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Chimes and Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Hymn

Holy Holy Holy

CH4

Confessing our Brokenness and Opening Prayer

Hear these words from the Gospel according to Matthew: Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

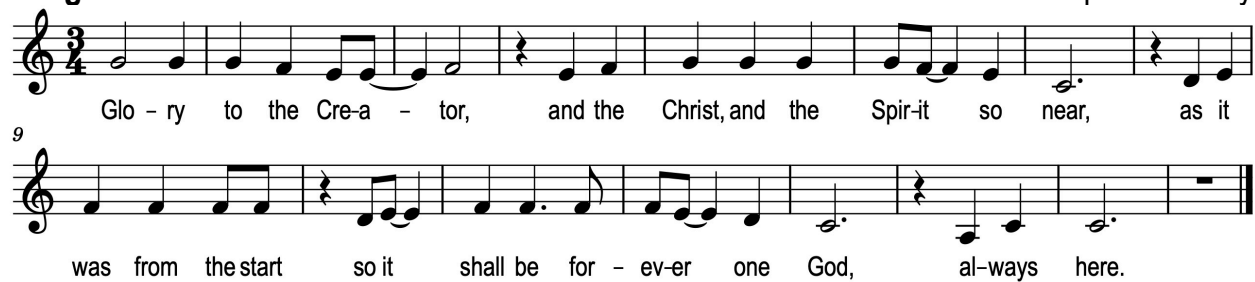
When in this past week have we found it difficult to remember that God is with us always?

Silence

**God, whose fingers sculpt sun and moon and curl the baby's ear;
Spirit, brooding over chaos before the naming of day;
Savior, sending us to earth's ends with water and words:
startle us with the grace, love, and communion of your unity in diversity,
that we may live to the praise of your majestic name. Amen.**

Song of Praise*Gloria*

Christopher Grundy

**Christian Scripture**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, be joyful! Work to make things right with one another. Help one another and agree with one another. Live in peace. And the God who gives love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All God's people here send their greetings. May the grace shown by the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. May the love that God has given us be with you. And may the sharing of life brought about by the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Psalter

Psalm 8: How Great Thou Art

CH33

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

At the beginning of God's creating of the heavens and the earth. when the earth was wild and waste, darkness over the face of Ocean, rushing-spirit of God hovering over the face of the waters— God said: Let there be light! And there was light. God saw the light: that it was good. God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light: Day! and the darkness he called: Night! There was setting, there was dawning: one day.

God said: Let there be a dome amid the waters, and let it separate waters from waters! God made the dome and separated the waters that were below the dome from the waters that were above the dome. It was so. God called the dome: Heaven! There was setting, there was dawning: second day.

God said: Let the waters under the heavens be gathered to one place, and let the dry land be seen! It was so. God called the dry land: Earth! and the gathering of the waters he called: Seas! God saw that it was good. God said: Let the earth sprout forth with sprouting-growth, plants that seed forth seeds, fruit trees that yield fruit, after their kind, (and) in which is their seed, upon the earth! It was so. The earth brought forth sprouting-growth, plants that seed forth seeds, after their kind, trees that yield fruit, in which is their seed, after their kind. God saw that it was good. There was setting, there was dawning: third day.

God said: Let there be lights in the dome of the heavens, to separate the day from the night, that they may be for signs—for set-times, for days and years, and let them be for lights in the dome of the heavens, to provide light upon the earth! It was so. God made the two great lights, the greater light for ruling the day and the smaller light for ruling the night, and the stars. God placed them in the dome of the heavens to provide light upon the earth, to rule the day and the night, to separate the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. There was setting, there was dawning: fourth day.

God said: Let the waters swarm with a swarm of living beings, and let fowl fly above the earth, across the dome of the heavens! God created the great sea-serpents and all living beings that crawl about, with which the waters swarmed, after their kind, and all winged fowl after their kind. God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying: Bear fruit and be many and fill the waters in the seas, and let the fowl be many on earth! There was setting, there was dawning: fifth day.

