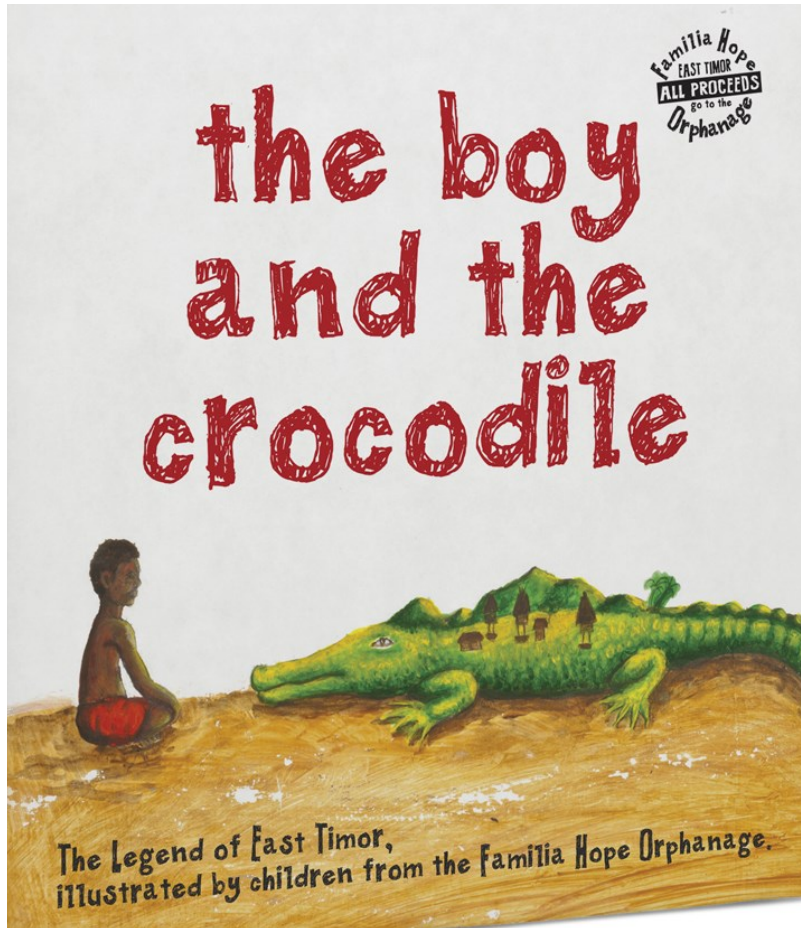


Peace United Church of Christ  
June 30th, 2024  
9:30am

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost  
East Timor Sunday



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Prelude *Sonata for Flute and Piano, Otar Taktakishvili*

Welcome and Announcements

Amanda McElray Hunter

Ringling of the Bells

\*Call to Worship

Come one and all to the living, loving God.

**Come and stand alongside the poor.**

Come and struggle with those who long for freedom.

**Come and resist all that offends God's justice.**

Come one and all, let us worship the living, loving God.

**Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

#347 NCH

***Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:***

***bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.***

***Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!***

***Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone,***

***teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.***

***Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!***

***Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,***

***gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!***

***Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!***

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you love us and call us to fullness of life, but all around us we see the brokenness of the world and our ways. Have mercy on us O God. According to your steadfast love, renew and restore us. Cast us not away from your presence, but restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**God loves us as we are, and God's love endures forever. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

Story for All Ages

Scripture Reading

*Luke 10:25-37*

Monica Liddle

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Melanie Sever, flute

Sermon

Rev. Tom Liddle  
Constantino Pinto & Inge Lempp,  
The Good Crocodile Foundation

Hymn

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

#394 NCH

***In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;  
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.***

***In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;  
God's service is the golden cord close binding humankind.***

***In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;  
For men and women live in God, and all are kin to me.***

***In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;  
One joyous, true community throughout the whole wide earth.***

Community Prayers and the Prayer of Jesus

Rev. Tom Liddle

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offertory

*Aria from Sonata for Flute and Piano, Erwin Schulhoff*

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

#495 NCH

***Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.***

***Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.***

***Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.***

***So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.***

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Rondo-Finale from Sonata for Flute and Piano, Schulhoff*

Assisting in Today's Service:

Cindy Macaulay, Greeter  
Cyndi Brown, Ushers  
Janell Kohls and Kate Nicoletti, Coffee Hour Volunteers

Constantino Pinto, Inge Lempp, Rev. Tom and Monica Liddle, Guest Preachers

**Constantino Pinto** is co-founder and executive director of the Good Crocodile Foundation, an indigenous-led community development organization that seeks to improve the lives of people in rural communities in East Timor. Constantino grew up in the mountains of East Timor and lived through the 24-year Indonesian military occupation of his homeland. Now, he strives to develop the health care and agricultural capacity of East Timor through the work of the Good Crocodile Foundation.

**Inge Lempp** was born in Jakarta, Indonesia as a missionary kid. Her father was a German Old Testament professor and her mother was an American school teacher. Inge attended high school in Germany, and then Luther Theological Seminary in Chicago. During the Indonesian military occupation of East Timor, Inge became involved in the Timorese struggle for independence and has continued to work for peace and justice in East Timor and other Southeast Asian countries for decades. She lives in East Timor with her husband, Constantino, and provides a critical international link for the Good Crocodile Foundation.