

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 6, 2020

Alleluia!
Sing to Our God
a new song!

Common Worship shared by:

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

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode, Christ Church
Max Gise, Christ Church
Steve Milloy, St. John Church Bellevue
Melissa Stephens, St. John Church Bellevue
Kelly Kuhnhein, Christ Church
Talia Broering Zoll, Christ Church
Toni Sheffer, Christ Church
Laura Petracco, Christ Church
Katie Leftin, Christ Church
Dobin Park, St. John's Church Newport
Michael Sullivan, St. John's Church Newport

Order of Service

Prelude

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” -arr. Cindy Berry
Toni Sheffer, organ

Opening Words and Call to Worship

Melissa Stephens

In the United Church of Christ, we say, God is still speaking!

As we gather today to worship, let us listen!

God is calling out to us offering life!

Walk in the paths of God’s commandments with delight.

O God, teach, lead, and turn us to your ways.

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey you are welcome here!

Opening Hymn

“Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here” -Francesca Battesteli
Laura Petracco and Talia Broering Zoll, vocal leaders;
Max Gise, guitar; Toni Sheffer, piano

Scripture

Matthew 18.15-20 (New Revised Standard Version)

Katie Leftin

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Children’s Time

Kelly Kuhnhein

Sermon

“We Are in This Thing Together”

Melissa Stephens, guest preacher

Holy Communion

Edward Goode

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal and Music

"Just As I Am" -arr. *Charity Book Putnam*
Steve Milloy, piano

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Prayer of Gratitude

Edward Goode

Closing Song

"God Has Spoken by the Prophets"
Dobin Park, vocal leader; Michael Sullivan, organ

Tune: Hymn to Joy

**God has spoken by the prophets, spoken the unchanging word,
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord!
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holding fast;
God eternal reigns forever, God the first and God the last.**

**God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one.
Spoken by the word incarnate, God of God, ere time was born.
Light of light, to earth descending, Christ, as God in human form.**

**God is speaking by the Spirit, speaking to our hearts again,
In the age-long Word declaring God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, the word unchanging, God the first and God the last.**

Benediction

Melissa Stephens

Postlude

“Folia (Folies d’Espagne)”
Steve Milloy, keyboard

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