

May 21, 2023

United Church of Christ, Calaveras

**An Open and Affirming Church**

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SEVENTH Sunday of Easter

\* Indicates congregation may stand.

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Simple Gifts* John Higgins

Diane Tussey - Violin

ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When the disciples sought to follow Jesus faithfully,

**ALL: They came together in community.**

One: When the disciples sought to follow Jesus faithfully,

**ALL: They came together in prayer.**

One: So we, seeking to follow Jesus faithfully,

**ALL: We come together in prayer, in celebration, in community,**

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**ALL: Gracious God, you invite us to create together a beloved community. We have experienced obstacles and disruptions: a pandemic, illnesses, snowdrifts, leaving a long-loved place, and yet here we are, gathered in thankfulness and hope. You are a God who bestows blessings. We gratefully receive the blessing of being together once again this day. Amen.**

\*GATHERING HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West*

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A TIME FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’s GRACE

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Halle, Halle*



\*PASSING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

**One: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.**

**ALL: And also with you.**

FAMILY TIME

(Children and families of all ages are invited to come to the altar area with Rev. Mickey.)

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:6-14

ANTHEM *Meditation on a Prelude of JS Bach* Charles Gounod

Diane Tussey - Violin

SCRIPTURE John 17:1-11

SERMON “That They May All Be One”

 Rev. Penny and Rev. Mickey

\*HYMN*Blessed Be the Tie That Binds* #393

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Loving God, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Let us not fall into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

 Carrie Shinn

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *How Firm a Foundation* Michael Larkin

\*OFFERING RESPONSE



\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**ALL: May giving these gifts serve to expand our kindness, our generosity, and our commitment to the wellbeing of all God’s creatures and all God’s creation. Amen.**

\*HYMN *In the Midst of New Dimensions* #391

Verses 1, 2 and 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION SONG Let There Be Peace on Earth

***Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;***

***Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.***

***With God our Creator, related all are we.***

***Let me walk with my neighbor in perfect harmony.***

***Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.***

***With ev’ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow.***

***To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.***

***Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.***

POSTLUDE *My Heart is Longing (Princess Eugenie)*

arr. Mark Sedio

DISMISSAL:

Pastor: Go in peace serving others!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Social Hall following the service.*

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Sabbatical Pastors

Rev. Marty Williams and Rev. Penny Sarvis

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bonnie Hollinger

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. John Randlett

Music Director: Dr. Daryl Hollinger

Liturgist: Vicky Oneto

Accompanist: Gail Williams

Special Music: Diane Tussey

Ushers: Karl Graves and Crew

Audio/Visual: Joe Jackson

Children’s Sunday School Teachers: Patty Haskell and Tanya Sundberg

Child Care: Shayanna DuCharme

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:** 11am Council meeting in Eastman

**May 23:** 10am Small Group #4 gathering in Murphys. Contact Pam Kimes.

**May 28:** Strengthen the Church Offering

**June 2 – 4:** All Church Camping Trip at Big Trees, worship at Big Trees on Sunday, June 4 at 10am.

**June 11:** Annual Congregational Meeting after worship

**PRAYERS**

Prayers for Carrie Shinn’s sister, Adrienne, who is fighting cancer.

Prayers for Barbara Olivier’s brother, Tom Olivier, who has been diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing surgery.

Prayers for Shirley Soderer, who has been living with the challenges of congestive heart failure and cancer. Calls and home visits are welcome.

Prayers for Tara Glessman’s dad, Tom Black, who recently suffered a stroke.

Prayers for Rev. Liz Armstrong, who has recently taken ill.

Strength for Neil P in his battle with cancer.

For John G who has brain cancer. Please pray for treatments to be successful.

Prayers for the family of Grace Baker, who passed away last week.

Comfort for the family of Barbara Peterson who died on April 8. A Life Celebration will be held in August.

Family of Joanie Singleton.

Hilary Oldenkamp who continues to deal with cancer.

Tabitha Kremesec as she lives with a chronic illness.