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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + JULY 2, 2023
WORSHIPPING WITH THE THIRTY-FOURTH GENERAL SYNOD OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Chimes and Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Hymn

All Who Hunger

CH419

Prayer of Reflection and Transformation

Let us pray.

Holy Prophet, Divine Warmth, creating a home for strangers and friends can often take extra effort. From the extra cleaning to food preparations, we spend extra time, talents, and treasures to care for your children. Sometimes, we often do not feel as if we have the energy to go the extra distance – to ensure the drinks are cold and our homes are cozy. Give us an extra boost in our bodies, minds, and souls to be the welcome team in your Realm. May we embrace divine hospitality as we care for the ones struggling the most, the ones caring for your creation, and the ones speaking prophetically for you. Amen.

God continues to welcome us into the Divine Realm even when we walk past its doorway. God's magnificent grace will refresh our hearts, inspiring us to return again. Amen.

Song of Praise

Gloria

Christopher Grundy

Glo - ry to the Cre-a - tor, and the Christ, and the Spir-it so near, as it
9
was from the start so it shall be for - ev-er one God, al-ways here.

Hebrew Scripture

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Psalter

Psalm 89: *Forever I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord*

For - ev - er I will sing the mer-cies of the Lord, the mer-cies of the Lord._____

Forever I will sing the mercies of the Lord, the mercies of the Lord.

Forever I will sing the mercies of the Lord, the mercies of the Lord.

You rule over the sea and calm the restless waves

The heavens and earth belong to you, your faithfulness be praised.

Forever I will sing the mercies of the Lord, the mercies of the Lord.

You righteousness and justice, are the foundation of your throne

Blest are those who praise you, who walk in your light.

Forever I will sing the mercies of the Lord, the mercies of the Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple -- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Reflection

"Welcome the Prophetic"
General Synod 34 @Home

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Lindsay
UCC Minister for Worship and Theology

Call to Prayer

Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

CH305

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

9 Lord, lis-ten to your chi - ldren pray - ing. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

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

Child of God – Mark Miller

offered by Jimmy Buccini

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or given online at www.myfcc.info*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be low; Praise
5 God for all that love has done: Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men!

Prayer of Dedication

Spirit of God, when we share from our souls, we open our hearts to your works in this world. When we tend to our neighbors who struggle, we care for the Christ in our midst. When we welcome the prophet who shares your love through their advocacy, we care for the Spirit moving throughout our world. When we share with a stranger, we experience Divine joy as our reward for giving. Bless all gifts as they build your Realm here on earth. Amen.

Hymn

God Welcomes All

CH83

God wel-comes all, strang-ers and friends; God's love is strong and it ne-ver ends.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Spirit of Creation is with you!

And the Spirit of Creation walks next to you.

Open wide your souls.

We open them to the Creator's love.

Let us give thanks to the God of Earth and Rain.

With joyous voices, hearts, and hands, we exclaim to God our praise.

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
5 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!

Sharing the Bread and Cup

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, Divine Designer- with gentle compassion, you unite us as vine and branches, whether near or far. For your meal we share our gratitude. With thanksgiving we voice our joy for our siblings in faith who shared the table with the Christ and with us. Our souls are rejuvenated with your Holy Refreshment. Send us into the world today with joy in our hearts and excited to proclaim your radical love in this world. Amen.

Hymn

This is My Song

CH722

Benediction

May the Spirit of God lead us to build God's realm on this earth
So all will have the most refreshing water to drink,
So all will have a warm space to rest at the end of long days,
So all will know the joy of your Kin-dom. Amen.

Postlude

*The Prophetic: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
and General Synod@Home was written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian*

The Week Ahead...

Sunday, July 2	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle
Thursday, July 6	9:30am Sewing and Service in Fellowship Hall 10am Worship at St. Joseph Center 12:15pm Contemplative Communion in Yellow Office
Sunday, June 11	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle