

**Sunday June 27, 2021
Get Up!!!**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing Praises to God, all you faithful ones.
People: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.
Leader: Where there was no way
People: God leads us in a new way.
Leader: Where there was no mercy
People: God surprises us with fresh mercy.
Leader: Where there was weeping
People: God invites us to step into a new dance.

Opening Prayer Unison

**O Faithful God
You yearn to be so close to us
that we can know you in every breath,
in every hope, in every relationship.
You long for us to trust in your power
to bring to life new possibilities
where there has been no hope.
Meet us here today and
teach us to recognize
the ways of life and hope into which you are leading us.
So may our desires become your desires,
our work become your work,
and our community
the place where you are sought and found.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Hymn #166: Immortal Love, Forever Full
(Please see separate attachment for the score)

Hymn Leader: Tom Gill

- 1) Immortal Love, forever full,
forever flowing free,

Forever shared, forever whole,
a never-ebbing sea!

- 2) Our outward lips confess the Name
all other names above;
love only knows from where it came
and comprehends God's love.
- 3) We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Sovereign down;
In vain we search the lowest deeps
for One no depths can drown.
- 4) But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
this One our help will be;
For faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.
- 5) The healing of Christ's seamless dress
still soothes our beds of pain;
We touch it in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.
- 6) Through Christ our earliest prayers are said
with words we scarce can frame;
The last low whispers of our dead
still echo with Christ's name.

Prayer of Confession Unison

Oh God too often we can be solely focused on our own individual needs, viewpoints, and values. As we fall short of soulfully living with regard for all those whom you already love, help us to be the ones seeking justice in love for all. Help us pray these words together with fullness of heart and soul:

The Flames of Love by Kimi Floyd Reisch, 2021

**We light the flame of commitment,
To stand with and work to create change,
Until all know they are beloved.**

**We light the flame of survival,
Grateful for our lives,**

Remembering in love those lost along the road.

**We light the flame of change,
Committing to recenter toward love,
In hearts, in minds, in our world.**

**We light the flame of hope,
Loving each other, building community,
even when it is uncomfortable.**

**We light the flame of knowledge,
Following the path of justice,
Justice that is love embodied.**

**We light this flame of radical love.
To speak out for those who have been silenced.
Those who have been rejected for who they love.
Those who have been persecuted for who they are.
Those who have been bullied for daring to be bold.
Those who have been othered and forced into the margins.
Those who have been lonely.
Those who have been hurt.
Those who are still hurting.**

**We light this flame as
a people committed,
we are survivors.
we will change the world,
until no one lives without hope,
until no one lives without justice.
We light this flame and pledge that
In love, with love, and through love,
All things are possible.**

Amen!!

Moments for Reflection and Silence

Assurance of Pardon

God's mercies are fresh every morning.
In Christ God offers forgiving grace
and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope.
Let us give thanks for the mercy of God,
and pass the peace of Christ in community among us.

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you
People: **And also with you!**

Reading

Ron Dobson

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23 (NIV)

1:13 God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living.

1:14 For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.

1:15 For righteousness is immortal.

2:23 For God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity...

Psalm 130: excerpts (NIV)

130:1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

130:2 Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

130:6 my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning...

130:7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.

Special Music

Tom Gill

Gospel Reading

Mark 5:21-43 (NIV)

5:21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea.

5:22 Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet

5:23 and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

5:24 So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

5:25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years.

5:26 She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse.

5:27 She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,

5:28 for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well."

5:29 Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

5:30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

5:31 And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'"

5:32 He looked all around to see who had done it.

5:33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

5:34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

5:35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?"

5:36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

5:37 He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

5:38 When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

5:39 When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping."

5:40 And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.

5:41 He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!"

5:42 And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.

5:43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Musical Interlude

Sermon: Get Up!!!

Music for Meditation

Prayers of the People

Hymn #508 Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire (verses 1 and 5)

**Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, unuttered or expressed;
The motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast.
O Christ, by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer you too have trod: Christ, teach us how to pray.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer **Unison**

Offering Invitation

The freshness of God's mercy and love,
the continued generosity of God's gifts to us,
call for thanksgiving and generosity on our part.
Let us gather our gifts together, then, and offer them to God
in gratitude, heartfelt commitment, and praise.

Offering and Dedication **Unison**

Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them
so that we may be part of your great work in this world.
Through our giving, bring a brighter day of justice and love,
not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls.
Strengthen our church and the whole United Church of Christ
so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for
healing and peace. Amen.

Benediction **Unison**

Deep in our hearts, we know that we are children of God.
As we remember who we are, then,
We can walk in the assurance of God's presence and love with you always,
calling you beyond fear into belief and joy.
And may the grace and peace of God the Creator,
the Redeemer, and the Sustainer
come upon us this day and remain with us all. Amen.