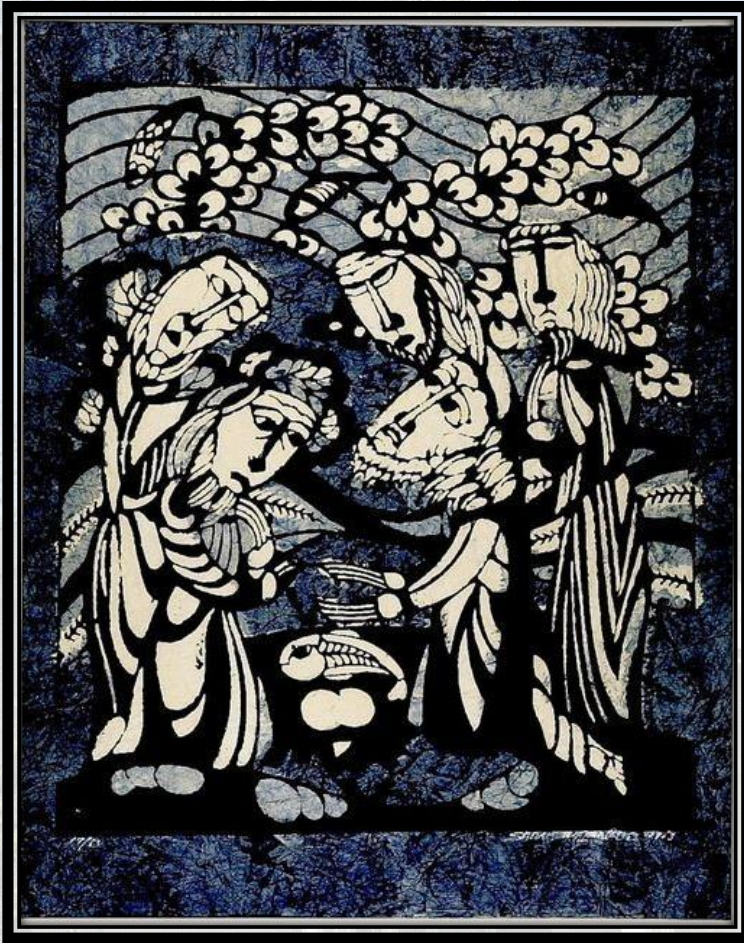


The Mount Carmel Congregational Church

A United Church of Christ



Christ of the Miracle of Loaves and Fish,
Sadao Watanabe c. 1967

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 21st, 2024



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Prelude

Greeting

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

One: We gather today to worship the God who created us,

All: The God who calls us,

One: The God who equips us,

All: The God who loves us without end.

One: With joyful hearts, let us worship our God.

***Hymn** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” **[Page 2]**

Prayer of Invocation

(In Unison)

When our hearts are hard, O God, soften them with your love.

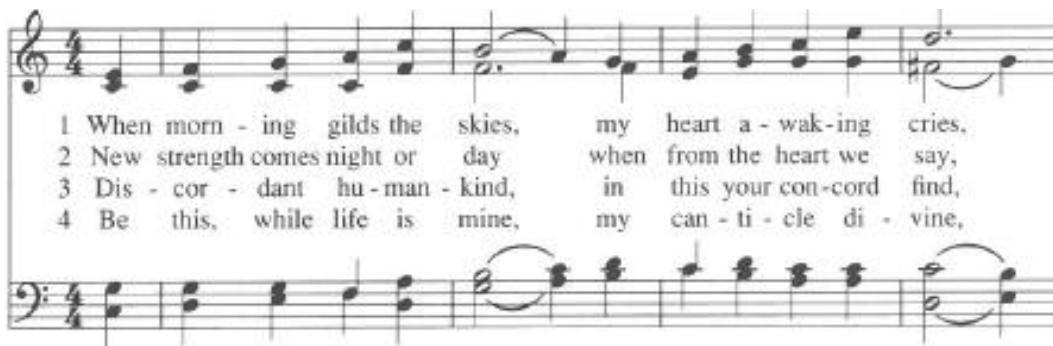
When our hands are clenched, O God, open them with your grace.

When our feet are planted too firmly, O God, invite us to dance.

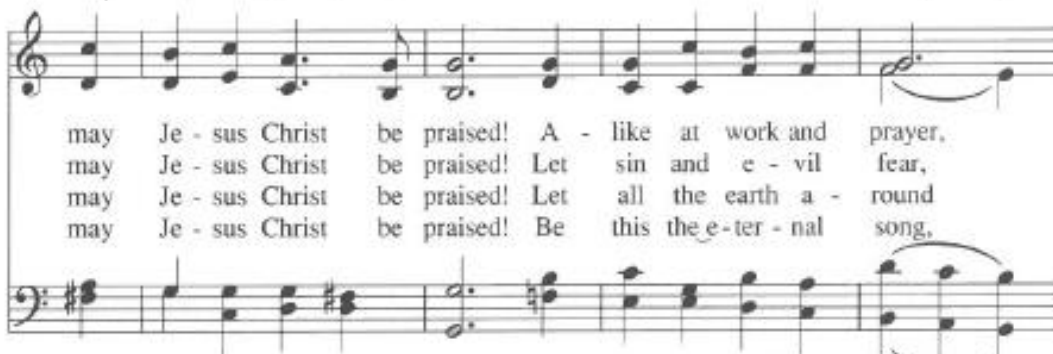
When we forget that our lives are not our own, remind us that we live and move and have our being in you. Amen.

