



Thomas A. Edison
Congregational Church

JULY 31, 2022



Order of Worship

8th Sunday/Of the Growing Season

(** You are invited to stand.)
(Please remember to silence your cell phone during the service.)

When the prelude begins, let us quiet our hearts and conversation.

Church Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Christians, We Have Met To Worship

Tune: Holy Manna/Arr. By: Brant Adams

Dr. Dan Davis

Tony Contino

Call To Worship (Responsively)

One: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

All: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

One: You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

All: In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

One: You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

All: In you we believe. In your presence we gather for worship today.

-Slightly adapted from United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology. http://www.ucc.org/beliefs_statement-of-faith#DOX

Opening Hymn of Faith #53

Fairest Lord Jesus

Passing of the Peace

May Christ be with You on Your Journey!
And also with you!

Prayer of Discipleship (Responsively)

One: Thank you for calling us into your church

All: To accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others.

One: Remind each of us that you call us

All: To proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join Christ in his passion and victory.

One: God remind us during this time of worship together that You promise to all who trust you

All: Forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

One: So God as we gather today in worship;

All: Bless our time together.

One: Speak to us in prayer and in song.

All: And remind us how much you love us and care for us everyday of our journey of life and faith.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

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Our Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Our Father, 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.**

Scripture for the Day

Luke 12:13-21

Warning against greed

¹³ Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?" ¹⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one's life isn't determined by one's possessions, even when someone is very wealthy." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "A certain rich man's land produced a bountiful crop. ¹⁷ He said to himself, "What will I do"? I have no place to store my harvest!" ¹⁸ Then he thought, Here's, what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That's where I'll store all my grain and goods. ¹⁹ I'll say to myself, You, have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?' ²¹ This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God."

Response to the Sharing of God's Story

The Story of God for the People of God;
Thanks be to God!

Gift of Music

Canticle of The Turning

Tune: Star of the County Down
Text: Luke 1:46-58, Rory Cooney
Dr. Dan Davis
Tony Contino

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight
And my weakness you did not spurn
So from east to west shall my name be blest
Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you
Work great things in me
And your mercy will last from the Depths
Of the past to the end of the age to be
Your very name puts the proud to shame
And to those who would for you yearn
You will show your might
Put the strong to flight
For the world is about to turn
My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears

For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

From the halls of power to the fortress tower
Not a stone will be left on stone
Let the king beware for your
Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne
The hungry poor shall weep no more
For the food they can never ears
There are tables spread, ev'ry
Mouth be fed
For the world is about to turn
My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

Though the nations rage from age to age
We remember
Who holds us fast,
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp
This saving word that out, forebears
Heard is the promise which holds us bound
'Til the spear and rod can be
Crushed by God
Who is turning the world around,
My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

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Pastoral Words —

Hymn of Faith #302

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Call To Give

Offertory

O God of Mercy

By: Simon Lole
Text: Godfrey Thring

*** Doxology**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Doxology: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: Old Hundredth attr. to Louis Bourgeois, pub.1551

Life of Our Church

Quilting on Wednesday at 12:00 pm.

Special invitation: All Invited

Women's Fellowship will be having their **Lunch Bunch** get together on August 17, 2022 at *Pinchers Restaurant* on West 1st Street at 11:45.

Anyone that is interested in joining in on this fellowship please **RSVP to: Sandy Cole by August 15th**. Hope to see everyone there.

School Supplies for Edison Park School

We would like to start collecting school supplies for the Edison Park School. We will start now and finish on August 1, 2022 so we can get the items to the school before the school starts. The items that the school requested are:

Pre-sharpened Pencils – Square Boxes of Tissues – Post it Notes of any kind – Spiral notebooks of any kind – Box of 24 Crayola Crayons

Benediction (responsively)

Our worship has ended, but now our life of service begins!
Go from this space, for you and I are the body of Christ, and all of creation awaits us. So, live passionately, and love faithfully, and celebrate every moment of your life from now until the Finale. Our God of relentless, amazing, creative, and hopeful grace goes with us.

