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# United Church of Christ

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***Loving, Serving and Accepting All People  
with God's Life-Changing Power***

***"If the road is  
easy, you're  
likely going the  
wrong way."***

***—Terry  
Goodkind***



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**Sunday June 20, 2021 • 10:00 AM**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

***Pastor***  
• Allan Lane

***Director of Music***  
• David Debick

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## **Affirmation of Welcome**

***We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.***

*Whether you are single, married, divorced, separated,  
or partnered,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your race, ethnicity, or age,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your gender identity or sexual orientation,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your religious background, creed, or spirituality,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your social or economic circumstances,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

*Whatever your health conditions, impairments, or mobility needs,*

***You Are Welcome Here!***

***Whoever we may be, wherever we are on our life's journey,***

***We welcome one another to this place,***

***Even as God welcomes us all in Jesus Christ!***



- *Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave - if you are interested in learning more about our church, please feel free to speak to our pastor.*
- *Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use.*

### **Office Hours:**

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# June 20, 2021 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## Meditation Music

"People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, they make them."

—George Bernard Shaw, from *Mrs. Warren's Profession*

## ***Gathering in God's Presence***

*(Please Stand as you are able.)*

**Prelude -**                    ***O God beyond All Praising***    Gustav Holst (1874-1934)  
                                       adapt. from *The Planets*

**Bearing the Light of Peace**  
**Bearing the Light of Christ**

### **\* Call to Worship:**

- Leader: The problems of the world seem too big for us, but God calls anyway:
- **People: "I will be with you," God says. "My call comes with a promise."**
- Leader: We seem too small for the challenges that lie in front of us, but God keeps calling.
- **People: "It's not the size of their church, but the size of their God that matters," God reminds us.**
- Leader: Our God is a great and powerful God, able to do more than we can think or imagine! Come, friends, let us worship our mighty God!

## **Hymn of Praise:            *We Worship You, God***

#26, v. 1, 2 & 5

1. We worship you, God; your power and your love  
are blazoned abroad, around, and above:  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. We tell of your might, we sing of your grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
Your chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and broad is your path on the wings of the storm.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Tune attrib. to J. Michael Haydn (1737-1806) ; text by Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

### **\* Prayer of Approach and Confession: [Unison]**

**O God, you are our dwelling place throughout all generations. Yes, even as the generations rise and fall before your face, you are a constant presence for us. But we are not as constant before you as we would like. We shrink from challenges, we acquiesce to injustice, we choose to be small when we could be big. Not always, of course, but more than we ought. Forgive us the thoughts and deeds that lie heavy on our consciences. Though we are earth-bound creatures, free our souls for flight in Christ Jesus our Redeemer. Amen**

### **\* Words of Assurance:**

- **Leader:** Though a thousand years are like a day gone by in your sight, O God, and pass like a watch in the night, your mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.
- **People:** From beginning to end you have been gracious to us. The good news of the gospel is that we have forgiveness and life in Jesus. Thanks be to God! Amen

## Song of Praise:

### Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, And on earth be

peace to all peo - ple, for God loves us all.

### ***God Is Still Speaking***

(See back of bulletin for complete readings)

**First Reading (read by Pastor Allan)** 1 Samuel 17: 4-49 *David and Goliath*

**Contemporary Reading** “Approval”, from ***Smile Anyway: Quotes, Verse, and grumblings for Every Day of the Year***,  
by Richelle E. Goodrich

**Musical Offering**

***Capriccio***

Brahms

**Sermon**

**Junior and the Giant**

**Pastor Allan Lane**

## Hymn of Reflection:

***Jesus – The Very Thought to Me*** #507, v. 1, 3 & 5

1. Jesus – the very thought to me with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far your face to see, and in your presence rest.

3. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,  
How kind you are to those apart, how good to those who seek!

5. Jesus, our joy, our greatest bliss, and you our prize will be;  
Our glory here and now is this, and through eternity.

Tune by John B. Dykes, 1866; Latin text, possibly 12th century; transl. by E. B. Caswall, 1849; alt.

## ***The Church at Prayer***

Joanne Cook, David Pastor, Lenore Harris, Lois Lorenzo, Terry Heiman, Kathy Smith, Joanne K., Bill Toneff, Cindy Burton, Ann Roha, Ann Klonowski, Elizabeth Gadus, Phyllis Hassler, Sheila Day, Jim C., Max Roha, Betty Kaul, Anna Mary Fisher, Jan Wardlaw, Suzanne Patrick, Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, “Edna House”, Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Kathleen Stewart & Joe Blasko (her father), people who are unemployed and under employed.