*Hymn

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”



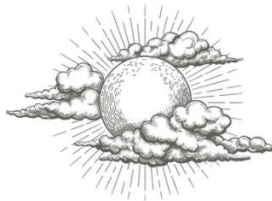
1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,
2 New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,
3 Dis - cor - dant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let sin and e - vil fear,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,



one pur - pose I de - clare: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
when this sweet chant they hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!



Scripture Reading:

Mark 6: 30-44

Heidi Grantz

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught. Many people were coming and going, so there was no time to eat. He said to the apostles, “Come by yourselves to a secluded place and rest for a while.” They departed in a boat by themselves for a deserted place.

Many people saw them leaving and recognized them, so they ran ahead from all the cities and arrived before them. When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he began to teach them many things.

Late in the day, his disciples came to him and said, “This is an isolated place, and it’s already late in the day. Send them away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy something to eat for themselves.”

He replied, “You give them something to eat.”

But they said to him, “Should we go off and buy bread worth almost eight months’ pay and give it to them to eat?”

He said to them, “How much bread do you have? Take a look.”

After checking, they said, “Five loaves of bread and two fish.”

He directed the disciples to seat all the people in groups as though they were having a banquet on the green grass. They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. He took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them, broke the loaves into pieces, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. Everyone ate until they were full. They filled twelve baskets with the leftover pieces of bread and fish. About five thousand men had eaten.

Sermon

Hymn

“When Peace, Like a River”

[*Please remain seated for this hymn.*]



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

The Joys and Concerns of the Parish Family

Please remember the following persons in your prayers: Chris Lewis; Maria Coffin, Carol Fitzsimons; Marilyn Bronson; Karl Paulette; Amos Hewitt; Rhonda Pruzinsky; and Gilbert Spencer.

Moments of Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

(In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names. 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory

*The Doxology

(In Unison)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that Love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit—One. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

(In Unison)

Generous and Loving God, we give back to you part of what you have given to us. We want to do more than simply praise you with our and our hands; we want to praise you by the way we love and care for one another. Take and use our gifts to bring healing in our world. Amen.

***Hymn**

“More Love to You, O Christ”

1 More love to you, O Christ, more love to you! Hear now the
2 Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now you a -
3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per your praise; This be the

Refrain

prayer I make faith to re - new,
lone I seek, give what is best: In all I say and do,
part - ing cry my heart shall raise:

more love, O Christ, to you, more love to you, more love to you!

Benediction

Postlude

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*As a community of faith, gathered in Christ's love,
we strive to support one another in hearing the Word,
living the Word, and sharing the Word.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As you may have noticed, the front steps of our Church are currently undergoing construction. For your safety, please avoid the area in front of the Church until the renovations have been completed. The work is expected to finish sometime next week, but we will notify the congregation when it has been completed and the area is safe to traverse. We thank you for your cooperation.

Our 9:00am Summer Service time will continue through the months of July and August, ending on Sunday, September 1st.

Keep your Ark Banks floating! Please don't forget to keep bringing in your ark banks. The monies collected go into a discretionary fund which can be used to help people in need. We have already used this account on several occasions to help people in need. If you have not picked up a bank yet, they can be found in the narthex or in the entrance to the parish hall.

We are always looking for Ushering and Coffee Hour Volunteers. If you are interested, please contact the office, or use the sign-up sheet now located near the main entrance to the Parish House.

Donations for the Food Bank are always needed if you are able to contribute. Non-perishable items such as canned beef stew, hearty soups, canned fish, peanut butter, mac and cheese packages, and oatmeal would be greatly appreciated.

As a reminder, Prayer Shawls are always available to those who need them. If you or anyone you know are in need of one, please contact Aren in the office and he will arrange a shawl for you.



Looking for a Space to Host Your Next Event?

From family reunions to birthday parties, small group meetings to dance classes, we here at the Mount Carmel Congregational Church are open for short-term bookings and rentals.

We have several facilities which are currently available to rent out, including our **Parish Hall**, a perfect space for dance classes and community dinners, and our **Parlor**, a great environment for small groups to meet.

With reasonable rates for members and non-profit groups, we look forward to servicing the needs of our community!

For any additional information regarding any of our facilities or pricing, please visit our website (<https://mccucc.tiny.us/rent>). You may also feel free to contact our office by phone at (203) 248-7408 or by email at office@mccucc.com with any further questions.

SUMMER WORSHIP: A LOOK AHEAD

Please join us every Sunday at 9am for our summer services!

July 28th, 2024

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11: 1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3: 14-21
John 6: 1-21

August 4th, 2024: Holy Communion

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51: 1-12
Ephesians 4: 1-16
John 6: 24-35

August 11th, 2024

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Samuel 18: 5-9
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 18th, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5: 15-20
John 6: 51-58

SUMMER WORSHIP: A LOOK AHEAD

Please join us every Sunday at 9am for our summer services!

Starting September 8th, please join us every Sunday at 10am for our worship services!

August 25th, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6: 10-20

John 6: 56-69

September 1st, 2024: Holy Communion

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9

James 1: 17-27

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 8th, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125

James 2: 1-10, 11-13, 14-17

Mark 7: 24-37

September 15th, 2024: Potluck Luncheon

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Proverbs 1: 20-33

Psalm 19

James 3: 1-12

Mark 8: 27-38

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