

# HILLS CHURCH



## CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 25, 2021

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\* *Those who are able may rise.*

PRELUDE: Allegro (from *Suite Gothique*)  
John Finney, organ

*Léon Boëllmann*

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All your works give thanks to you, O Lord.

All: **All the faithful shall bless you.**

One: You open your hand

All: **and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

One: Holy One, you are near to all who call on you!

All: **You uphold us when we are falling,  
you are kind in everything you do.** (Psalm 145)

\* HYMN: This is My Father's World *Terra Beata*  
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal) #60

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living God of every time and place, you teach us again and again what goodness is, and how we should all live together. We want to live lives of health and wholeness, caring and contributing. We set out to do your will: loving our families, friends and neighbors, yet we stumble again and again. Catch us. Forgive our weakness and inertia. Stir enthusiasm and energy into us to inspire new ideas, connections, and right relationships. Help us to bring about the best in everyone we meet, and create the harmony and peace we desire. 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

SOLO: Balm in Gilead  
Stephen Lebrón, baritone

*African-American Spiritual*  
*arr. Harry T. Burleigh*

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

GOSPEL READING: John 6:1-21

HOMILY: "Strength Training"

Rev. Judy Swahnberg

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

SILENT PRAYER

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 *Azmon*  
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal) #39

\* COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

*Please remain seated during the Postlude.*

POSTLUDE: Toccata in F major *Dietrich Buxtehude*  
John Finney, organ



# This Is My Father's World

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1. This is my Fa-ther's world; and to my lis-tening ears, all  
2. This is my Moth-er's world; the birds their car-ols raise, the  
3. This is my Mak-er's world; oh, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the flow - ers bright, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Moth-er's world; she shines in all that's fair; in  
This is my Mak-er's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear her pass; she speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
heav - ens ring; let na - ture sing. God reigns; let earth be glad.

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

TERRA BEATA  
SMD

Lockport NY Presbyterian pastor Babcock often walked out to a sweeping view of Lake Ontario, saying as he left the house, 'I am going out to see my Father's world.'

## 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  
CM

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