

**WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*July 25, 2021 Eleven o'clock in the morning*

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*Whoever YOU are and wherever YOU are on life's journey,  
YOU are welcome here!*

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken*

arr. Herbert Colvin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our God is a God of love

**ALL: Our God is a God of welcome**

One: Our God is a God of compassion

**ALL: Our God is a God of mercy**

One: Our God is a God of abundance

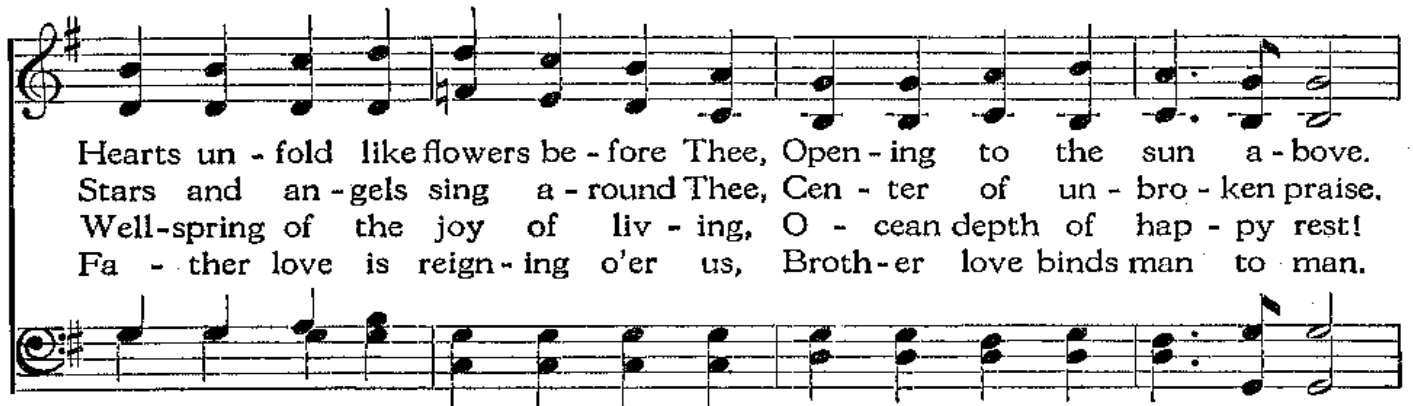
Let us worship and praise God

†HYMN *Joyful, Joyful*

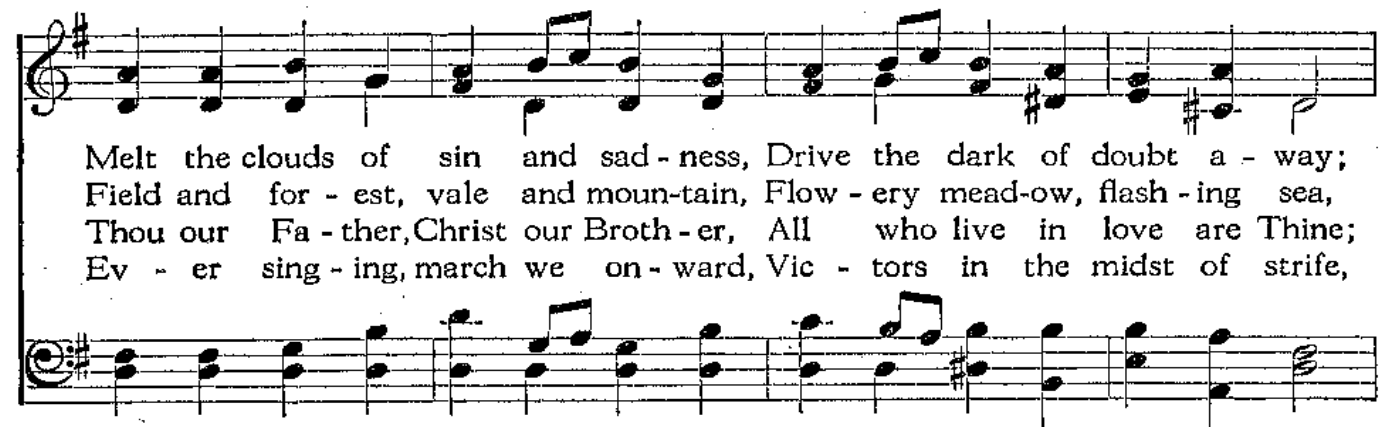
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*With exultation*

