



Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

May 30, 2021
Trinity Sunday
First Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Merciful and Mighty

God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

arr Cindy Berry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Manzi

LITANY OF REDEDICATION

Leader: In this place, we will bear witness to the light of Christ.

People: The light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it.

Leader: In this place, we will proclaim the good news of the gospel.

People: Through the grace of God in Jesus Christ, we are set free from sin and death forever.

Leader: In this place, we will receive the promise of God's blessing.

People: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: In this place, we will share the feast of salvation.

People: In Christ we will hunger and thirst no more, and God will wipe away every tear.

Leader: In this place, we remember all the saints of our church who have finished the race and are at home in God's kingdom....Lord, in your mercy

People: Receive our thanks and prayers

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 John 3:16)

Rev. Manzi

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 John 3:17)

Hear the good news! God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF 3RD & 4TH GRADE BIBLES

Shaelyn Rose Walsh

Raeghan O'Connor

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Rev. Manzi

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth

with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SERMON

The Call of Isaiah

MUSICAL OFFERING

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Julia Ward Howe, arr. Mark Hayes

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit. Bless us and these gifts that we offer that they may spread your blessing in a world of hurt and need; in Christ’s name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

America

POSTLUDE

America

arr Dennis Eliot

DOING GOD’S WORK

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