

**NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE  
OR WHERE YOU ARE  
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY  
YOU ARE  
WELCOME & HERE**



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**Middlebury Congregational Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**August 10, 2025**  
**Ninth 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**

Ashokan Farewell

Lucy Samson-Heidkamp, Flute

arr. Jay Ungar

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Liturgist

**INTROIT**

Adult Choir

Praise the Lord! Praise His name!

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 50:1-2)

Liturgist

Leader: The heavens declare the righteousness of God

**People: The earth declares God's beauty**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting

**People: God's word shines forth in glory**

**\*HYMN**

Arise, Your Light Has Come    New Century Hymnal (Black) #164

**INVOCATION**

**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, forever and ever.**

**Amen.** [We use “Father” and “trespasses,” but please use whatever words bring you closest to God.]

## **CALL TO CONFESSION** (Based on Colossians 2:12)

### **CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. 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, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #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.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Deacon: Michael Granja

Lincoln Michael Morley

### **Congregational Welcome (Unison)**

**With joy we welcome you into Christ’s Church, Lincoln. 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.”**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE**

#### **Psalms 33:12-22**

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

The Lord looks down from heaven;  
he sees all humankind.

From where he sits enthroned he watches  
all the inhabitants of the earth—  
he who fashions the hearts of them all  
and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

The war horse is a vain hope for victory,  
and by its great might it cannot save.

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
to deliver their soul from death  
and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord;  
he is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in him  
because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

#### **Luke 12:32-40**

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

True Treasure

## **\*HYMN**

God Will Take Care of You      New Century Hymnal (Black) #460

## **JOYS, CONCERNS, & PASTORAL PRAYER**

*Prayer requests will be received from the congregation. Please be mindful worship is livestreamed, so we advise caution on using last names to preserve people's privacy.*

## **OFFERTORY**

Let There Be Peace on Earth      Sy and Jill Miller, arr. Craig Courtney  
Anna Kwashnak, soprano

## **\*Doxology in Unison**

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #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.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Generous God, you pour out blessing and cover us with gifts of love. Accept these offerings for the sake of your children, that they may proclaim your mercy and embody your grace. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

God be With You Till We Meet Again New Century Hymnal (Black) #81

**\*BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Adult Choir

God be with you 'till we meet again. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

arr. Mary McDonald

*Please join us downstairs in the Social Hall after worship for fellowship and refreshments*





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