



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

9 June 2024 – 10:30 AM
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Birthday Sunday

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

PRELUDE *Andantino* from Sonate #16, op.175 Josef Rheinberger
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*GATHERING SONG

**Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down,
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- 2) **Feel like shouting “Hallelujah!”...**
- 3) **Ev’ry round goes higher and higher....**

*CALL TO WORSHIP Luke Shepherd, liturgist

One: Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.
All: We come in search of help and hope.
One: Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.
All: We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.
One: Come, you who are in need of Good News.
All: We come in search of truth, light, and joy.

*HYMN 471 [hymn sheet] *What a Covenant* LEANING

*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.**

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

*GREETING OF PEACE

ANTHEM *Lord of the Dance* Larry Fleming
CHANCEL CHOIR • Cheryl Anderson, director

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 8:4-20

Luke Shepherd

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.' But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

MEDITATION

Do you really want a king?

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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Allen Pote

*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 309 [hymn sheet]

We Are Your People

WHITFIELD

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Glory be to God on High

Naji Hakim