

HILLS CHURCH



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 27, 2021

PRELUDE: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
John Finney, organ

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gracious God, show us the path of life.

All: And don't give up on us.

One: We're no good apart from you.

All: In your presence, we are filled with joy!

One: We thank you for all our blessings.

All: We are grateful you are our God.

One: May your Spirit teach us

All: so that kindness will be our religion.

HYMN: If You But Trust in God to Guide You
New Century Hymnal (black hymnal), #410

Neumark

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we want you to be our shepherd,
but we often have a hard time being led.
For months we prayed to you to deliver us
from evil and keep us healthy.
During the long months of COVID fears and quarantine,
we accepted the hard news:
we tried to stay put and stay safe.
Now that gifts of science have diminished the danger,
our hearts yearn for togetherness and laughter,
summer sun and fun.
In our rush out the door for Maine, Cape beaches
and New England lakes and beyond,
we may forget you, the source of our energy
and our hope whose love empowers us.
Forgive us. Heal us with hope, strengthen us with faith.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

GLORIA

Music by Alice Jordan

Glory to God the Creator,
and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GOSPEL READING: Mark 5:21-43

SERMON: Hoping and Healing

Judy Swahnberg

SOLO: For the Mountains Shall Depart (from *Elijah*) *Mendelssohn*
Garrett Murphy, baritone

SHARING of CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

HYMN: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #39

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COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Salvation Now Has Come to Us
John Finney, organ

J. S. Bach

Preaching

Rev. Judy Swahnberg

Liturgist

Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

Soloists

Laurie Otten

Christian Figueroa

Garrett Murphy

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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Georg Neumark, 1641

Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Ps. 55:22

1 If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful heart through
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's plea - sure in cheer-ful hope, with
3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; of - fer your ser - vice

all your ways, you will find strength, with God be - side you,
heart con - tent, trust-ing that grace which knows no mea - sure
faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de - serv - ing,

to bear the worst of e - vil days; For those who trust God's
will by un - bound - ed Love be sent; Nor doubt our in - most
there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to

change-less love build on the rock that will not move.
wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways near.
guide and bless those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

The comforting words of Psalm 55:22 inspired this beautiful hymn by Georg Neumark, who wrote both words and music. Neumark was a German poet who suffered much during the Thirty Years' War.

Tune: NEUMARK 9.8.9.8.8.8.
Georg Neumark, 1657

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2. My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3. Je-sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease,
 4. Glo-ry to God, and praise and love be ev-er, ev-er given

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of God's grace!
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
 is mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
 by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; adapt. Lowell Mason, *Modern Psalmody*, 1839

AZMON

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Sunday, July 4

This service will take place in the Sanctuary with a limited number of celebrants (only) in order to be live-streamed. Please note that when we replaced the HVAC system in the Sanctuary, we added UVC units which kill micro-organisms in the air, including viruses.

Sundays, July 11 & 18

These services will also take place in the Sanctuary and will include up to 50 celebrants and congregants (so plan to sign up beforehand). Congregants will be seated one group per pew, and everybody will be masked except for people who are reading or speaking. The congregation will be able to sing the hymns and recite the prayers while wearing masks.

The principal reason for continuing masking and distancing is for the protection of our un-vaccinated members, especially children who have only relatively recently had access to the vaccine, as well as people who are immuno-suppressed. Two features of the service will be different over the summer: the collection plates will be placed near the doors (not passed), and the Passing of the Peace will be done using American Sign Language. There will also be a modified Community Hour (bottled water and juice boxes) after the service on the church lawn.

GOD
IS STILL
SPEAKING

WE ARE AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION.
NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE,
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.