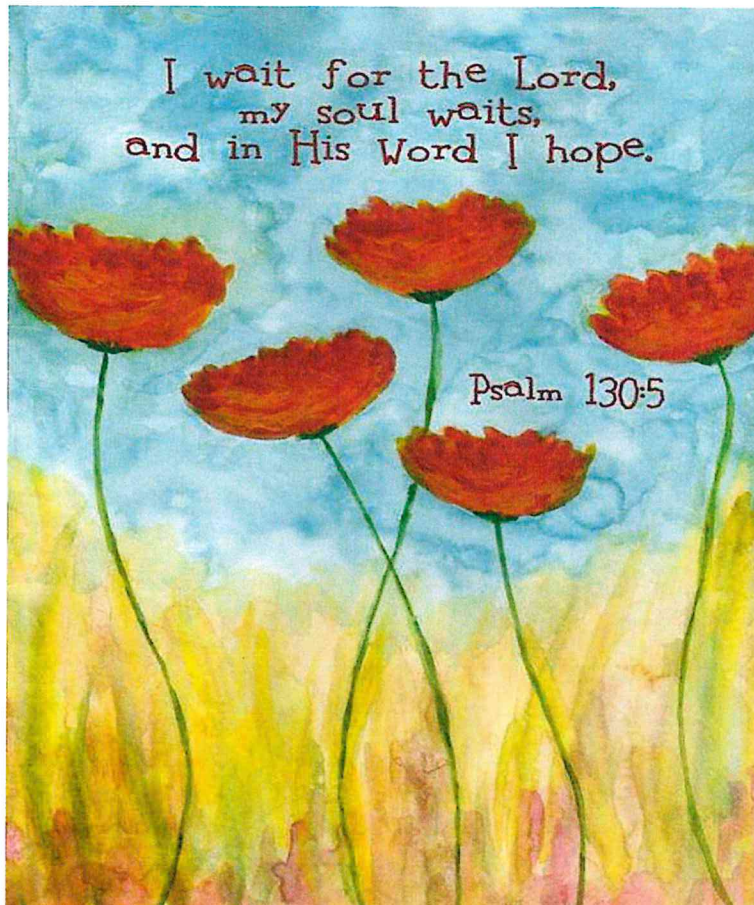




*An Open and Affirming Congregation of
The United Church of Christ*



**Order of Worship for
AUGUST 8, 2021, 10:00am**

***Welcome to IN-PERSON and Online Worship at Center Church!
We are delighted that you are here today.***

*Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices
before the service of Worship begins.*

CHIMES

ORGAN PRELUDE:

Amazing Grace

arr. D. Bish

WELCOME to Center Church!

CALL TO WORSHIP: (after Psalm 100)

ALL:

Make a joyful noise unto the lord, all his people! Serve your god with gladness,
We stand before God, singing a glad, glorious song
You know He is God, your creator and your salvation
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture
Come into God's house with thanksgiving and praise,
Bless the name of the Lord forever
The Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting
I will bless the Lord, I will praise his Holy Name

INVOCATION: NCH 283

Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me. Use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

OPENING HYMN:

NCH 4 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

HYMN TO JOY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE: *If attending in person, please stay in your pews and wave*

SCRIPTURES:

Psalm 130: 1-8 (NRSV)

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

² Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Psalm 34: 1-8 (NRSV)

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

³ O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Look to him, and be radiant;
so your^[a] faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

CHORAL SERMON:

NCH 473 Blessed Assurance
NPH Here I Am Lord
Requests

*Fanny Crosby
Daniel Schutte*

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Summer Choir

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

CHORAL RESPONSE NCH 769 Hear our Prayer, O God
Hear our prayer, O God,
hear our prayer, O God;
incline your ear to us,
and grant us your peace.

George Whelpton

CLOSING HYMN:

NCH 493 O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

BENEDICTION:

Worship Workshop

Siyahumba/We Are Marching
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.

(Repeat)

We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.