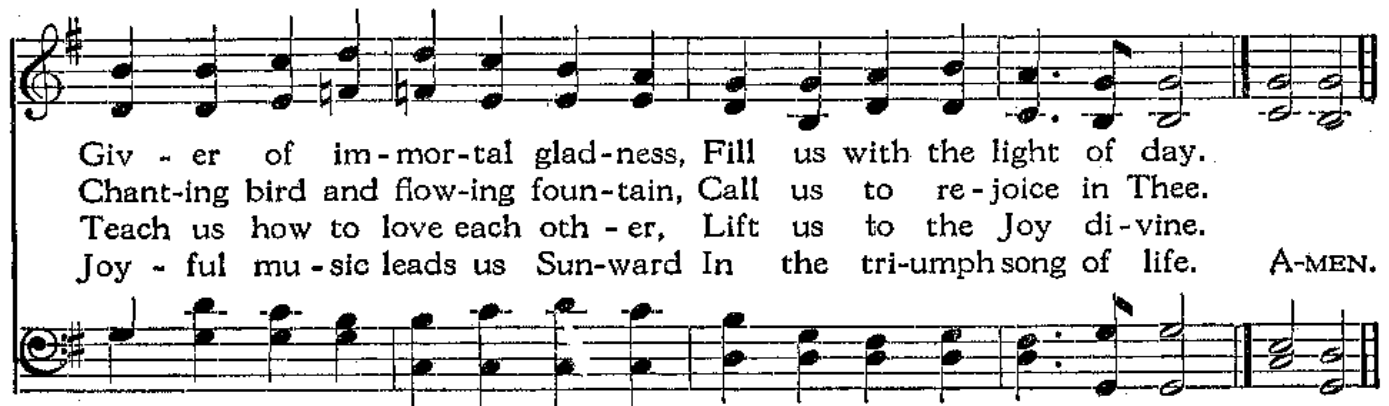
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,  
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are Thine;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the Joy di - vine.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us Sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - MEN.

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Forgive us, O God for our too small dreams and miniscule hopes. Forgive us, O God for stepping on others dreams and hopes along the way. Remind us that in You, and through Your power we can accomplish more than we could ever ask or imagine. Forgive us and open us to new dreams, new visions of the differences we can make in our community and world. Amen.

†SILENT CONFESSION *(30 seconds of silence is observed for silent confession)*

†KYRIE *Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

†OUR ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

†THE GLORIA PATRI *Glory to God in the Highest*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Sing glo-ry to  
God! \_\_\_\_\_ Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo-ple on earth! \_\_\_\_\_

†HYMN *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,  
 2 O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, of days of joy and sun,  
 3 O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of lake and woods and hill,  
 4 O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its glo-ry and dis-may,

and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air:  
 O sing of fra-grant flo-wers' breath, and of the sin-less One:  
 of One who walked up-on the sea and bade its waves be still:  
 of One who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way:

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-day;  
 For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth in ev-ery heart may grow;  
 For though, like waves on Gal-i-lee, rough seas of trou-ble roll,  
 For Christ who died on Cal-va-ry is ris-en from the grave;

of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al-way.  
 now spreads the fame of Je-sus' name on all the winds that blow.  
 when faith has heard the Sav-ior's word, falls peace up-on the soul.  
 God's sov-ereign Child, who rec-on-ciled, is might-y now to save.

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HEBREW LESSON

2 Samuel 11:1-15

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

SPECIAL MUSIC *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

arr. Carol McMillan

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:1-21

One: This is the word of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “God’s Abundant Presence”

Rev. Carol Hallman

† AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

ALL: We believe in You, O God, the Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in Your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by Your righteous will, declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, and reconciling the world to Yourself.

