

First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

*"No matter who you are,
or where you are
on life's journey,
you are welcome here."*

Senior Minister
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Father's Day
June 19, 2022

*Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

Psalm 47:1

ACOLYTES

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

Eternal Father Strong to Save (MELITA)

Emily Smith

GATHERING PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Father, you call your children to
walk in the light of Christ.**

**So kindle in us perpetual love for you
and a desire to walk in your ways,
knowing that you will never fail us or forsake us.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Those who wish may stand

OPENING HYMN

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Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name, Lord of all, we
2 Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you; all on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
Name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
Three we name you; while in es - sence on - ly one,

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you; in - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, then, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
bend the knee, while we own the mys - ter - y.

SCRIPTURE READING

Kings 19: 1-13

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord's Prayer, by Albert Hay Malotte
Emily Smith

MESSAGE

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

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HYMN

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Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
3 O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - ct - ness, till
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy

give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
side the Syr - ian Sea, the gra - cious call - ing
calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let

right - ful mind; in pur - er lives thy
of the Lord, let us, like them, with -
share with thee the si - lence of e -
strain and stress, and let our or - dered
flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake,

serv - ice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pre - ted by love!
lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm!

WORDS: John G. Whittier (1807-1892)
MUSIC: Frederick C. Maker (1844-1927)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...ending with the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed by 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 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.

(Many Congregationalists in the early days felt that using the Lord's Prayer as a fixed part of worship was far too "liturgical." The traditional form in this Congregation uses "debts" and "debtors," but you are free to join in with whatever version you know.)

OFFERTORY INVITATION

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father (Creator), Son (Christ), and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

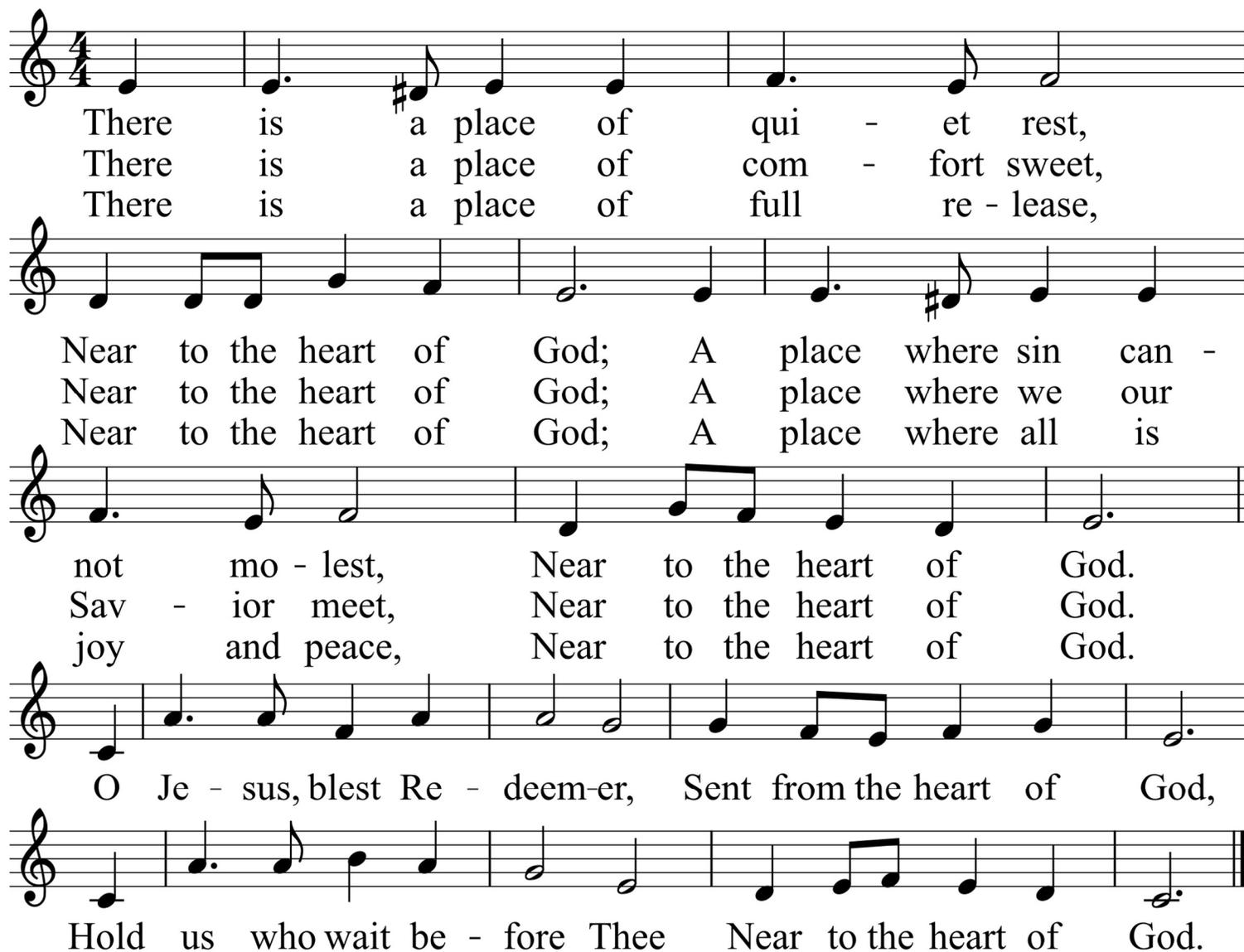
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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CLOSING HYMN

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Near to the Heart of God



There is a place of quiet rest,
There is a place of comfort sweet,
There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God; A place where sin can -
Near to the heart of God; A place where we our
Near to the heart of God; A place where all is
not mo - lest, Near to the heart of God.
Sav - ior meet, Near to the heart of God.
joy and peace, Near to the heart of God.
O Je - sus, blest Re - deem-er, Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us who wait be - fore Thee Near to the heart of God.

Text: Cleland Boyd McAfee, 1903, Tune: MCAFEE, Cleland Boyd McAfee

BLESSING AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553, by J.S. Bach

Today's Service

Rev. Tim Vander Haar	Pastor
Dr. Michael Match	Music Director
John Mattson	Organist
Emily Smith	Guest Harpist/Vocalist
Molly O'Donnell	Acolyte
Addie Witmer	Acolyte
Jane Clingman Scott	Liturgist/Prayers of People
Blake Filius	Audio and Video

Sanctuary Flowers are sponsored by Stocky Holly in memory of Lee Holly on their anniversary (June 23).

In honor of Father's Day, please enjoy a Rootbeer Float in Fellowship Hall, and take a bookmark! Sponsored by Congregational Life Department.

Church Directory for members are available. Please stop by the Welcome Center.

Members, please stay for our Annual Congregational Meeting following our worship service today.

Please feel free to take this worship aid home or place in the recycle container in the Narthex, thank you!

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First Congregational Church, UCC is an Open and Affirming Community

"We, the people of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Muskegon, care for the welfare of our community and welcome everyone, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey. We welcome into our community people of every age, race, nationality, mental and physical ability, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing, family structure, gender identity and expression, and sexual orientation. We also invite you to share in the life, leadership, worship, fellowship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow together in faith and love."

Adopted by congregational vote 10/17/21