(Repeat)

We are living in the love of God,
We are living in the love of God,

(Repeat)

We are living, living,
We are living, living,
We are living in the love of God,

(Repeat)

We are moving in the power of God,
We are moving in the power of God,

(Repeat)

We are moving, moving,
We are moving, moving,
We are moving in the power of God.

(Repeat)

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

(Repeat)

Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

(Repeat)

ORGAN POSTLUDE:

Praise To The Lord

arr. D. Bish

Our thanks to everyone who created today's service.

Go in peace!

Worshippers at the Meeting House:

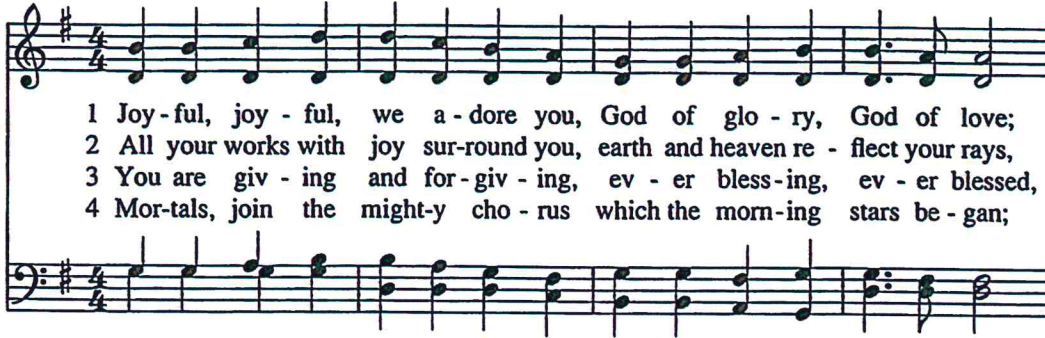
- Are required to wear masks, even while singing
 - Must maintain social distance protocols
- Will not leave their pews during Passing the Peace of Christ
- Can wave or use another non-physical gesture to Pass the Peace

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ~ PLEASE REQUEST FROM AN USHER.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.



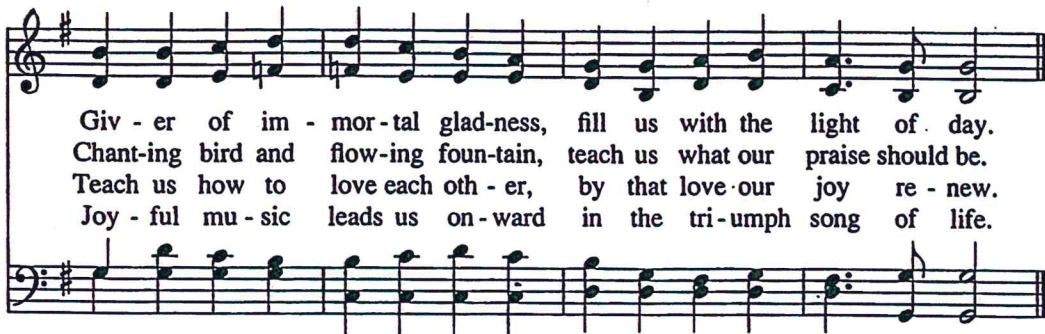
1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore you, God of glo-ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re-lect your rays,
 3 You are giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blessed,
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore you, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round you, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 Bound-less love is reign-ing o'er us, re-con-cil-ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the storms of doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Lov-ing Spir-it, Fa-ther, Moth-er, all who love be-long to you;
 Ev-er sing-ing, move we for-ward, faith-ful in the midst of strife,



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth-er, by that love our joy re-new.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us on-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

Acts 17:30-31; Rev. 7:9-14

Fanny Crosby, 1873; alt.

