

Second Sunday of Pentecost

June 14, 2020



Common Worship shared by:

Christ Church, United Church of Christ Ft. Thomas, KY
First Presbyterian Church Ft. Thomas, KY
St. John United Church of Christ Bellevue, KY
St. John's United Church of Christ Newport, KY

Today's Worship Leaders:

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Tim Smith, St. John Church Bellevue
Melissa Stephens, St. John Church Bellevue
Pam Rieke, First Presbyterian Church Ft. Thomas
Dave Zeng, First Presbyterian Church Ft. Thomas

Order of Service

Gathering Music “When Morning Gilds the Skies” -*Joseph Barnby, Arr. Charity Book Putnam*
Steve Milloy, piano

Welcome and Call to Worship

Keith M. Haithcock

We are invited now to share in the greatest celebration ever imagined.

We are asked to come

as watchers of the word,
as participants in the struggle,
as revelers in the joy,
as members of the most inclusive body.

Though this celebration has been planned for generation upon generation,
and the invitations were sent out well in advance,
it is a come-as-you-are celebration.

So, come if you are
plain or fancy,
joyous or sorrowful,
young or old,
male or female,
gay or straight,
whole or in pieces,
confident or questioning,
or somewhere in between.

Come to this celebration

where you are more welcome and more at home than anywhere on earth.

Come and worship the Holy One!

Opening Hymn

“All Are Welcome” Tune: TWO OAKS

Steve Milloy, piano; Melissa Stephens, vocal leader

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teacher,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Stewardship Moment

Tim Smith

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Children's Time

Pam Rieke

Scripture

Romans 5.1-8 (The Inclusive Bible)

Edward Goode

Now since we have been made right in God's sight by our faith, we are at peace with God through our Savior Jesus Christ. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us to the grace in which we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to the day on which we will become all that God has intended. But not only that—we even rejoice in our afflictions! We know that affliction produces perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and character, hope. And such a hope does not

disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless people. It is not easy to die even for a good person—though of course for someone really worthy, there might be someone prepared to die—but the proof of God’s love is that Christ died for us even while we were sinners.

Sermon

“God is Still Speaking about Love”

Keith M. Haithcock

Ministry of Music

“That Name” -*Richard Smallwood*

Saba Smith, soloist; Steve Phillips, piano

Prayers of the People

D. Houston Hall

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without.

We long for harmony, for serenity in the midst of struggle,
and for commitment to each other's growth and wellbeing.

Yet we confess that we are often not willing to take the risks
and make the hard choices that love requires
for the common good and the protection of everyone.

We have silenced the voices of others and kept our own mouths shut
when crying out was needed and action was demanded.

Look upon us with grace, reign in our hearts, and remind us
how to walk in your ways of welcome, love and inclusion.

Closing Song

“True Colors” -*Billy Steinberg and Tom Kelly*

Saba Smith, soloist; Steve Milloy, piano

You with the sad eyes
Don't be discouraged, oh I realize
It's hard to take courage
In a world full of people
You can lose sight of it all
The darkness inside you
Can make you feel so small

Chorus

And I see your true colors
Shining through
I see your true colors
And that's why I love you

So don't be afraid to let them show
Your true colors
True colors are beautiful
Like a rainbow
Show me a smile then Don't be unhappy
Can't remember when
I last saw you laughing
This world makes you crazy
And you've taken all you can bear
Just call me up
'Cause you know I'll always be there

Chorus

Send Out

Keith M. Haithcock

Parting Music

“Amazing Grace” -Arr. by James Curnow

Dave Zeng, trumpet; Steve Phillips, piano

Post-Service Video

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<https://openandaffirming.org/about/history/>

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