497

African-American traditional; alt.

Heb. 12:1-15

1 Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet
 2 Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand
 3 I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child
 4 Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me

Yes, my God.

while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,
 while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,
 while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,
 while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,

Yes, my God.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

*This stanza may be added following stanza 1:
 Wheel with me while I run this race . . .*

The words and music of some African-American spirituals have been widely adapted during the twentieth century, especially in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. The alternate words were suggested by a fifth-grade church school class to include those who must "run this race" in a wheelchair.

Tune: GUIDE MY FEET 8.8.8.10.
 African-American traditional
 Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

I Am the Light of the World

Jim Strathdee, 1969; rev. 1981
 In response to a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman

Unison Introduction

Refrain

"I am the light of the world!"

You peo-ple come and fol-low me!"

If you fol-low and love you'll

learn the mys-ter-y of what you were meant to do and be.

1 When the song of the an-gels is stilled, when the

2 7 To find the lost and lone-ly one, 7 to

3 7 To free the pris-oner from all chains, 7 to

4 To bring hope to ev-ery task you do, 7 to

This text is based on a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman, a prolific twentieth-century writer, theologian, and teacher. The song grew out of Jim Strathdee's music ministry at an intercultural, bilingual congregation in Los Angeles.

Tune: LIGHT OF THE WORLD Int.
 Jim Strathdee, 1969

star heal make dance in the sky the bro-ken soul with love, care, birth, is gone, love, care, by's new

When the 7 To re - 7 To

sag - es and the shep - herds have found their way home, the

feed the hun - gry chil - dren with warmth and good food, To

build the na - tions with strength of good will, to

make mu - sic in . . . an old per - son's heart, and

work of Christ-mas is be - gun: the earth be - low, the sky a - bove!

see all God's chil - dren ev - ery - where! sing to the col - ors of the earth!

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