

Service of Worship
8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 2016

9:30 AM

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected
will be as outraged as those who are."

Benjamin Franklin

*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Diemer

CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, gather for worship you people of God.

**All: We are members and friends of Homer
Congregational Church and we are here!**

One: Come, gather for worship, you people of God.

**All: We are members and friends of Homer
Congregational Church, part of the Susquehanna
Association, and we are here!**

One: Come, gather for worship, you people of God.

**All: We are members and friends of Homer
Congregational Church of the Susquehanna
Association, of the New York Conference, and we
are here!**

One: Come, gather for worship, you people of God.

**All: We are members and friends of Homer
Congregational Church, of the Susquehanna
Association, of the New York Conference, of the
United Church of Christ, and we are here!**

*HYMN (verses 1, 2, 5)

O for a World

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we open our hearts and confess our sins – against you, against our neighbor, against even ourselves.

For our silence and lack of compassion – forgive us.
For our self-love and our self-hatred – forgive us.
For our greed and our fear – forgive us.
For the waste of your gifts – forgive us.
For our part, known and unknown, in the suffering of all of your children – forgive us and heal us.

Alone we cannot be healed. Therefore, lead us to the discovery of others, cleanse our hearts with honesty, give us courage to accompany our fears, and bring us even to faith and hope, and love. Amen.

*WORDS OF GOD’S ENDURING LOVE

One: The good news is that we are forgiven, our lives are made whole, and we are God's own people.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE #35 *Glory Be to the Father*

*Glory Be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Amos 5:21-24

OT pg. 854

*HYMN

Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

En - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
An ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
And jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-46

NT pg. 29

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

(Children through second grade may go to the nursery following Children’s Moment.)

***HYMN**

What a Covenant

1 What a *cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing

Refrain

on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Or, "fellowship"

(This hymn is in public domain.)

SERMON

Peter Wright
"Our Partnership and Covenant"

Belinda Burtner
"Radical Hospitality & Extravagant Welcome"

COVENANT FOR JUSTICE

(Text taken from the worship liturgy, June 10, 2016 New York Conference UCC & Northeastern Region Christian Church - Disciples of Christ.)

Although we fear the church to be in decline, proclaiming God's resurrection power - we will lift our voices and join with others to prevent its demise. (Musical pause.)

Although our communities are full of crime and poverty, knowing that God's restoration power is supreme - we will join with and support other organizational initiatives within our communities to assure their stability. (Musical pause.)

Although the world is so big and I'm just one person, knowing that God holds the entire world in his hands and nothing can snatch me from them, I will stay on the journey. (Musical pause.)

My desire is to be a true Christian and knowing that every journey starts with taking that first step, I will make the first step and continue on the journey until justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. (Musical pause.)

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

The Lord's Prayer *(in 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.

OFFERING

Invitation

Special Music

*Doxology # 49

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication *(let us pray together . . .)*

We can stand at the edge and watch while you seek to bring hope, healing, peace, and joy to everyone in the world. Or we can take that step, of committing our lives as well as our gifts, in working with you in this ministry of grace. Bless our gifts, bless our lives, bless our service, we pray. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN # 589

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart), in my heart (in my heart),
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,
(in my heart).

Lord, I want to be *in covenant* in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be *in covenant* in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart), in my heart (in my heart),
Lord, I want to be *in covenant* in my heart, in my heart,
(in my heart).

Lord, I want to be *more welcoming* in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be *more welcoming* in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart), in my heart (in my heart),
Lord, I want to be *more welcoming* in my heart,
(in my heart).

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Young

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Thanks to Olivia Harrington and Sheila Shea for providing special music.