

Peace United Church of Christ

September 11, 2022 ✨ 10:30am
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Gathering Sunday



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Prelude

Welcoming Song: "All Belong Here" by the Many

Come and re-mem-ber who you are here. Do this to__ re-mem-ber who I
am. Come and re-mem - ber you be - long here. All be-
long here. At__ this ta - ble__ come as you are,
bro - ken and bleed-ing's o - k.____ At__ this ta - ble__
eat and be filled, come__ and drink in this grace.____

As recorded by The Many.
Lyrics by Lenora Rand. Music by Hannah Rand.
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Ringing of the Peace Bells

Invocation Nathan Holst

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Charlotte Frantz

Hymn "As We Gather at Your Table" NCH #332 (or see page 3)

We Are People of Story

Reflection by Pastor Charlotte Frantz

Song "Listen for God"
Listen for God in the stories
Listen for God in your heart
Listen to Jesus and the words of love
The story is still unfolding
Listen, 'cause you have a part

Presentation of Bibles Nathan Holst and Parents

Time for All Ages

Acknowledgement of Educators

Blessing of Backpacks

Dismissing Children to Children's Church

Goodbye sweet children, it's time to leave this place,

May our love hold you all with grace

All our hearts go with you 'til you return to this place.

So we bid you goodbye, goodbye, goodbye.

We are People of Community

Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-24

Anthem "Road Home" by Stephen Paulus, Gudrun Witrak, soloist

Sermon "When Home Isn't Home" Pastor Charlotte Frantz

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Gudrun Witrak

Offering

Offertory "Home" by Phillip Phillips

Hymn of Preparation "All Belong Here"

At this table, come as you are, broken and bleeding's okay

At this table, eat and be filled, Come and drink in this grace

Communion

Everyone is always welcome to receive Communion in the United Church of Christ

Hymn "There Are Some Things I May Not Know" NCH #405

Final Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

405 There Are Some Things I May Not Know
(Yes, God Is Real)

Kenneth Morris, 1942; alt.

Unison

1 There are some things I may not know, there are some
2 Some folks may doubt, some folks may scorn, all can de-
3 I can-not tell, just how you felt, when Je-sus

plac-es I can't go, But I am sure of this one
sert and leave me a-lone, But as for me I'll take God's
took your sins a-way, But since that day, yes, since that

thing, that God is real for I can feel God deep with-in.
part, for God is real and I can feel God in my heart.
hour, God has been real for I can feel God's ho-ly power.

Refrain

Yes, God is real, real in my soul; yes, God is real for God has

This gospel song by Kenneth Morris is considered his most successful composition. It has become a standard in many African-American churches, and has been translated into twenty-four languages. Morris is also known for his musical arrangements, which number more than 3,000.

Tune: YES, GOD IS REAL. 8.8.8.12, with refrain
Kenneth Morris, 1942

washed and made me whole; God's love for me is like pure

gold, yes, God is real for I can feel God in my soul.

Not with Naked Eye, Not with Human Sense 406

Dan Damon, 1989

John 1:18; 20:26-29

Unison

1 Not with na-ked eye, not with hu-man sense:
2 Not a gold-en king, not a might-y queen:
3 Chil-dren learn of God sit-ting in the grass,
4 Thom-as saw the Christ break-ing earth's rou-tine;
5 Not with craft-ed scope, not with crys-tal lens:

Through the eye of faith ob-serve om-ni-po-tence.
God's in earth and heaven and all that lies be-tween.
Touch-ing, tast-ing, smil-ing, hear-ing Je-sus pass.
Blessed are those who trust the Ho-ly One un-seen.
Vi-sion of the Christ be-gins where see-ing ends.

Dan Damon commented about this hymn: "People who do not see with their physical eyes learn to rely on other senses. Sometimes faith is one of them." The tune is named for Valerie Stiteler, a United Church of Christ minister.

Tune: STITELER 5.5.5.6
Dan Damon, 1989

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HOLY COMMUNION

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As We Gather at Your Table

Matt. 22:1-10; Luke 14:16-24

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a familiar phrase from Isaac Watts' "Joy to the World," which was the motto for the celebration: "Repeat the sounding joy."

Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.
The Sacred Harp, 1844
Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1992

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