Amen. **Amen.**

adapted from the Rev. Michael S. Piazza

Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him!

By: Joyful Song

Arr. By: Mary McDonald

Time With Today's Scripture and Our Children

Don't Be Greedy! Help the Needy!

Luke 12:13-21

Dr. Carol J Miller

Jesus saw how people often seemed to put themselves first. They seemed to be thinking, "It's all about me!" These people sometimes thought about other people, people who did not have enough of some things, but they didn't think about them very much, and their thinking did not often cause them to do anything for people in need. Jesus also saw that many of the people who thought mostly about getting stuff for themselves, didn't really need more stuff.

Has your mom or dad ever said to you, "You don't need any more toys; you have too many already"! Life is not about getting as much as you can for yourself. If you learn that, you will be a happy person!

Jesus told a story about a very rich man. He had a huge farm; and it was a very good farm. His fields and orchards had lots of wheat, lots of figs, lots of grapes, vegetables—much, much more than one man could eat!

What do you think the rich man could have done with all that food? [Sell it, give it to the hungry, etc.].

But do you know what the rich man did? He went to look at his barns and they were all stuffed with food. So...he tore them down and built bigger barns and stuffed all his food into his new barns!

The rich man sat back in his favorite chair and said to himself, "**Soul, you have many goods, stored up for many years. Take your ease; eat, drink, be merry!**" Is he planning to give any of his food to the poor? Is he thinking of others? Is he asking himself about what God expects him to do with the extra food?

That night, the rich man heard from someone. He heard from God! God said to him: “You foolish one, tonight your soul is required of you. The things which you have prepared—whose will they be?”

Oh boy; tonight, the rich man will die, says God. Then what use will all his barns full of food be? He should have been doing God’s will all these years. He should have cared about hungry people instead of keeping it all for himself. He should have piled up works of love instead of piling up food!

Jesus said that a man like this may think he is rich, but really being rich is having years of love and compassion that he has shared. A grown man should know this.

I have a little saying that I like. Listen: Don’t be greedy; help the needy!

Now say that with me: Don’t be greedy; help the needy!

One more time to make sure you have it. Loudly this time: Don’t be greedy; help the needy!

Scripture quotations from the World English Bible
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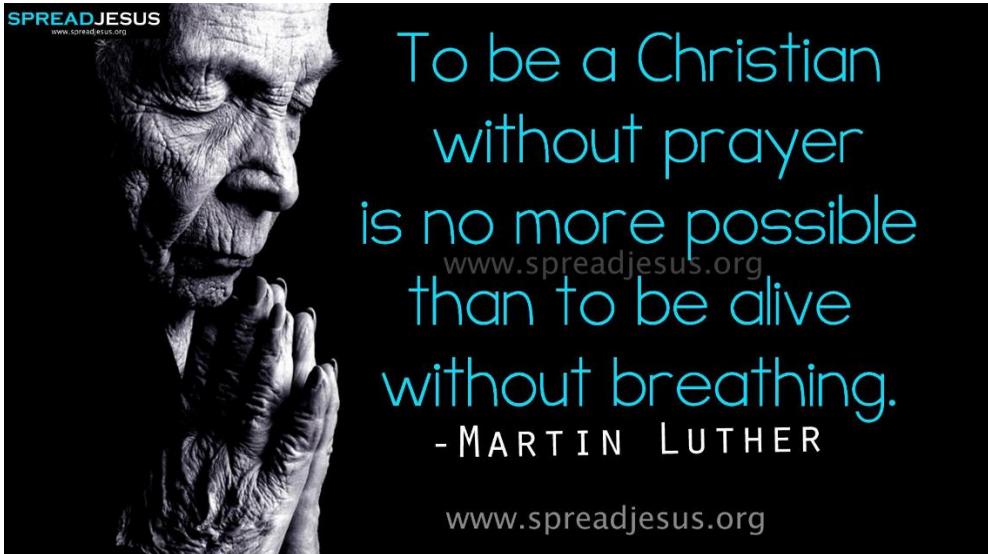
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**No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here at
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Welcome Home!**

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