You bestow upon us Your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

You call us into Your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be Your servant in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world, and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at His table, to join Him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust You forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto You. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: May the Spirit of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

## THE PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

## PRAYER RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a vocal staff and a piano staff. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;". The second system also has two staves: a vocal staff and a piano staff. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

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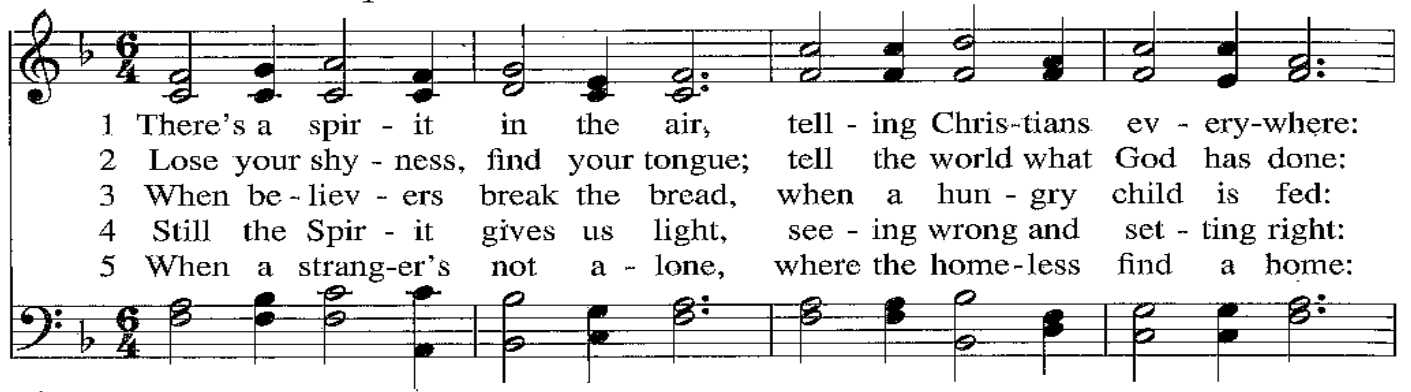
## INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Thou Shalt Bring Them In*

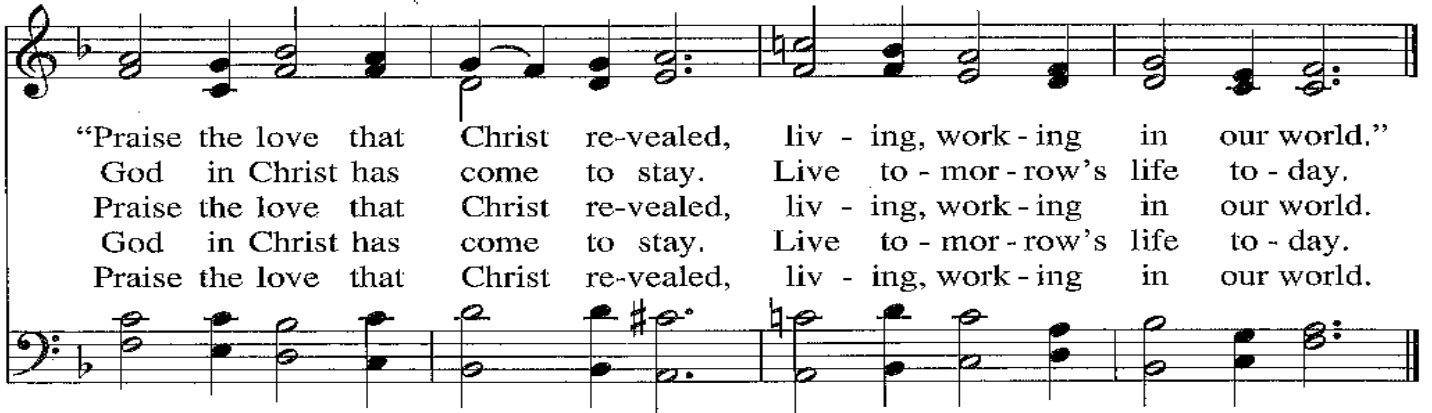
G. F. Handel

## BLESSING

†HYMN *There's a Spirit in the Air*



1 There's a spir - it in the air, tell - ing Chris - tians ev - ery - where:  
2 Lose your shy - ness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done:  
3 When be - liev - ers break the bread, when a hun - gry child is fed:  
4 Still the Spir - it gives us light, see - ing wrong and set - ting right:  
5 When a strang - er's not a - lone, where the home - less find a home:



“Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.”  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.  
Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.  
Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.

