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Silent Meditation

And on the seventh day
God finished the work that he had done,
and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

Genesis 2:2

He said to them,
“Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.”
For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

Mark 6: 31

“When you are compassionate with yourself, you trust in your soul, which you let guide your life. Your soul knows the geography of your destiny better than you do.”

~John O'Donohue

HOLY COVENANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18, 2021, 10:55am

Prelude "Sweet Hour of Prayer Medley" arr. L. Bergquist

Welcome and Announcements Jo Ann Jellison

One: May the Peace of God be with you.

Many: And also with you. Amen.

Introit 743 "Be Still and Know"
(Based on Psalm 46:10)

Be still and know that I am God. (3x)

* Call to Worship Terrence Hayes

One: Our Creator commands 'Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.'

Many: **Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.**

One: Those who are thirsty, come to the fount that will not dry up.

Many: **We bring our thirst here to be quenched.**

One: Those who are weary, the Holy Spirit is a ready refuge.

Many: **We bring our weariness that we might find rest. Lead us by the hand, by our hearts, and by hope.**

** All rise in body or spirit*

* Hymn 11

“Bring Many Names”

WESTCHASE

Bring many names, beautiful and good,
Celebrate, in parable and story,
Holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna! bring many names!

(upper voices)

Strong mother God, working night and day,
Planning all the wonders of creation,
Setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

(lower voices)

Warm father God, hugging every child,
Feeling all the strains of human living,
Caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

Old, aching God, grey with endless care,
Calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
Glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
Saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
Crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known,
Joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
Closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

Hymn 502

“Dear God, Embracing Humankind”

REST

Dear God, embracing humankind, forgive our foolish ways,
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives your service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

Drop your still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess the beauty of your peace.

Breathe through the pulses of desire your coolness and your balm;
Let sense be numb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

Children’s Message

Laura Hankins

Prayer for Illumination

“Sanctuary”

KL Ascher & PH Williams

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 20: 8-11

Terrence Hayes

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

One: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us.

Many: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

* Hymn

“Near to the Heart of God”

MCAFEE

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot oppress, near to the heart of God.

*O Jesus, blessed Redeemer, sent from the heart of God.
Hold us, who wait before you, near to the heart of God.*

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. (R)

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. (R)

* Benediction

Steve Garvey

* Benediction Response 581

WORLD PEACE PRAYER

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
From despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace;
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,
Let peace fill our universe.

Postlude

“You Are My Hiding Place”

M. Ledner

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A church for all people, Where *love* of neighbor is expressed,
Feelings of the heart are shared, *Thinking* is encouraged,
Caring for the world is our mission,
and *Responding* to God's love is our purpose.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOLY COVENANT

THANK YOU for bearing with us as we open for in-person worship and other activities. Sunday morning in-person worship has gone well. Your cooperation in sitting safely distanced and in wearing masks is greatly appreciated. Blessings, Pastor Cheri

WELCOME REVEREND STEPHEN F. GARVEY

Steve Garvey is a retired UCC clergy. Upon completion of his active ministry in 2005, he and his wife, Diane, moved to North Carolina from Vermont and, in that same year, found Holy Covenant. At HCUCC, he has taught adult classes, assisted in worship leadership, been both a member and chair of the Worship and Music Committee, preached on numerous occasions, twice filled in for our previous pastor during her sabbaticals, and brought his interest in carpentry to bear upon numerous church projects. Apart from carpentry, Steve's main hobby is art, with a focus on landscapes and portraits. Steve and Diane have two sons and three grandchildren. We are always grateful for the many gifts they bring!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY SPECIAL OFFERING

for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund

Good news...Great Joy...All the People... (Luke 2:10) These times call us to deeper compassion and increased generosity.

The Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ created the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross to support retired UCC clergy and church staff and surviving clergy spouses. Through the generosity of churches like ours, these servants of the church receive emergency financial assistance, help with health care costs, and annual "thank you" checks. We give not only to meet their needs, not only to thank them for their ministries, but also to make room in our hearts and their lives for a new thing to break forth.

Holy Covenant UCC has moved this special offering from the busy time of December, to be Christmas in July, to lighten your giving in December. If you are called to contribute to this fund, you may do so by notating your check "Christmas Fund", or on our website, by choosing Designated Gifts, sub-fund Christmas Fund. [holycovenantucc.org/give-2/](https://www.holycovenantucc.org/give-2/) Thank you, and blessings upon your gifts.

EYEGLOSS COLLECTION

MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term) based in Ann Arbor, recycles and dispenses 10,000 pairs of eyeglasses in over 50 countries. Check your couches and recliners for those lost reading glasses, check your "catch all" drawer in your kitchen for those ten year old prescription glasses, and check your car for the sunglasses that went out of fashion five years ago. Drop them in the collection box in the Gathering Room. They'll be sent to Ann Arbor for cleaning, repairing, and labeling, then boxed up, ready for the next team going to Guatemala, Kenya, India, China, or any of 50 other countries. In the words of many of those who've received glasses, "*¡Dios le bendiga!*" God bless you! For more information on MOST and the eyeglass ministry, [click here](#). Follow a pair of glasses from donation to the new wearer! <https://youtu.be/1uMIEnJZQI>

TRAVELING? WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THOSE TOILETRIES?!

We are in need of toiletries and amenities you returned home with. Bring your unused travel size shampoos, soaps, lotions, shower caps, etc. We'll see they get to those who need them!

BAGGED LUNCHES, SATURDAY, JULY 24 at 1:30PM

WE NEED YOU! AND YOU, AND YOU!!

We're planning big 175 bagged lunch prep the afternoon of Saturday, July 24th at 1:30 PM. Please let me know if you would like to join us! Contact Suzanne at suzlam@yahoo.com and thanks in advance!

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ON HIATUS FOR SUMMER

We'll regroup in August for a September start up.

SOJOURNERS CLASS - ON HIATUS UNTIL JULY 25

WE COULDN'T PROVIDE OUR WARM WELCOME WITHOUT THE HELP OF:

Lisa Cloninger, Brian Hankins, Henry Hankins, Laura Hankins,
Meg Houlihan, Kathi Smith
JoAnn Jellison, Kristin Andes, Joy Decker, Anne Hayes

If you wish to add someone to the list, please send a note to
prayers@holycovenantucc.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members

Darline Warren and family in the death of her brother, George Jongeling
Kevin Decker, Jeff Edwards-Knight, Linn Finger, Tom & Kathy Habel, Jana
Harrison, Jim Hong, Helen Lambert, Karen Long, Irene Mikkelson, Sue & Bill
Pascucci, Isabelle Reedy Powell, Jerry & Marion Rhyne, Cynthia Simpson,
Mamie Stokes, Anita Taylor, Debbie Winston

Friends & Family Members

Cecelia Ciciollo (Dominic Ciciollo), Al (Bo) Dennis (Keith Dennis), David &
Cecelia Griffin (JP Griffin), Cindy Hedrick (Barb Schneller), Henry Hildebrand
(Bill & Connie Hildebrand), Will Hong (Jim Hong), Bob Lyon (Melissa Noll),
Thibault Ossenbühl (Melissa Noll), Darrell & Jackie Reichert (Diane Neese),
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