



Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

June 13, 2021
Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me

arr Penny Rodriguez

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Manzi

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us through Christ

People: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come

Leader: We proclaim Jesus as Lord

People: For God has shone the light of knowledge in our hearts to see the glory in Christ

Leader: Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord

People: The Lord's name be praised

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 Psalm 124:8)

Rev. Manzi

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess we have sinned against you in word, thought, and deed. We have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not to the ways of your kingdom. We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly. We exalt possessions and

power when you alone are to be exalted. We let conflicts prevail over grace, and divisions over harmony. Have mercy on us, we pray. Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
(Time for individual silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(based on Romans 8:1, 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. 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.

PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES

Megan Heme
Christopher James Zold

Children preK-6th grade may exit through the back doors of the sanctuary and meet in the Narthex to go to outdoor Sunday School

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Rev. Manzi

1 Samuel 8:14-22

He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them." Samuel then said to the people of Israel, "Each of you return home."

Matthew 5:1-11

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

SERMON

The World and the Kingdom

MUSICAL OFFERING

Jesus Loves Me Bradbury, arr. Sandy Rogers
Karen Waranowicz, Handbell Tree

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)

Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and courage, that we may show the world your love and build up your kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

He Who Makes All Things New

David Paxton

DOING GOD’S WORK

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

Staff:

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