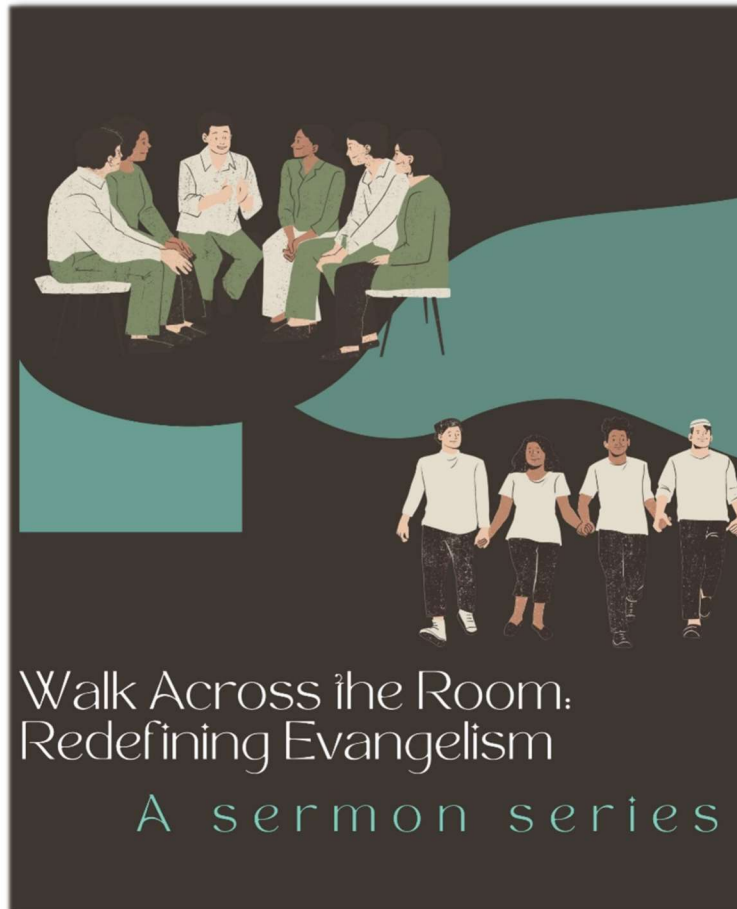




*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of The United Church of Christ*



Order of Worship for June 2, 10:30 am

Welcome to Worship at Center Church!
We are delighted that you are with us today.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

ORGAN PRELUDE *Let Us Break Bread Together*

arr. Bish

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: “Even now, declares the Lord,
return to me with all your heart.” (Joel 2:12)

All: Roll up your sleeves.

One: Let down your guard.

All: Come in from the storm.

One: Make yourself at home.

All: Pull up to the table.

One: Release the tension in your jaw.

Take a deep breath.

Return to God

with all your heart.

All: May it be so.

*OPENING HYMN: NCH 172 *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult*

tune: GALILEE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Are you an introvert or an extrovert?

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation sings:

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja (3X) Halleluja! Hal-le-lu-ja!

Caribbean Melody

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1: 14-20

SERMON: “Walk Across the Room”

Rev. Liza Arulampalam

*HYMN: *Here I Am, Lord (see insert)*

Unison

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

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro- vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Harmony

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

hold your people in my heart. heart.
 heart, in my heart.
 heart, in my heart.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution SANCTUS *NCH 793*

¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zón te sa - be de-cir: san - to e - res Dios.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Somewhere*

Arlen/Harburg

Terrence French, Trumpet Soloist

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise God a-bove, you heav-en-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* (insert)

tune: ASSAM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus 344

Unison

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will
cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
Je - sus?— No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

WORDS and MUSIC: Anonymous

ASSAM
10 10 10,8

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord*

arr. Bish

*The single rose this morning is to express love, gratitude, thankfulness
and praise to God for the birth of Zizi Simone Otte-Chen,
daughter of Xiqiao (Katie) Chen and Daniel Otte.*

*The flower arrangement today is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for and
celebration of the ministries of The Rev. Liza Arulampalam and Dr. Eric J. Hearst.*

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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!

Church Information

ON STREET PARKING is available during Sunday Worship Services on Gold Street and on the west side of Lewis Street, and is FREE on Sundays. The church is maintaining our relationship with the Traveler's Garage which is temporarily closed due to Covid-19. Stay tuned as we partner with other garages in the area.

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.

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