



Riverside Congregational Church

July 4, 2021

6th Sunday of Pentecost

Call to Worship

Leader: The prophets of old spoke of God's justice, even when it was unwelcome. Who will hear their message?

Congregation: We will listen and we will hear!

Leader: Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled, preaching and teaching all who would listen. Who will hear his message?

Congregation: We will listen and we will hear!

Leader: Christ sent out disciples two by two, to spread the good news in any place that would welcome them.

Who will hear their message?

Congregation: We will listen and we will hear!

Leader: God's prophets are among us still, around the world and in these pews. Who will hear their message?

Congregation: We will listen and we will hear!

Psalm 40

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.

Then the kings assembled, they came on together.

As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight; trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor, as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

Psalm 40

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever. We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.

Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.

Psalm 40

Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

He will be our guide forever.

Here I Am Lord

I, the lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?



Here I Am Lord

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.



Here I Am Lord

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.



2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.” So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

Mark 6:1-13

Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

Mark 6:1-13

He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.



Reflection

Bring Many Names

Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate , in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna! bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!



Bring Many Names

Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!





Pastoral Prayer

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The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Communion Time

Leader: God be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to God

Leader: Let us give thanks to God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Communion Time

**All: Holy, holy, holy
God of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High**

**I've Got that Joy Joy Joy Joy
Down in My Heart!**

I've got that joy joy joy joy down in my heart
Down in my heart, down in my heart
I've got that joy joy joy joy down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay

**I've Got that Joy Joy Joy Joy
Down in My Heart!**

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my
heart

Down in my heart, down in my heart

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my
heart

Down in my heart to stay

**I've Got that Joy Joy Joy Joy
Down in My Heart!**

I've got the peace that passes understanding down
in my heart

Down in my heart, down in my heart

I've got the peace that passes understanding down
in my heart

Down in my heart to stay

**I've Got that Joy Joy Joy Joy
Down in My Heart!**

I've got that joy joy joy joy down in my heart
Down in my heart, down in my heart
I've got that joy joy joy joy down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay



Go out now with eyes and ears open,
to hear and be heard
as you share the good news with one
another.