God said: Let the earth bring forth living beings after their kind, herd-animals, crawling things, and the wildlife of the earth after their kind! It was so. God made the wildlife of the earth after their kind, and the herd-animals after their kind, and all crawling things of the soil after their kind. God saw that it was good. God said: Let us make humankind, in our image, according to our likeness! Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the heavens, animals, all the earth, and all crawling things that crawl about upon the earth! God created humankind in his image, in the image of God did he create it, male and female did he create them. God blessed them, God said to them: Bear fruit and be many and fill the earth and subdue it! Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the heavens, and all living things that crawl about upon the earth! God said: Here, I give you all plants that bear seeds that are upon the face of all the earth, and all trees in which there is tree fruit that bears seeds, for you shall they be, for eating; and also for all the living things of the earth, for all the fowl of the heavens, for all that crawls about upon the earth in which there is living being— all green plants for eating. It was so. Now God saw all that he had made, and here: it was exceedingly good! There was setting, there was dawning: the sixth day.

Thus were finished the heavens and the earth, with all of their array. God had finished, on the seventh day, his work that he had made, and then he ceased, on the seventh day, from all his work that he had made. God gave the seventh day his blessing, and he hallowed it, for on it he ceased from all his work, that by creating, God had made. These are the begettings of the heavens and the earth: their being created.

Reflection

Call to Prayer

Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

CH305

9 Lord, li-sten to your chi - ldren pray - ing. Lord, send your Spi-rit in this place.

Lord, lis-ten to your chi - ldren pray - ing. Sendus love, sendus power, sendus grace.

The musical notation is written on two staves in 2/2 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb), and a common time signature of 2/2. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with a small '9' at the beginning of the first line. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

God of community, you form us as your church. Guide our leaders and all the baptized in sharing your life-giving good news with all the world.

God of creation, you called everything into being. Sustain this world with your renewing care. Inspire us to see waterways, plant life, birds, fish, insects, and mammals and call them good.

God of counsel, all authority belongs to you. Encourage the leaders of this and every land to seek peace, equality, and unity. Instill wisdom in advocates who work toward justice in often ignored communities.

God of care, you created us in your image. Help us see your likeness in one another. Open our eyes to see and attend to all who face oppression and suffering. Console, heal, and nourish all in need.

God of companionship, you accompany this body of faith. As the rhythms of summer begin, protect all who travel, renew all who will enjoy a time of sabbath, and shelter all who will not be protected from the sun's heat.

God of compassion, you comfort us in our grief with the promise of the resurrection. We give you thanks for the saints of all time and in our lives.

Please pray the Prayer of Jesus in whatever language is most comfortable for you.

The following are offered as examples...

Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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/sins/trespasses

as we forgive our debtors/those who sin/trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

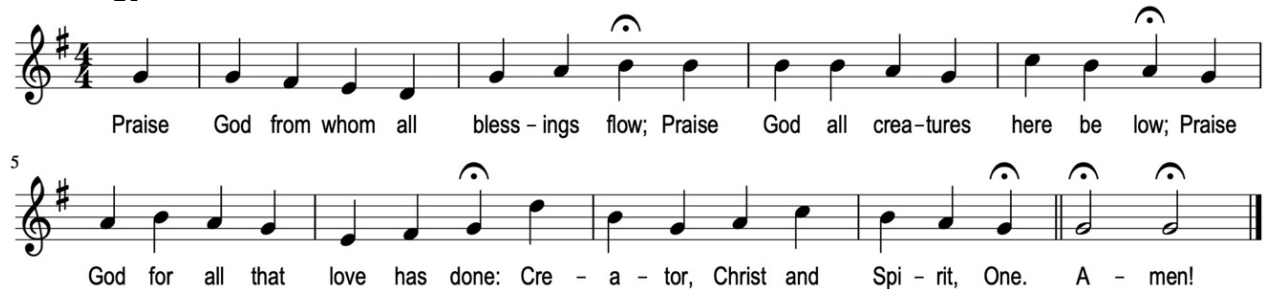
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

*Financial offerings may be placed in the collection plates,
mailed to: First Church of Christ in Mansfield UCC. Box 36. Mansfield Center, CT 06250,
or given online at www.myfcc.info*

Doxology



Prayer of Dedication

Holy Spirit keep us attuned to the voices around us, to those who need us to be bearers of your love and compassion; may these gifts we have given help us, through your church, meet those needs. Amen.

