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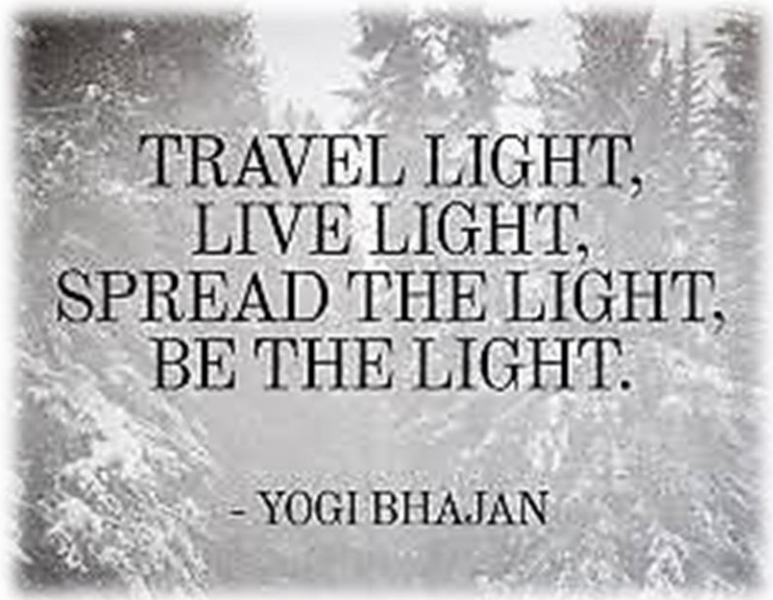
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# UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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

"Letting go  
gives us  
freedom,  
and freedom is  
the only condition  
for happiness.  
If, in our heart,  
we still cling  
to anything –  
anger, anxiety,  
or possessions –  
we cannot be  
free."  
– Thich Nhat Hanh



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 • 10:00 AM**

***Pastor***

• Rev. John King

***Director of  
Music***

• David Debick

***Financial  
Secretary***

• Joy Garapic

***Office  
Manager***

• Anne Melfo

***Ministers – All of Our Members***

## **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:***

***Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:30am - 12:30pm***

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**Please submit your announcements by noon on Wednesday – Thank You!**

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

## Prelude/Gathering Music     ***Sois la Semilla (You Are the Seed)***

Gabaraín

*"You are the flame that will brighten the way,  
sending sparkles of hope, faith and love;  
you are the shepherds to lead the whole world  
through valleys and pastures of peace."*

(Music and Words: Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979; Copyright © 1979, OCP Publications)

## Welcome & Announcements

### Quiet Meditation as Peace Candle is Brought Forward

*"The commitment to social justice involves us in a never-ending process of analyzing the conditions that make for ill-being in our society and discerning the most gospel-centered ways of addressing these problems."*

*- Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki*

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

*(Please Stand as you are able.)*

### \* Call to Prayer:

One: Make a joyful sound to the Holy One. Let the earth rejoice.

**Many: How awesome are your works, O Sovereign!**

One: Creation groans under the pressure of war, environmental abuse, and communal disconnection.

**Many: We cry out to you, Present God, and you hear and respond.**

One: You turn our mourning into movement and stir our souls to action and to rest.

**Many: Everlasting God, we will give thanks and praise you, for you clothe us in joy and peace.**

### \* Hymn of Praise:

***Called as Partners in Christ's Service***

#495, v. 1, 2, 4

1. Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

(Music: John Zundel, 1855; words: Jane Parker Huber, 1981)

**\* Invocation: [UNISON]**

God with us, you send us into the world as your agents of restoration and change. You speak to us in the stillness of our rest and the chaos of a frenzied world. You guide us in troubling times, and you move us to dance in celebration. We give thanks for your presence among us. Open all points of receptivity within us as we worship you, Holy and Living God. Amen.

