Order of Worship

Sunday, August 2, 2020, at 10:00am

Sunday morning Livestream/Podcast

NOTE: Readings and Service use the Proper 12 A from July 26:

Genesis 29.15-28; Psalm 105.1-11, 45b\*; Romans 8.26-39; **Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52\***

Prelude “Intrada” Christoph Graupner

Greeting and Welcome Jared

May the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you.

*Welcome to the United Church of Hinesburg Livestream service on the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost in Christian Year. As an Open and Affirming church we extend welcome to all who wish to worship God in the community, joyfully proclaiming that no matter who you are, or where you are one life’s journey, you are welcome here.*

*A worship bulletin for this service is posted on the homepage of our website,* [*www.ucofh.org*](http://www.ucofh.org)*. You may find the bulletin helpful in follow along. Additionally, we’ve included words to prayers and lyrics to songs in this service.*

*Today we are thankful for those that have worked to pull this service together. Sammy Angstman, Barbara Herrington, Larry Rice and Joanne Russell have provided music. Yvonne Whitaker is today’s reader, and David and Marie Eddy are our liturgists.*

*Let’s Get Started.*

Music Meditation All Creatures of Our God and King

*1 All creatures of our God and King,   
lift up your voice and with us sing   
alleluia, alleluia!   
Thou burning sun with golden beam,   
thou silver moon with softer gleam,   
O praise him, O praise him,   
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,   
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,   
O praise him, alleluia!   
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,   
ye lights of evening, find a voice,   
O praise him, O praise him,   
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,   
make music for thy Lord to hear,   
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,   
that givest man both warmth and light,   
O praise him, O praise him,   
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*4 Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one,   
O praise him, O praise him,   
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

First Lesson Romans 8:26-39 Yvonne

*The reading from the epistles comes from Paul’s letter to the Romans, chapter 8, verses 26-39*

*8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.*

*8:27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

*8:28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.*

*8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.*

*8:30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

*8:31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?*

*8:32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?*

*8:33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.*

*8:34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.*

*8:35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

*8:36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."*

*8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

*8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,*

*8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Jared: The Letter to the Philippians chapter 4 verses 4-7 read:

*4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5Let your kindness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

(during these words, the image switches to Jody, who is lighting the peace candle). We light the Christ candle this morning to remind us that peace is indeed possible. It’s a strange peace, a Christ-like peace that both challenges and comforts us. It’s a peace that comes only from God, a peace that surpasses all understanding.

Psalm Antiphon *Psalm 23*

Second Lesson *Psalm 105:1-11, 45b*

*Today’s Psalm is number* *105 verses 1-11, and 45b*

*105:1 O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.*

*105:2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.*

*105:3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.*

*105:4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.*

*105:5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,*

*105:6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.*

*105:7 He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.*

*105:8 He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,*

*105:9 the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,*

*105:10 which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,*

*105:11 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."*

*105:45b Praise the LORD!*

Psalm Antiphon *Psalm 23*

Hymn “Open Our Eyes” Trio

*Open our eyes, Lord;*

*we want to see Jesus,*

*to reach out and touch him,*

*and say that we love him.*

*Open our ears Lord,*

*and help us to listen.*

*Open our eyes, Lord;*

*we want to see Jesus.*

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

*Our gospel lesson is Matthew chapter 13, verses 31-33 and 44-52*

*13:31 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;*

*13:32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."*

*13:33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."*

*13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

*13:45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;*

*13:46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.*

*13:47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;*

*13:48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.*

*13:49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous*

*13:50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

*13:51 "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."*

*13:52 And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."*

*Homily*

*1. The Hook*

*2. The Text*

*3. The Point*

*4. The Word in the Words*

*5. The Comfort/Challenge*

*Music Meditation “Jesus, Remember Me”*

*“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”*

*(Repeat)*

*Service of Morning Prayer*

*Prayers of the People (inhale and exhale slowly during the ellipsis)*

We pray for the earth… Commit us to simple and sustainable living. Call us to treat all your hands have touched with reverence and dignity. Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

**And make us instruments of your peace.**

We pray for the world… Be present with us while we cannot be present with one another. Quell our fears and anxieties during this strange time and remind us to care for ourselves. Challenge us to reach out in new ways to strangers and friends. Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

**And make us instruments of your peace.**

We pray for all nations… Remind us of our common humanity. Forgive us our saber rattling. Cast out tyrants that harm your people and poison your land. Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

**And make us instruments of your peace.**

We pray for this country… Give our leaders the courage and energy to govern. Show all who lead how to work together for the common good of all people. Remind all of us to always be vigilant to protect justice and peace. And help us hold all in power accountable for what they say and do. Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

**And make us instruments of your peace.**

We pray for the church… Provide us wisdom, accountability and creativity. Help us to grow closer to you and work together for the common good of all, even when that work looks very different. Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

**And make us instruments of your peace.**

We pray for loved ones… Be near to those who need your attention. Heal the sick and help the troubled. Give peace to those who are passing and comfort the grieving. Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

**And make us instruments of your peace.**

By the blessing of your Spirit, help us to work together so that the world may come to know the gift of life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Pastoral Prayer and Moment of Silence Jared Video*

Prayer of Our Savior

**Our Father (Mother/Creator/God) 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 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.**

*Offertory Sentence Jared Video*

*We are sincerely thankful for all who are able and have continued to give during this pandemic. Like many other businesses, institutions, and community staples, our work has been radically altered because of COVID-19 and your support has allowed us to continue offering spiritual care, outreach and service, and reflections on faith and life during this time. Your support also allows us to be hopeful for the future as we make plans for in-person gatherings, a field education student in the fall, and new avenues of God’s love.*

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*Music – Doxology (overlayed with how to give slide)*

*Prayer for the offering Jared Video*

*Transitional video of altar or stained glass*

*Benediction Jared Video*

*Postlude* “Intrada” Christoph Graupner