6 May the Spir - it fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live to - mor - row's life to - day.

7 There's a Spir - it in the air,  
call - ing peo - ple ev - ery - where:  
Praise the love that Christ re - vealed,  
liv - ing, work - ing in our world.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude on “Ode to Joy”*

arr. Gordon Young

**Assisting in Worship**

***Rev. Carol Hallman***, Resident Pastor

***Dr. Phillip Burgess***, Choir Director ***Susan Trivette***, Organist

***Carolyn Cline***, Lay Reader

Flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the  
Glory of God and given by First UCC Church Women.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Mary Austin, Mabel Barnhardt, Brenda Bernhardt, Meeta Bond (friend of Bobbie Troutman), Destony Bowles, Steve Bowles, Julia Callaway, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky’s sister), Gary Hauze (no visits or phone calls, please), Nancy Hipp, John & Dawn Isenberg, Anne Kennedy, Jasmine Kirby and son Noah (niece and great nephew of Don Whitfield), Johnnie Lippard (friend of Steve Bowles), Charlie Little, Diane Lockhart (Radell Lockhart’s mother), Dan Morgan (friend of Steve Bowles), Jimmy Mullis (friend of Daniel Artz), Joseph Najarian (son of Dena & David Najarian), Pat Norris, Glenda Shrewsbury, Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, Nick Snipes, Mark Sokolowski, John and Sandy Wagoner, Waylon Ward. ***If you know of anyone who should be added or deleted from our prayer list, be sure and let the office know. If you have prayer concerns, please text, call or email Pastor Carol.***

**TODAY, July 25**

FIVE ALIVE SUNDAY

11:00 a.m. ....Worship

**Tuesday, July 27**

6:00 p.m. .... Task Force Meeting

**Sunday, August 1**

11:00 a.m. ....Worship with Communion

Pastor Carol will be working remotely during the week of July 26. She will be available through call, text or email.

Altar Flowers can be reserved for a cost of \$45 for 2 bouquets and they are yours to take after worship. Call or email the Church Office to reserve them.

Upcoming Available Dates:

August 1

September 5

August 8

September 12

August 15

September 26

Later dates are also available.



During the month of August, the Mission Committee will be sponsoring a collection of school supplies for Community in Schools of Rowan Country. Basic school supply items needed are pencils, pens, composition books, lined notebook paper, construction paper, crayon packs, colored pencils, etc. These items will be dedicated on Sunday, August 29 during the morning worship.

If you are wanting to learn some new skills, if you are looking for ways to help at church, the **Tech Crew** might just be for you. Contact Jeff, Leslie or Mark for more information.

A reminder that as we are offering hybrid worship services we encourage you to either mail in or use the online system for your offering. We continue to need your gifts even if you are not here in person.

**Today is 5-Alive Sunday.** Each month the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month is 5-Alive Sunday although contributions with a notation for the 5-Alive Fund are needed and appreciated at any time. Giving to the 5-Alive Fund is used to help those in our church and within our community.

**Little Red Wagon** items for Rowan Helping Ministries will be collected each Sunday for those attending worship although Little Red Wagon Sunday will still be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. If you are not yet attending in-person worship and would like to donate to the Little Red Wagon, items can be dropped off at the Church during office hours. Items collected will be delivered monthly. RHM's Food Pantry Wish List includes: Pasta, Canned Soups and Vegetables, Instant Potatoes, Small Canned Tomato Products as well as non-perishable miscellaneous food items.