

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



MIDDLEBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
AN OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF THE
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Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
June 15, 2025
Trinity Sunday
Celebration Sunday

*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

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Marianne Kim

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist: Stephanie Tiso

INTROIT

Adult Choir

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

Virginia Grandell and Susan Vindigni, handbells

CALL TO WORSHIP (Church Mission Statement) Liturgist

Leader: The Mission of the Middlebury Congregational Church is to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. To that end, the congregation is organized to accomplish the following:

People: Worship that glorifies God and celebrates the gifts of all God's people.

Leader: Growth in individual Christian discipleship through work and study.

People: Service to the surrounding community and to the wider world.

Leader: Fellowship that strengthens the bonds of compassion and concern.

People: We believe ours to be an inclusive and mutual mission that cannot be faithfully discharged except by our reliance on the Holy Spirit to reveal the will of God to us through the grace of Jesus Christ.

***HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #251

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.]

AFFIRMATION OF OUR CHURCH'S COVENANT (Unison)

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.

***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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Psalms 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

MEDITATION

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

***HYMN**

Called As Partners

New Century Hymnal (Black) #495

COMMISSIONING OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Response: We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct your steps. We pray that the children who attend VBS sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives and will be endowed with gifts that God provides.

MCC YOUTH CHOIR

Siyahamba

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, CHOIR, LEADERS, & VOLUNTEERS

ANTHEM

10,000 Reasons (Psalm 103)

Matt Redman, arr. Lloyd Larson

Adult Choir

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

A Time For Praise, A Time for Joy
Adult Choir

Heather Sorrenson

***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)**

Loving God, bless the gifts that we bring this day, that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you and your world. Multiply the work done by our time, treasures, and talents, that your presence and compassion may be known in all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #291

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Adult Choir

Go your way rejoicing, God is with you.
He will guide your way. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Bethany Smith

Please join us for an all church picnic after worship. Food is provided.



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