



ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 4, 2021

“It is you who
shall be shepherd
of my people
Israel”

2 Samuel 5: 2b

We covenant with the Lord and with one another
and do bind ourselves in the presence of God,
to walk together in all the ways which are revealed to us by God,
as the Word is made known to us. †

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to worship. May you find hope, comfort and the love of God here.

July 4, 2021

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE “Prelude Modale”

Jean Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Claudia Demick

HYMN “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of Thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side Let freedom ring.

Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breath partake;
Let rocks their silence break; The sound prolong.

Our forebear's God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King

WORD OF FELLOWSHIP

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, just as You called King David so long ago, so You call each one of us to speak and to act on Your behalf in our world today. Forgive us when we are hesitant to follow: when we question Your call or make excuses for our abilities; when we complain about our lack of time or hoard our resources. Give us courage to step out in faith, to go where you send us without hesitation or fear, trusting that Your presence goes with us, and that You will provide all that we need. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING

Frances Munro

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalms 48

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with Thy Spirit.

Leader: Let us pray. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us;

People: And grant us Thy salvation.

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father Which 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 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 for ever and ever. Amen

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY “Trio”

Johann Krebs

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN “God of Our Fathers”

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
All glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Toccatà in E Minor”

JOHANN PACHELBEL

Central Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, believes in God who calls the world into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death. It acknowledges the risen Christ as the ultimate example of God's grace, a gift freely given to all. It looks to the Word of God in the scriptures and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to prosper its redemptive work in the world.

We strive to be a community of God's people in a way that calls each of us to active discipleship. Our purpose is to work for the increase in the love of God and neighbor through worship, caring, sharing, and outreach.

*Christianity is the name of a journey,
a journey not solely of personal contemplation,
but one of communal venture that is the Church.*

*It is a journey open to everyone,
regardless of their condition, regardless of their past;
all that is required is a decision to follow Him.*

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