



**Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**

**August 7, 2022
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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation arr Lani Smith

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Stephanie Tiso

INTROIT

Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 65:5-9)

Leader: O God of our salvation, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth

People: By your strength you established the mountains

Leader: You silence the roaring of the seas

People: You make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy

Leader: You visit the earth and water it

People: You provide the people with grain. Praise is due to you

***HYMN**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation New Century Hymnal (black) #400

INVOCATION

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 Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us and restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Time for individual silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Matthew 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

SERMON Michele Rowell Finn
Bottom of the Berm

***HYMN**
I Come to the Garden Alone New Century Hymnal (black) #237

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer
Stephanie 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.

OFFERTORY
How Beautiful Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson
Audrey Finn and Anna Kwashnak, duet

***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)**
Gracious God, we bring our offerings to you, acknowledging that all your gifts are given for our own growth and for the service of humankind. Receive them and our worship. Accept us and guide us to work always for the building up of your kingdom. We ask all these things in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**
Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit New Century Hymnal (black) #567

***BENEDICTION**
***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**
The Lord Bless You and Keep You

POSTLUDE
How Beautiful Twila Paris

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*
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The Rev. Katrina Manzi, *Minister*
Donna Obarowski, *Choir Director*
David Obarowski, *Organist*
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Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7

Latin, 6th-8th century
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.
 St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
 3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
 With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
 peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
 Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, *Urbs beata Jerusalem*, based on passages from *Ephesians*, *1 Peter*, and *Revelation*. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry T. Smart, 1867
 Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

I Come to the Garden Alone

(In the Garden)

John 20:14-18

C. Austin Miles, 1912

1 I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar - den with him, though the night a - round me be

ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the
 sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that he gave to me with -
 fall - ing; But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Refrain
 Son' of God dis - clos - es.
 in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

C. Austin Miles wrote this hymn and its music to tell the story of Mary Magdalene's encounter with Jesus at the tomb, when she recognizes him and calls him "Rabboni" ("Teacher").

Tune: GARDEN 8.9.5.5.7. with refrain
 C. Austin Miles, 1912

1 Stars and plan - ets flung in or - bit, gal - ax - ies that
 2 Skies a - dorned with sun - set splen - dor, si - lent peaks in
 3 Life in won - drous, wild pro - fu - sion, seed and fruit, each
 4 Hu - man - kind, earth's deep - est mys - tery, born of dust but

swirl through space, Pow - ers hid with - in the at - om,
 calm re - pose, Gold - en fields a - wait - ing har - vest,
 flower and tree, Beast and fish and swarm - ing in - sect,
 touched by grace, Torn a - part by tongue and col - or,

cells that form an in - fant's face: These, O God, in
 foam - ing surf and fra - grant rose: Earth, its boun - ty
 soar - ing bird, re - joic - ing, free: These, your crea - tures,
 yet a sin - gle, striv - ing race: We, in whom you

si - lence praise you; by your wis - dom they are made.
 clothed with beau - ty, ech - oes all cre - a - tion's praise.
 join in cho - rus, prais - ing you in word - less song.
 trace your im - age, add our words to na - ture's song.

- 5 Gra - cious God, we bring be - fore you
 gifts of hu - man life a - lone,
 Truth that throbs through song and sto - ry,
 vi - sions caught in paint and stone:
 These, O God, we glad - ly of - fer,
 gifts to praise the Giv - er's name.
- 6 Christ, the Word be - fore cre - a - tion
 as cre - a - tion's fin - al goal,
 Once you came for earth's re - demp - tion;
 by your Spir - it make earth whole.
 Then, O God, the new cre - a - tion
 will your praise for - ev - er sing.