**(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections, or changes to our prayer lists.)**

## **Silent Meditation**

## **Prayers of the Church**

**Our Lord’s Prayer** *[the additional use of “Mother” is optional, according to One’s Theological understanding]*

**...Our Father-Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.**

**(Organ Response)**

**Mission Moment – Bridget Sproul**

## ***Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings***

### **\* The Invitation:**

Leader: Paul tells the Ephesians that God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to God's power that is at work in us. With that assurance, let us present our gifts and offerings to God, and let God's power be at work in us through these gifts.

### **Offertory Hymn:**

**We bring our gifts because we care,  
They are a part of what we share.  
Our love is strong, it heals, uplifts.  
With hearts of joy we share our gifts. Amen**

### **\* Prayer of Dedication: [Unison]**

**With five loaves and two small fish, O God, you created a feast for a multitude. Take our loaves, take our fish, take our offerings, and make them enough for those who have need. Amen**

### ***Holy Communion***

† The Invitation

† Prayer of Consecration

† Words of Institution

† Receiving the Bread and Cup

### **\* Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]**

**You take the ordinary things of life, like simple bread and wine, and you make them extraordinary bearers of your grace, O God. Strengthened by the sacrament, may you take our ordinary lives and make them extraordinary as well. With Christ in us, let us bear grace to the world. Amen**



## Going with God's Love

**Hymn of Departure:**    *God of Grace and God of Glory*        #436, v. 1, 2 & 5

1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2. From the evils that surround us and assail the Savior's ways,  
from the fears that long have bound us--free our hearts for faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

5. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

Tune by John Hughes, c. 1907; text by Harry E. Fosdick, 1930; alt.

## Carrying the Light of Christ into the World – Acolyte

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

The musical score is written for two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Chords are indicated above the notes: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A. The lyrics are 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' repeated twice.

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Heleluyan*

U.S.A. (Muscogee Creek)

*Creek text meaning: Hallelujah*

# WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH

## ***BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**WE WELCOME** all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our guest book before you go, and thank you for coming!

**REOPENING RECAP** – As you might have noticed, there are a few things that we are doing differently during our services, for the time being. The most obvious are: refraining from singing, bringing your own communion, stationing collection plates at the sanctuary doors, and not meeting afterwards for refreshments downstairs. We also will not have our traditional “circle of community” form, at the end of the service. Masks are recommended but optional for adults, with children wearing them at the discretion of their parent(s). We are also asking folks to take advantage of our large sanctuary and leave space between households.

However, these are small sacrifices to make, in light of what we are returning to: live music from our talented Music Director, hearing the Word read and preached from the altar, and being reunited in worship together! We will reassess the changes mentioned above on an ongoing basis, as we decide that it is safe to do so. We will be flexible and caring as we see how things work when we are together. Thank you for your patience and welcome back!

**NAMETAGS** – Is your nametag in need of a refresh? Or worse yet, is it missing all together? If so, please sign the “Request for a New Nametag” sheet, located at the nametag table in the church lobby. If you’re not familiar with where this is, please feel free to ask the Greeter or an usher for assistance.

## **BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB** - We are currently reading ***Hood Feminism: Notes From the Women that a Movement Forgot***, by Mikki Kendall. The next meeting is on Thursday, June 24th at 7 pm - we will continue to meet remotely, via Zoom. The discussion will cover “How to Write About Black Women,” & “Pretty for a . . . ” (pp. 85-112). If you’ve been unable to make it so far, it’s never too late to join – we’d love to have you! Please feel free to reach out to **Kate Klonowski** by **calling or texting xxxxxxxx**, or by **email at xxxxxxxx.com**, with any questions.

**SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM** -- We are still recruiting singers and instrumentalists to share their musical gifts with our congregation and guests over the summer months. If you'd like to volunteer, please let **Dave Debick** know so he can mark you on the calendar. He is happy to help volunteers find music, and volunteers can rehearse with Dave as much or as little as needed. Dave can be contacted by cell at **xxxxxxx**, or at **buccmusic23@gmail.com**.

**PASTOR’S VACATION** – Pastor Allan will be on vacation from 6/21 through 7/17. **Pastor John King**, of the Richfield UCC, will be our emergency contact during that time. He can be reached at **xxxxxxx**.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

## Readings

### **First Reading** (read by Pastor Allan)

#### **1 Samuel 17: 4-49**

#### *David and Goliath*

Then a champion came forward from the army encampment of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath. His height was six cubits and a span. And he had a bronze helmet on his head, and he wore scale-armor which weighed five thousand shekels of bronze. He also had bronze greaves on his legs and a bronze saber slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and the head of his spear weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-carrier walked in front of him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel and said to them, "Why do you come out to draw up in battle formation? Am I not the Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man as your representative and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight me and kill me, then we will become your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall become our servants and serve us." Then the Philistine said, "I have defied the ranks of Israel this day! Give me a man, so that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and very fearful.

