



**Middlebury Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ**

**October 17, 2021  
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

**PRELUDE**

Voluntary Thomas Loud

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Liturgist: Ellen Aronheim

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 91) Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,  
**People: A home of peace and plenty.**  
Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,  
**People: A refuge when trouble is near.**  
Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,  
**People: A temple that will stand forever**

**INVOCATION** Liturgist

**LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)**  
**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,**  
**For ever and ever. Amen.**  
[We use “Father” and “trespasses,” but please use whatever words bring you closest to God.]

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (based on Isaiah 53:6) Rev. Manzi

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin. We want you to do whatever we ask of you, but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering. We want to be first in your great kingdom, but we are among the last to serve the least. Forgive us. Pour out your mercy upon us and wash us clean in your saving grace. All this we ask in your holy name. Amen.**  
(Time for individual silent confession)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (based on Psalm 91:14-15)  
Hear the good news! The Lord says “Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble” Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT** Barbara Hampton

*Children preK-6<sup>th</sup> grade may exit through the back doors of the sanctuary and meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE** Rev. Manzi

**Isaiah 61:1-4**  
The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

**Mark 10:32-45**  
They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.”

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

## **SERMON**

### **Status Inversion**

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

Blessed Assurance arr. Linda Lamb  
Virginia Grandell and Donna Obarowski, bell tree

## **Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer**

*Katrina will ask if there are any prayer requests from the congregation. Please feel free to share your prayer concerns, joys and witness to your brothers and sisters. She will also share requests that she received prior to today's service.*

## **OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

**\*Doxology in Unison** Pilgrim Hymnal #515

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**Gracious God, we offer you these gifts. Multiply them so that they may help build your kingdom on earth and be of service; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **\*CLOSING HYMN**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #267

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Danish Amen

## **POSTLUDE**

Blessed Assurance Phoebe Palmer Knapp

### **DOING GOD'S WORK**

The Congregation, *Ministers in the World*  
Church Officers & Members of our Boards & Committees

Staff:

Katrina Manzi, *Minister*

Donna Obarowski, *Choir Director*

David Obarowski, *Organist*

Valerie Beard, *Christian Education Coordinator*

Jeanine Bonaventure, *Office Administrator*

Diane Barnard, *Asst. Treasurer*

Rebecca Trosan, *Nursery Attendant*

John Newton, 1725-1807

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.

Franz J. Haydn, 1732-1809

1 Glo-rious things of thee are spo-ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;  
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Springing from e - ter - nal love,  
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov-ering, See the cloud and fire ap - pear

He whose word can-not be bro - ken Formed thee for his own a - bode.  
 Well sup-ply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want re - move.  
 For a glo-ry and a covering, Show - ing that the Lord is near!

On the Rock of A - ges founded, What can shake thy sure re - pose?  
 Who can faint, while such a riv - er Ev - er flows their thirst to as - suage?  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban-ner Light by night and shade by day,

With sal - va - tion's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver, Nev - er fails from age to age.  
 Safe they feed up - on the man-na Which he gives them when they pray. A-men.