Hymn

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

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The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

God is with you.

And also with you.

Open up your hearts.

We open them up to God and one another.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

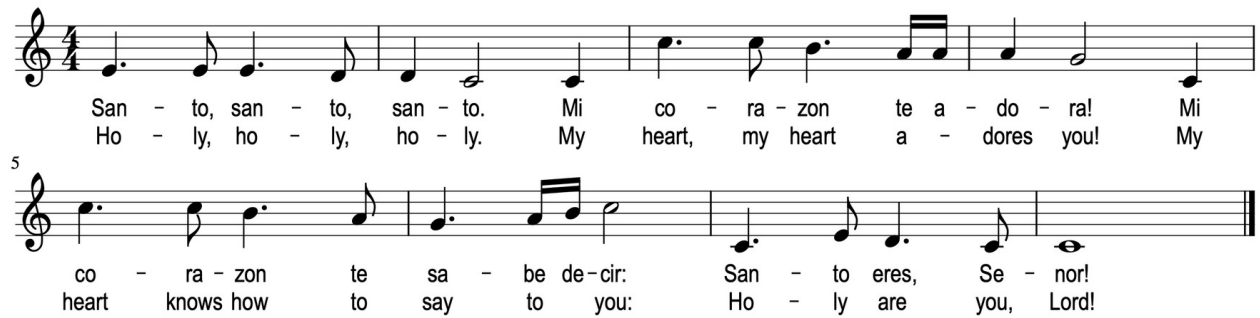
Holy God, holy one, holy three!
Before all this, you were God.
Outside all we know, you are God.
After all is finished, you will be God.

Archangels sound the trumpets, angels teach us to sing,
saints pull us into your presence.
And this is our song:

Musical Response

Santo Santo Santo

Traditional Argentine



San - to, san - to, san - to. Mi co - ra - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

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co - ra - zon te sa - be de - cir: San - to eres, Se - nor!
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

Holy God, holy one, holy three!
You beyond the galaxies,
you under the oceans,
you inside the leaves,
you pouring down rain,
you opening the flowers,
you feeding the insects,
you giving us your image,
you carrying us through the waters,
you holding us in the night;
your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
your hand with Moses and Miriam,
your words through Deborah and Isaiah –
you lived as Jesus among us,
healing, teaching, dying, rising,
inviting us all to your feast.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
this cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, we remember your Son,
his life with the humble,
his death among the wretched,
his resurrection for us all:
your wisdom our guide,
your justice our strength,
your grace our path to new birth.

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.
Enliven this bread,
awaken this body,
pour us out for each other.

Transfigure our minds,
ignite your church,
nourish the life of the earth.

Make us, while many, united;
make us, through broken, whole;
Make us, despite death, alive.
And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit!
And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit!
And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit

You, holy God, holy one, holy three –
Our life, our mercy, our might,
Our table, our food, our server,
Our rainbow, our ark, our dove,
Our sovereign, our water, our wine,
Our light, our treasure, our tree,
Our way, our truth, our life –
You, holy God, holy one, holy three!

Sharing the Bread and Cup

All are welcome at Christ's table; we offer non-alcoholic juice and gluten-free bread.

Hymn

Creator God, Creating Still

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Benediction

Postlude

The Week Ahead...

Sunday, June 4	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle 2pm Installation of Rev. Diane Seaborn as Senior Pastor of Storrs UCC at Storrs UCC 3-5pm Consonare Choir Rehearsal
Monday, June 5	10am First Church leads Worship at St Joseph Living Center 7-9pm Take Note in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, June 6	11-3 Pastor Joe leads a memorial service at Storrs UCC
Wednesday, June 7	1pm Book Group in Fellowship Hall
Thursday, June 8	10:30am First Church leads Worship at MCNR 12:15pm Contemplative Communion in Yellow Office 5:30pm Governing Board on Zoom
Friday, June 9	7pm Mansfield Pride in Downtown Storrs
Sunday, June 11	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle 3pm Take Note Concert