

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SOMERVILLE

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

Worship 10 AM

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87954014065>

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Gathering

Prelude *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* *Susanna Keeney*

Candle Lighting

Greeting

*Call to Worship

L: The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

P: Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.

L: The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

P: Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.

L: Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

P: Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy. AMEN.

*Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

UMH #529

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,

is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

What more can he say than to you he hath said,

to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,

for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand

upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,

the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;

for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,

and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

*Invocation

Surprising God of mercy and love, thank you for calling to us this day. We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in need. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name. **AMEN.**

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, you know how easy it is for us to celebrate with joy the wonders of your love. We create wonderful art to represent the joy we feel. Our music soars to the heavens in praise of you. Yet how often we have left our service to you as mere thoughts and intentions without fulfillment. You ask us to be ready to serve you at any time, but we place our commitment on the "to do" list of life; we will do these things when we get to them. Forgive our hesitancy and our self-serving ways, O Lord. Heal us of the disease of seeking first our own comfort before we engage in acts of justice and mercy. Open our eyes and ears to the cries of those in need. Help us to give and also to receive ministries of love and reconciliation as we serve you with our whole hearts. Then our music, our art, our worship will truly reflect your awesome and abundant love for us. AMEN.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

It is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom. It is our joy to serve God by helping each other and all those in need. Be assured of God's tender mercy toward you and continue that love in all that you do. **AMEN.**

Proclamation and Response

Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

God, we trust that you have our best interests at heart. As we hear the reading of your Word, remind us that we have been raised with Christ, and inspire us to seek the things that are above, through the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

pew Bible page 617

Luke 12:32-40

pew Bible page 949

*Hymn *“Wounded World That Cries for Healing”*

TFWS# 2177

Wounded world that cries for healing -
here we hold each other's pain,
wounded systems,
bruised and bleeding bear the load,
the scars of strain; dollars ration out compassion,
hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit,
free us to another way!

Through our nation's spent frustration,
through the corridors of stress
may there move a kindlier wisdom
all my feel, and all may bless;
tax and tithe are for a purpose
shared to shield the poor and weak;
past the symptoms of our sickness
let the voice of justice speak.

Honor those whose loving spirit
nurses hope, restores and heals,
towel and basin used in service
like the Christ who comes and kneels;
in the tending, in the mending
may we see the right and fair,
in our common quest for wholeness
heal each other by our care.

Sermon

Offertory Prayer

Holy One, we give you thanks for the richness of our lives. Bless these
tithes and offerings, that they might be used as expressions of your
steadfast love for those near and far. **Amen.**

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simply mail your donation check, or drop off it off in the church's side-door
mail slot).

*Doxology "*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*"

UMH #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

(remembering God's acts of mercy and salvation...)

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest....

(remembering Jesus and that first communion...)

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer
ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union
with Christ's offering for us. As we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

(The words of consecration, praising the Holy Spirit and the Trinity...)

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, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Instrumental Communion Hymn *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

UMH# 618

Prayer after Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Forth

*Hymn *“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”*

UMH #730

O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power;
come with thy timeless judgment now
to match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds,
uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land,
that all may dwell secure,
and finely build for days to come
foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife
thy sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more,
and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh
as at creation's birth;
let there be light again,
and set thy judgments on the earth.

***Benediction**

People of God, made ready by God's love and mercy: Go forth into God's world to serve in ministries of justice, kindness and peace. Know always that God's peace is with you. **AMEN.**

***Postlude**

“Fugue in D minor”

Francois Couperin



The flowers on the altar have been given
by Joan Cusati in memory of
Dot and Bill Cease.

Prayer Requests

David Turndorf diagnosed with esophageal cancer

Jill Turndorf's nephew

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers



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