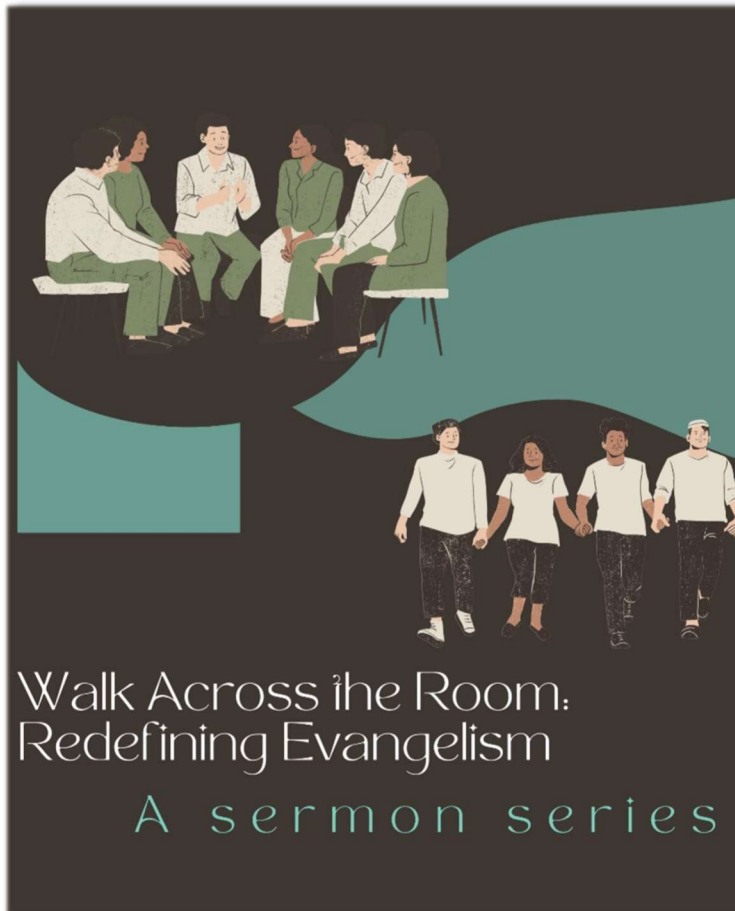




*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of The United Church of Christ*



Order of Worship

June 16, 10:00 am

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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE Amazing Grace

arr. B. Walters

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: To the fisherman Jesus said:

All: “*Follow me and I will make you fish for people.*”

One: To the tax collector Jesus said:

All: “*Follow me.*”

One: To the rich man Jesus said:

All: “*Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.*”

One: At the last supper Jesus said:

All: “*Follow me.*”

One: To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says:

All: Follow me!

*OPENING HYMN: NCH 522 I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

What do you think are the elements of a good story?

Congregation sings as children are dismissed

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

Caribbean Melody

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:11-27

SERMON

The Rev. Liza Arulampalam

“Walk Across the Room, Part 3: Good Storytelling”

*HYMN 437 Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Take My Life

H. Malan/ arr. C. Tomlin

Steven Lewis. soloist

*DOXOLOGY:

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

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**We give you thanks, O Lord, with all our heart.
You have provided everything we need in your steadfast love.
Receive these offerings as our response to your great faithfulness,
for the praise of Jesus' name. Amen.**

*HYMN (insert, next page) We've A Story to Tell to the Nations

MESSAGE

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1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions that shall turn their
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions that shall lift their
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions, that the Lord who
 4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions, who the path of

hearts to the right, a sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, a
 hearts to the Lord; a song that shall con - quer e - vil and
 reign - eth a - bove hath sent us the Son to save us, and
 sor - row has trod, that all of the world's great peo - ples might

sto - ry of peace and light, a sto - ry of peace and light.
 shat - ter the spear and sword, and shat - ter the spear and sword.
 show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.
 come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

Refrain

For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, and the dawn - ing to noon - day bright,



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE This is my Story ASSURANCE

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long.**

