



6th Sunday of Eastertide

May 9, 2021
One O'clock in the Afternoon

Opening Hymn

Spirit of Love

Call to Worship

Psalm 98 Adapted

One: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

All: His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

One: The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

All: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

One: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

*All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*

One: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

All: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

*All: Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord.*

One: For he is coming to judge the earth.

All: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

One: So it will be as it is now in our proclaiming, "The peace of God be with you."

All: And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

Gracious God, abide in us, and help us to abide in you. Grant that this might be our ballast, your abiding presence, steadying us for spirited movement amidst this, your beloved creation, and throughout the living of our days.

As we follow in the way of Jesus, and not just as his disciples but also as his friends, we let go all the requirements of membership that might once have been, and we seek your Holy Spirit of restless but reliable truth.

*Help us to trust in your Spirit, to discern its stirrings in our hearts and in this gathered body.
Help us to wait for your Spirit, that it might arrive among us and make light our hearts. Free us from heavy dogma, an insistence on the "way it should be" or on "how we've always done it."
Help us instead to seek and find, in surprise and delight.*

Though in Jesus risen and ascended you have left us, you have not left us alone or orphaned. You give us your Spirit. You give us your Church. In joy, we receive, with thanks and praise. Alleluia! Amen.

Readings Acts 10:44-48; John 15:9-17

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 19:14

One: May the words of my mouth

All: and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

Sermon

Hymn *We Love Your Realm, O God*

Pastoral Prayer

Joys and Concerns

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us pray.

Spoken Prayer

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering Please don't forget to make your offering! (PO Box 182, Monterey 01240, or online)

Announcements

- Wednesday Bible Study, 11 AM on Zoom.

Closing Song Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

Benediction

Postlude

About the Monterey United Church of Christ

First gathered in 1750, the Monterey United Church of Christ, Congregational, in the name of its host, Jesus Christ, welcomes all who seek to know God and invites everyone to join in our common life and mission through participation in this congregation. As Jesus Christ did before us, we affirm that each individual is a child of God and recognize that we are called to be like one reconciled body with many members, seeking with others of every race, ethnicity, creed, class, age, gender identity and gender expression, sexual identity, and physical or mental ability, to journey together toward the promised realm of God. On the threshold of Christ's open door, we rely upon the healing, unconditional nature of God's love and grace to be our help and guide as we all move forward with the work of this church in the world.



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Spirit of Love

Shirley Erena Murray, 1992

1 Spir - it of love, you move with - in cre - a - tion,
 2 Though we have frayed the fab - ric of your mak - ing,
 3 Great loom of God, where his - to - ry is wo - ven,

draw - ing the threads to col - or and de - sign:
 tear - ing a - way from all that you in - tend,
 you are the frame that holds us to the truth,

Life in - to life, you knit our true sal - va - tion,
 Yet, to be whole, hu - man - i - ty is ach - ing—
 Christ is the theme, the pat - tern you have giv - en—

come, work with us, and weave us in - to one.
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Originally titled "Weaver Spirit," this text was written for the
 World Council of Churches Assembly at Canberra. It addressed

Tune: PERFECT LOVE 11.10.11.10.
 Joseph Barnby, 1889

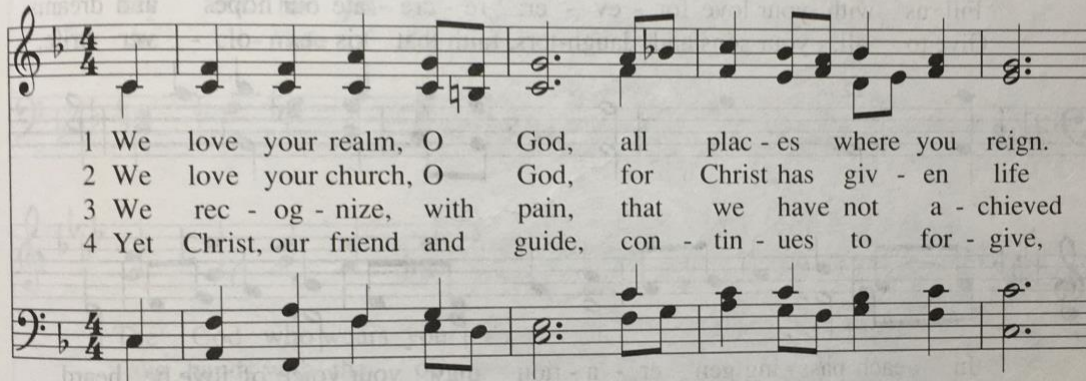
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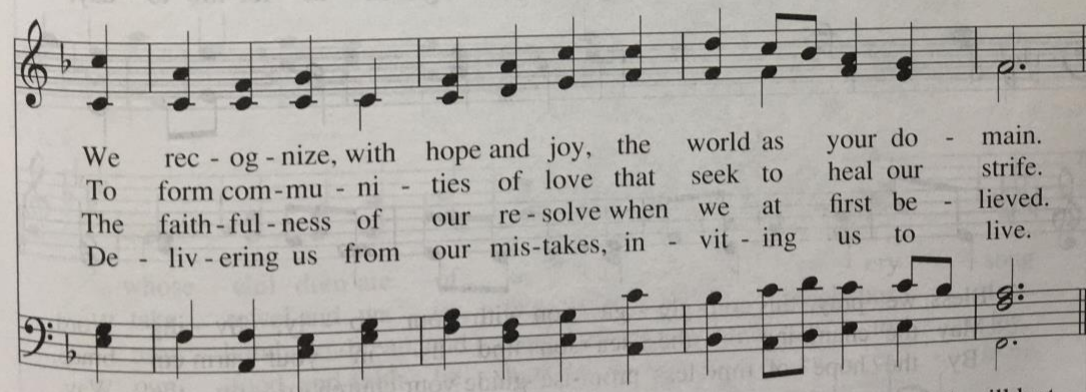
Timothy Dwight, 1801

Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

Ps. 26:8



1 We love your realm, O God, all places where you reign.
2 We love your church, O God, for Christ has given life
3 We recognize, with pain, that we have not achieved
4 Yet Christ, our friend and guide, continues to forgive,



We recognize, with hope and joy, the world as your domain.
To form communities of love that seek to heal our strife.
The faithfulness of our resolve when we at first believed.
Delivering us from our mistakes, inviting us to live.

5 Beyond our brokenness,
we seek to know your ways
Of deep communion, solemn vows,
and hymns of love and praise.

6 We know your truth will last.
We trust your reign is sure.
Equip us for those daily tasks
that help your world endure.

Tune: ST. THOMAS S.M.
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