



Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

July 3, 2022
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*all those who are able please stand

Our worship begins with the Prelude.

Please be mindful of those who wish to spend this time in prayer.

PRELUDE

America the Beautiful

arr Mary McDonald

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Ellen Aronheim

INTROIT

O God, we worship Thee. We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29:2-4)

Liturgist

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name

People: Worship the Lord in holy splendor

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters

People: The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful

People: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty

***HYMN**

Rejoice, O Land, in God Thy Might

Pilgrim Hymnal (red) #430

INVOCATION

Liturgist

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Colossians 2:12)

Rev. Manzi

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Loving God, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Time for individual silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on Romans 5:5)

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Friends, believe this good news and give thanks: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Pilgrim Hymnal #513

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Rev. Manzi

Genesis 39:1-20

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out

with a loud voice; and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.” Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, and she told him the same story, saying, “The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.”

When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, “This is the way your servant treated me,” he became enraged. And Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison.

John 14:18-27

”I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

”I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

SERMON

Rev. Manzi

Joseph in Egypt

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.

***HYMN**

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed New Century Hymnal (black) #328

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Deacon: Stephanie Tiso

Jo Lee Anne Weimar

Joseph Michael Weimar

Congregational Welcome (Unison)

With joy we welcome you into Christ’s Church, Jo Lee and Joseph. Your baptism is not the end but the beginning of a journey of discovering how much God loves you. This is our blessing to you: “Grow in grace and wisdom and do not fear, for the Lord is with you. Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God.”

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Michael Weimar

Jo Lee Weimar

Questions of the Candidates

Church Covenant

We covenant with God and with one another
In mutual love and trust:

To worship God together

To study and respond to God’s Holy Word

To witness in all the world to God’s reconciling love

To strive for love, justice, and peace

And to walk together in the ways of the Lord.

We rely on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us.

We acknowledge God’s covenant with us, made known to us in Jesus Christ.

We recognize our continuing need for God’s grace,
and our dependence on each other in the fulfillment of this covenant.

***Congregational Welcome**

We, the members of the Middlebury Congregational Church, welcome you into our fellowship. We break with you the bread of life and share with you the cup of blessing. We promise to walk with you, in sorrow or in joy, as Christian friends. God grant that in loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may share and experience the good news of God’s kingdom. May we live in faith, abound in hope, and grow in love now and forevermore.

OFFERTORY:

Offertory Music

Rock-a-My-Soul

Adult Choir

Spiritual, arr. A. Freed

***Doxology in Unison**

Pilgrim Hymnal #515

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him, you opened to us the way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Manzi

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise

THE 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.]

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Pilgrim Hymnal (red) 440

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Our fathers' God, to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light.
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Corrente

Arcangelo Corelli

*Please join us in the social room after the service
for a time of fellowship and coffee.*

DOING GOD'S WORK

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

Staff:

The Rev. Katrina Manzi, *Minister*

Donna Obarowski, *Choir Director*

David Obarowski, *Organist*

Valerie Beard, *Faith Formation Coordinator*

Jeanine Bonaventure, *Office Administrator*

Diane Barnard, *Asst. Treasurer*

Rebecca Trosan, *Nursery Attendant*

Rejoice, O Land, in God Thy Might 430

Robert S. Bridges, 1844-1930

WAREHAM L.M.
William Knapp, 1698?-1768

1 Re - joice, O land, in God thy might;
2 Glad shalt thou be, with bless - ing crowned;
3 He shall for - give thy sins un - told;

His will o - bey, him serve a - right;
With joy and peace thou shalt a - bound;
Re - mem - ber thou his love of old;

For thee the saints up - lift their voice:
Yea, love with thee shall make his home
Walk in his way, his word a - dore,

Fear not, O land: in God re - joice.
Un - til thou see God's king - dom come.
And keep his truth for ev - er - more. A - men.

THE NATION

HOLY BAPTISM

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Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed

Jane Parker Huber, 1980

1 Won - der of won - ders, here re - vealed;
2 Here in this sac - ra - ment we see
3 This child of God, though young or old,
4 Now we our vow of faith re - new,

God's cov - e - nant with us is sealed.
God's grace un - bound, for all, for me!
we wel - come now in - to Christ's fold,
stretch wide our sights to glob - al view,

And long be - fore we know or pray,
May we re - spond with joy - ful praise
To know with us God's lov - ing care;
And claim with Chris - tians far and near

God's love - en - folds us ev - ery day.
in lov - ing ser - vice all our days.
here all our joys and sor - rows share.
a larg - er fam - i - ly held dear.

Jane Parker Huber has noted two important ideas she addressed in this text: "The fact that God loves each of us before we know how to love in return, and . . . in baptism we become part of a worldwide family."

Tune: PENTECOST L.M.
William Boyd, 1864

○ Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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Katharine Lee Bates, 1859-1939

MATERNA C.M.D.
Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years

For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine.
And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea. A - men.