

Trinitarian Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Order of Service for August 6, 2023

Prelude Meditation on "Land of Rest" arr. Hutchinson

Welcome

Opening Prayer

God with us, you send us into the world as your agents of restoration and change. You speak to us in the stillness of our rest and the chaos of a frenzied world. You guide in troubling times, and you move us to dance in celebration. We give thanks for your presence among us. Open all points of receptivity within us as we worship you, Holy and Living God. Amen.

Hymn No. 254 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Gospel Lesson Matthew 14:13-21 (p. 1520 pew bible)

Reflection Offering

Hymn "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

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Communion

God be with you. **And also with you.**

We lift up our hearts and give thanks to God who meets us where we are. Let us pray:

Holy and loving God, we offer thanks for this day—for the beauty of the earth, for your love and care for every creature, for this table that is before us. We offer gratitude for the community that surrounds this table, and for the many tables and faces we cannot see that make up this meal. We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this marvelous feast. We offer prayers for those without tables to gather around, without food to eat, without beverage to quench their thirst. We are humbled by this reality, and as we prepare to receive this gift of grace, remind us to be gracious with one another. Meet us in our striving, and hear us as we pray the words that Jesus

taught us, saying: 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.

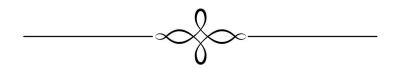
Blessing and Distribution of Bread and Juice

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 62 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Blessing

Postlude "Heavenly Sunlight" arr. Mark Hayes



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TCC Prayers and Blessings:

Bernie, Julia, and Alexandra Hinckley on the passing of Arnold Hinckley, their dad & grandpa.

Brent Clary; Ann Sears; Becky McGrath; Karen Antonio; Pat Wedge; Mal Haskins;

Dennis Gunther; Margaret Blake; Richie Chiasson; Jim Stewart

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