**\* Prayer for Transformation and New Life:**

Reader: Spirit of the Living God, temptation surrounds us. Self-preservation lures us to indifference. Fear of confrontation coaxes us to keep silent about things that matter. The desire to be right entices us to ignore the cries of our neighbors. Too often we ignore the call to go and to be in favor of staying stuck in our attitudes and behaviors. Too often, we are the ones who refuse to welcome you into our intimate space, who resist the work of transformation, and who remain unresponsive to the burdens of our siblings in creation. Spirit of Gentleness, redirect us back to the path of life, the way of justice, and the hope of peace. Amen.

**\* Words of Grace:** (Pastor John)

**\* Song of Praise:**                      ***Glory to God***                      Pablo Sosa, 1988

*Glory, glory, glory –  
Glory to God in the highest! (2X's)  
And on earth be peace to all people,  
For God loves us all! (2X's)*

***God Is Still Speaking***

(See back of bulletin for complete readings)

**First Reading**    Isaiah 66:10-14 (NRSV)

**Gospel Reading**    Luke 10:1–11, 16–20 (NRSV)

**Continuing Testament** From *Walden*, by Henry David Thoreau



***Time with Young Worshippers***



## Musical Offering

### ***Isn't It A Pity***

Harrison

David Pastor, vocalist

*1. Isn't it a pity now isn't it a shame*

*How we break each other's hearts and cause each other pain*

*How we take each other's love without thinking anymore*

*Forgetting to give back*

*Isn't it a pity*

*2. Some things take so long but how do I explain*

*When not too many people can see we're all the same*

*And because of all their tears their eyes can't hope to see*

*The beauty that surrounds them*

*Isn't it a pity (repeat verse one)*

*Forgetting to give back, isn't it a pity*

*Forgetting to give back, now, isn't it a pity.*

*What a pity, pity pity, pity, pity*

*What a pity, pity pity, pity, pity, etc.*

*(Music & Words by George Harrison; written in 1966, released in 1970)*

## Sermon

### ***Travel Light***

Pastor John King

## Hymn of Reflection:

### ***Simple Gifts***

Traditional Shaker tune

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come round right.

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

The family and friends of Edie O'Donnell, the family and friends of Anna Mary Fisher, Dorie Gabor, Phyllis Hassler, Lenore Harris, Bill Toneff, Rose Kaval, Suzanne Patrick, David Pastor, George Snider, Tina Ortiz, Terry Heiman, Joanne K., Dassie Matsuoka, Cindy Burton, Elizabeth Gadus, Ann Klonowski, Sheila Day, Jim C., Betty Kaul, Jan Wardlaw, Stan McCain, Dottie Faust, Jon Thompson, Kathleen Stewart & Joe Blasko (her father), "Edna House", 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: [UNISON]**

...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.

***Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings***

**Invitation to Generosity:** (Pastor John)

**\* 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 and Thanksgiving: [UNISON]**

Creator, bless these gifts that we bring to this community and the world. May our time be used precious, our treasure shared faithfully, and our talents demonstrated gloriously in your name. Amen.

***Holy Communion***

Communion Hymn:      ***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ***                      #347

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

**Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound! (twice)**

2. Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. **(Refrain)**

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! **(Refrain)**

(Music: Jamaican folk song; words: Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.)

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving: [UNISON]**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Going with God's Love

**\*Hymn of Departure** *God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command* #592, v. 1, 3 & 4

1. God of the ages, who with sure command  
brought forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before your throne arise.

3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
with steadfast care be ever our defense;  
Your love and faith within our hearts increase:  
with bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4. Refresh your people on life's toilsome way;  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
With truth and love guide us through error's maze,  
and we shall give you glory, laud, and praise.