Now David was the son of the Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, the man whose name was Jesse, and he had eight sons. And Jesse was old in the days of Saul, advanced in years among men. The three older sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle. And the names of his three sons who had gone into the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and second to him, Abinadab, and the third, Shammah. So David was the youngest. Now the three oldest followed Saul, but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's flock at Bethlehem. And the Philistine came forward morning and evening, and took his stand for forty days.

Then Jesse said to his son David, "Take now for your brothers an ephah of this roasted grain and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to your brothers. Bring also these ten slices of cheese to the commander of their thousand, and look into the well-being of your brothers and bring back confirmation from them. For Saul and they and all the men of Israel are in the Valley of Elah, fighting the Philistines." So David got up early in the morning and left the flock with a keeper, and took the supplies and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the entrenchment encircling the camp while the army was going out in battle formation, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up in battle

## Readings (continued)

formation, army against army. Then David left the baggage in the care of the baggage keeper and ran to the battle line. And he entered and greeted his brothers. As he was speaking with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine from Gath named Goliath, was coming up from the army of the Philistines, and he spoke these same words; and David heard him. When all the men of Israel saw the man, they fled from him and were very fearful. And the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who is coming up? Surely he is coming up to defy Israel. And it will be that the king will make the man who kills him wealthy with great riches, and will give him his daughter and make his father's house free in Israel."

Then David said to the men who were standing by him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and rids Israel of the disgrace? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he has dared to defy the armies of the living God?" The people answered him in agreement with this statement, saying, "This is what will be done for the man who kills him." Now Eliab his oldest brother heard him when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger burned against David and he said, "Why is it that you have come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I myself know your insolence and the wickedness of your heart; for you have come down in order to see the battle." But David said, "What have I done now? Was it not just a question?" Then he turned away from him to another and said the same thing; and the people replied with the same words as before.

When the words that David spoke were heard, they informed Saul, and he sent for him. And David said to Saul, "May no one's heart fail on account of him; your servant will go and fight this Philistine!" But Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight him; for you are only a youth, while he has been a warrior since his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant was tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a sheep from the flock, I went out after it and attacked it, and rescued the sheep from its mouth; and when it rose up against me, I grabbed it by its mane and struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." And David said, "The Lord who saved me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear, He will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and

## Readings (continued)

may the Lord be with you.” Then Saul clothed David with his military attire and put a bronze helmet on his head, and outfitted him with armor. And David strapped on his sword over his military attire and struggled at walking, for he had not trained with the armor. So David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these, because I have not trained with them.” And David took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd’s bag which he had, that is, in his shepherd’s pouch, and his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine.

Then the Philistine came and approached David, with the shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he was contemptuous of him; for he was only a youth, and reddish, with a handsome appearance. So the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine also said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the wild animals.” But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a saber, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of armies, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I will strike you and remove your head from you. Then I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that this entire assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword or by spear; for the battle is the Lord’s, and He will hand you over to us!” Then it happened, when the Philistine came closer to meet David, that David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a stone and slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone penetrated his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

### Contemporary Reading

“Approval”, from ***Smile Anyway: Quotes, Verse, and grumblings for Every Day of the Year***, by Richelle E. Goodrich

“What do you mean I have to wait for someone’s approval? I’m someone. I approve. So I give myself permission to move forward with my full support!”

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# Special Thanks:

## **JUNE 20, 2021**

Head Usher: Jill Zedan  
Ushers: Heidi Spangler  
Kim Wallis  
*Volunteer Needed*  
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Lay Reader: Bridget Sproul  
Greeter: Dave Bernard  
Counters: Jim Duffy  
*Volunteer Needed*  
Acolyte: *Volunteer Needed*  
Peace Candle: *Volunteer Needed*  
A/V Team: Tim Wallis  
Elizabeth Gadus  
Sound: Fawcett, Doug  
Flowers:

## **JUNE 27, 2021**

Head Usher: Anne Melfo  
Ushers: Evie Novack  
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Lay Reader: Sue Stenzel  
Greeter: Tia Began  
Joe Began  
Counter: *Volunteer Needed*  
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Acolyte: *Volunteer Needed*  
Peace Candle: *Volunteer Needed*  
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Sound: *Volunteer Needed*  
Flowers: *Volunteer Needed*