



Trinity & Scholarship Sunday at First Church Wallingford!

June 12, 2022 - 10:00am

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Rita Rammelkamp and Joanne Greenstein by the McKenna family. You are always in our hearts.

(+ Please rise in body or in spirit)

GATHER

Prelude	<i>Nicaea (Holy, Holy Holy)</i>	organ
	Robert Buckley Farlee / ©2000 Augsburg Fortress	
	<i>Bridegroom (Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song)</i>	organ
	James Biery / © 2000 Augsburg Fortress	
Welcome		
Centering Music	<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i>	piano
	Newton, Tomlin & Giglio / Arranged Mark Hayes / © 2017 Lorenz Publishing Company	

Call to Worship:

Leader: The words God speaks are the life and sustenance of all that exists.

People: The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn.

Leader: The Spirit's stirring in our souls is the Wisdom and the inspiration for creativity, compassion, -joy and community.

All: *Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God, may our whole lives be worship. In all things, may we seek to connect with and to reflect your love and your hope!*

PRAISE

+Opening Hymn of Praise ♪NCH#1 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Call to Confession and Silent Reflection

Liturgist: Through Holy Wisdom, the Lord has made the world as a rich dwelling place, giving us stewardship over the created order. God is mindful of us and of our needs. Let us now be mindful of our obligation to be good stewards, through our humble confessions, we acknowledge the ways that we have fallen short of God's hopes for us. We pause to offer our own prayers of confession in the quiet...*(silence is held...)*

Unison Prayer of Confession: **O God of infinite mercy, when we neglect the humbleness of knowing our place in this world, forgive us. When we trade your peace and calls for unity for conflict and violence, forgive us. When we ignore your truth and turn away from your wisdom, forgive us. Grant us your mercy and heal us, O Lord, that we may abide in your grace and love forever. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God fills our souls with grace and wisdom so that we may faithfully live without fear in wholehearted ways. **It is from this grace that we have hope. It is from this wisdom that we know God's love. It is from the Living God that we find forgiveness and new life! Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

The Plans I Have for You

Chancel Choir

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Refrain: I know the plans I have for you, a road you cannot see,
A winding way with highs and lows that leads at last to me.
And though your heart has hopes and dreams for futures still unknown,
My dream for you will always be far greater than your own.

Verse 1: May you walk the way with friends; find work that feeds your soul,
Someone to love you to the end; a family strong and whole.
Then call on me and celebrate the words I speak today,
Then call on me and I will come and join your song of praislast to me.

Refrain

Verse 2: Yet days may come when you feel lost, in exile far from home,
Held captive by a choice you made abandoned and alone.
Then call on me and I will come and I will set you free.
Then call on me and I will come and bring you back to me.

Refrain

LISTEN

Scripture

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Today's first text from Holy Scripture is a reading from the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 8, verses 1 through 4 and 22 through 31. In this text, Wisdom is poetically personified as a woman described as being found in many places in God's creation. She calls to the people, crying out to the faithful so that they may fully live, rejoicing in God's creation and the whole human race.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Romans 5:1-5

Today's second reading is taken from the Letter of Paul to the people of Rome, Chapter 5, verses 1 through 5. In this letter, Paul is speaking to them as a pastor more than a theologian. He is trying to address the challenge of the coming together of the nations conquered by Rome to break bread with one another and to be in relationship with one another under the same God, both Jews and Gentiles. In this brief passage today, he describes the hope in these relationships, even amidst the sufferings of their time.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Reflection

Rev. Kathleen T. Cunliffe

RESPOND and SHARE

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Presentation of Our Scholarships

Bernie and Tony Annunziata

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory Music

Be Not Afraid

Chancel Choir

Bob Dufford, S. J. / Choral arrangement Douglas Wagner / © 1994 Hope Publishing Company

+Doxology

†PH#515

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+Prayer of Dedication

+The Passing of the Peace of Christ (from a distance!)

+Closing Hymn of Hope ♪NCH#403 *My Hope is Built*

Commission and Benediction

Choral Response

Spirit of the Living God

Chancel Choir

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Postlude

MIDDLEBURY: Come Away to the Skies

organ

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- ♪ Our hymns are located in the black New Century Hymnal (NCH), and in the red Pilgrim Hymnal (PH), as well as inserts in the bulletin.
- ♪ The Chimes were played today by **Bob Westervelt**.
- ♥ *Thank you to our Liturgist for today, **Bernie Annunziata!***
If you are interested in serving as our Liturgist, please see Pastor Kathy.

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Our Prayer List:

This week, we ask for your prayers for Wendy Riddle Brod, sister of Sandy Weekes, as she is in the hospital and will undergo surgery. May God's healing presence be upon her.

We also ask for your prayers for Robert Owens, stepfather of John Bau. Recently diagnosed with bladder cancer, he has been receiving chemo treatments and will have surgery in July. We hold Robert and all who are caring for him in our thoughts.

We continue prayers for:

Steve Perkowski

Barbara Bennett

George Churma

Connie Peters

Cathy Kovi

Kyle Denson

Sandy McCume

Andy Jay

Betsy-Sue Eisenman

Dawn Charron

Hazel Rickes (Kristen Hinkley's grandmother)

Anne Stevens (Ken's mother)

Judy and Eric Rickes (Kristen Hinckley's

.....parents)

Janice Frye

Matthew Lopilato (Amanda Nesto's cousin)

Christine Castellano (Cliff's sister)

Sheila Burbank (Pastor Kathy's mother)

David Lick

Beverly Lastig

Kimberly Kearney

Charmaine Craggs

Betty Fulton

Pam Savenelli

Hayden Steinhilper (U.S. Navy – USS

Abraham Lincoln, South China Sea)

Tom Jastermsky

Stacie Folk

Gabe and Jude Heidenis (Bernie and Tony

Annunziata's grandsons)

Jack Grotti

Bunny Drummond - Bellacicco, her brother,

Jim Petry, and her mother, Jane Petry

We continue our prayers for the people of Ukraine and for all who are impacted by the recent invasion. As people of faith, we ask wisdom for leaders, courage and protection for those under attack, and an end to all suffering. May God's peace somehow reign, and war be no more.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Walter C. Smith, 1857; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
 Adapt from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Casiadeth y Cynegr, 1839

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Mat. 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 3:11; Heb. 4:19; Rev. 11:15

Edward Mott, c. 1836; alt.

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and
 2 When shad - ows veil my Sav - ior's face, I rest up - on un -
 3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the
 4 When Christ shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I then in

right - teous - ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but
 chang - ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ
 Love be found, Dressed in God's right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name,
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

William Broadbury met great success by composing hymn tunes and religious songs in a lively, popular style. He also helped establish music programs in New York public schools, served a church, and co-founded a piano company.

Tune: SOLID ROCK L.M. with refrain
 William B. Bradbury, 1863

**At the First Congregational Church, UCC of Wallingford, CT,
we have discerned the following vision and mission
for our faith lives together:**

Vision

Our faith – rooted in the compassion and teachings of Jesus Christ – is the foundation of our love for one another and service to the world around us.

We offer a home for those seeking deeper meaning or purpose in their lives through the exploration of Jesus Christ's teachings. The love and compassion found in those teachings commit us to uplift each individual and celebrate our shared humanity.

Mission

We will foster spiritual growth, loving communication, and mutual care, thereby empowering us to confront issues that impact our community and the world, including poverty, isolation, and exclusion.

We commit to developing a nurturing environment where all are loved, valued, and inspired to meaningful participation in the life of the church. Through our Christian faith, compassion, and service, we will dedicate ourselves to making a positive impact on the lives of people in our community and beyond.



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