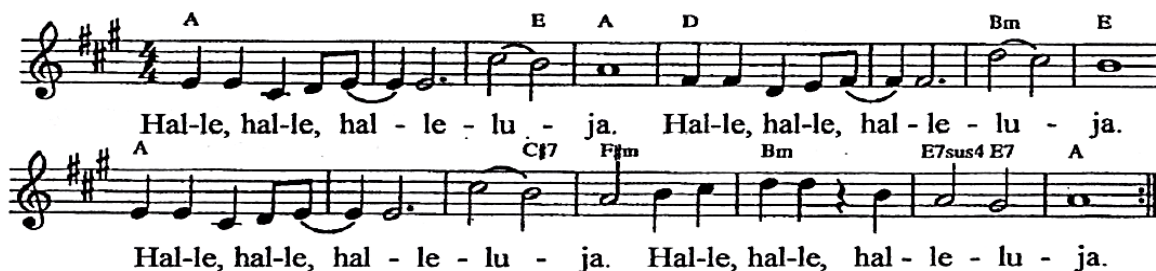
(Music: George William Warren, 1892; words: Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; alt.)



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

#### **\* Circle of Community**

As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3 times) Hallelujah, Hallelujah**. After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith.



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.

† **Benediction** (Pastor John)

**Postlude**

***Come, Labor On***

T. T. Noble

## **Announcements**

**NURSERY** - If you know in advance that you will be bringing nursery age children (ages 0-3), or will be bringing a guest with children to church and would like to drop them off in the nursery, please contact the church office at 440-526-4364 or Evie Novak at 440-479-9743. This is necessary so that we may arrange for a volunteer attendant to be available. If you are unable to provide notice, please check with our Head Usher before the service (can be found in the Narthex at the back of the church), and they will enlist a volunteer if one is available. If no one is available, you are welcome to accompany your child in the nursery. If you would like to serve as an as-needed volunteer, please let Evie know.



**HOLY GROUNDS** – I will be at the Brecksville Panera for coffee at 8:15 most Tuesday mornings. Anyone is welcome to stop by. There's no need for an RSVP or agenda, so you never know who might show up. Of course, if you are looking for a more traditional meeting in my office, you can always set that up too. But if you're just looking for casual conversation, stop by at Panera any Tuesday for a visit and some "holy grounds." – Pastor John



## Readings

### First Reading

#### Isaiah 66:10-14 (NRSV)

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

### Gospel Reading

#### Luke 10:1–11, 16–20 (NRSV)

Jesus appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’”

“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

## Readings

### Continuing Testament

From ***Walden***, Chapter Two, by Henry David Thoreau (modified for inclusive language)

#### “Where I Lived and What I Lived For”

Our life is frittered away by detail. An honest person has hardly need to count more than ten fingers, or in extreme cases we may add ten toes, and lump the rest.

Simplicity, simplicity, simplicity! I say, let your affairs be as two or three, and not a hundred or a thousand; instead of a million count half a dozen, and keep your accounts on your thumb-nail. In the midst of this chopping sea of civilized life, such are the clouds and storms and quicksands and thousand-and-one items to be allowed for, that a person has to live, if we would not founder and go to the bottom and not make our port at all, by dead reckoning, and we must be a great calculator indeed who succeeds.

Simplify, simplify. Instead of three meals a day, if it be necessary eat but one; instead of a hundred dishes, five; and reduce other things in proportion.

# Special Thanks:

## July 3, 2022

**Head Usher:** Jon Thompson  
**Ushers:** Allison Colbert  
Evelyn Seager  
**Lay Reader:** Jill Zedan  
**Greeter:** Dave Bernard  
**Nursery:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
**Counters:** Marge Culver  
Janet Renovetz  
**Acolyte:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
**Peace Candle:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
**A/V Team:** Fred Pedersen  
**Flowers** Dot Bailey  
**Set Up/Serve:** Allison Colbert  
***Volunteer Needed***  
**Clean Up:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
***Volunteer Needed***

## July 10, 2022

**Head Usher:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
**Ushers:** Evelyn Seager  
***Volunteer Needed***  
**Lay Reader:** Dianne Gressley  
**Greeters:** Sue Stenzel  
**Nursery:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
**Counters:** Marge Culver  
Janet Renovetz  
**Acolyte:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
**Peace Candle:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
**A/V Team:** Jim Duffy  
**Flowers:** Tia Began  
**Set Up/Serve:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
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**Clean Up:** ***Volunteer Needed***  
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