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

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Here I Am, Lord

Isaiah 6:8
Daniel L. Schutte, 1947-

Daniel L. Schutte, 1947-
Arr. by Michael Pope, SJ, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock

Verses

G Unison C/G G C/G G

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo - ple
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo - ple's
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and

D G Em Am⁷ G/B C Am Am⁷/G

cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will
pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -
lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will

D/F# D⁷/C G/B D/A G C/G G

save. I who made the stars of night,
way. I will break their hearts of stone,
save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

C/G G D G Em

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

Am⁷ G/B C Am G/B C D Refrain D/F# G GSUS⁴

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

G GSUS⁴ Gmaj⁷/F# C/E C/D G GSUS⁴ G

Is it I, Lord? I have heard You

Am⁷ G/B C D D/F# G GSUS⁴ G

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,

GSUS⁴ G/F# C/E C/D G GSUS⁴ G Am⁷ D

if You lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my

1., 2. G GSUS⁴ G GSUS⁴ G/F# C/E DSUS² D/F# 3. GSUS^{2,4} G

heart. heart.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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John E. Bode, 1868; alt.

Luke 9:57; John 14:1-4

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend:
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will!
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too;

I shall not fear life's strug - gles if you are by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol!
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guar - dian of my soul!
O give me grace to fol - low my Sav - ior and my Friend!

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6.D.

A. H. Mann, 1883

Alternate tune: MUNICH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CENTER CHURCH. Whether you are joining us in-person or virtually, we are glad you are here with us for this service of worship and the fellowship of this congregation. We hope that you will be both comforted and challenged by the Word of God for us today. If you are new to our community, we hope you will consider making this your church home. Any of our worship leaders or ushers will be able to help with your questions. If you are already a member, be sure to extend a friendly greeting to those around you, starting with someone you don't know...yet.

IN CASE OF FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCY

Exit swiftly by the nearest safe door - two exits are located near the pulpit, and three exits are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

Help people around you who may have children or mobility challenges.

Call 911. Don't assume someone else has already done so!

Move to the Church House (corner of Gold & Lewis), so we can be sure everyone is accounted for.

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AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING Congregation. "We include into full participation in the life of this church persons of any age, race, economic status, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and physical, emotional and mental capacity" (from the statement adopted October 23, 1994.) In recognition of the richness of backgrounds of our congregation, a **DIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES** will find expression in our worship services. Center Church offers an **OPEN COMMUNION**. Adults and children from all religious backgrounds are invited to partake. **TEXT ALERTS** To receive text alerts regarding church activities and cancellations, please text the word CENTER to (860) 300-3697. (Message and data rates may apply according to your data plan.)

FACEBOOK LIVE We livestream our worship services on Facebook each week, and your presence here constitutes your permission for your image to be shown. If you prefer not to be seen, speak with the minister or whoever is operating the phone up front to determine where a good seat might be to avoid the camera. Our viewership is growing and we are excited to welcome a congregation in cyberspace!

FREE PARKING is available during Sunday Worship Services at the Travelers Plaza Garage off Prospect Street (next to the Hartford Club.) The garage closes at 1:00pm (12:00pm during Summer services). On-street parking is also available on Gold Street and on the west side of Lewis Street, and is FREE on Sundays.

REST ROOMS are located in the basement of the Meeting House. Please use the stairs in the southeast corner of the building. For safety, please have an adult accompany your child to the restroom.

CHURCH SCHOOL is held at the Church House (60 Gold Street) for preschool to 12th Grade. Children are to remain with their families in the Meeting House during worship until they depart for Church School following the Children's Moment. Please pick your child up promptly at 12:00pm. For their safety, children will remain with their Church School instructor until an adult picks them up. Church School is not held during the Summer.

CHILDCARE and NURSERY care are provided by trained, capable, and nurturing staff and volunteers, and is available in the Meeting House basement for infants and toddlers (up to two years of age.) A nursery without staff is also located on the second floor of the Church House.

CURRENT SUNDAY ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES Announcements regarding Adult Education classes are announced in our publications.

HANDICAPPED ACCESS to the sanctuary is via the lift outside at the south end of the portico. If possible, please call the church office in advance for assistance in using the lift.

Please feel free to confer with a minister regarding our **INQUIRER'S CLASSES** for **POTENTIAL MEMBERS, BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS** or **COMMITMENT CEREMONIES**. The latest issue of **CENTER CHURCH E-NEWS** is available on our church website. If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please contact Sioux Wilusz.