



## **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**First United Church of Christ**

**An Open and Affirming, Just Peace Congregation**

**August 15, 2021, 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome to worship! Are you visiting us today? We invite you to fill out our [virtual visitor card](#).

**Prelude** *Come Down, O Love Divine* Jan Bender (1909-1994)

**Testimony and Welcome** Jan Mitchell

**Announcements and Lighting of the Candle**

**Call to Worship**

One: God loves the world without end, reminding us that we belong to one another.

**Many: We gather to live out such love, that we might grow God's beloved community.**

One: Christ loved the world compassionately, not with caution, but with extravagance.

**Many: We gather to practice such love, that we might reflect Christ's truth and mercy.**

One: The Spirit loves the world and nourishes us, moving in us, breathing love into us.

**Many: We gather to move with such love for others, keeping company with God.**

**Opening Hymn** *Come Forth, O Love Divine* NCH #289 (Down Ampney)

v1 Come forth, O Love divine,  
seek now this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing

v2 O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let your glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

v3 And so the yearning strong  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
till love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

**Time With Children**

**God's word is for all God's children; come gather, come gather.**

**You're never too old for stories; come listen, come listen.**

**Scripture** Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Shawn Nuebel

**Sermon** Rev. Lauren Baske Davis

**Prayer Hymn** *Jesus--The Very Thought to Me* (v1-3, 5) NCH #507 (St. Agnes)

v1 Jesus--the very thought to me  
with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far your face to see,  
and in your presence rest.

v2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than your blessed name,  
Savior of humankind.

v3 O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
How kind you are to those apart,  
how good to those who seek!

v4 Jesus, our joy, our greatest bliss,  
and you our prize will be;  
Our glory here and now is this,  
and through eternity.

### The Prayers

*We will pray in four parts. First, we will breathe. Second, we will offer prayers for the world, for the people we love, for the concerns we have. Third, we will offer prayers of thanks and gratitude. Finally, we will pray the Prayer of Jesus. In between we will sing. You are invited to share prayers with the congregation by vocalizing in the sanctuary or online using the Zoom chat function.*

### Sung Response

*More Than We Can Ask*  
(based on Ephesians 3:20)

Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

Refrain: **More than we can ask, more than we can ask, more than we can ask or imagine.**  
One: Hear, o hear our prayer. Many: **Hear, o hear our prayer.**

### Prayer of Jesus

*You are invited to speak the words most meaningful to you, or follow with the version here:*

**Our 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 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.**

### Sung Amen

### Offertory

*Prelude on 'Lasst uns erfreuen'*

Daniel Kallman (2021)

### Prayer of Thanks

adapted from Thom Shuman

**Gracious God, you hold nothing back from us, and are generous with all that is yours. As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment, may we become imitators of you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### Hymn of Sending

*One Mind, One Heart*  
(see page 6)

Delores Dufner

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Prelude in G Major*

J.S. Bach (185-1750)

**We are so glad you worshiped here today!**

**Zoom breakout rooms will be available for fellowship after the service, and we welcome those of you who attended in person for friendship and conversation on the lawn. We hope you will stay!**

## News to Note

### Worship Information

First UCC worships at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Recently, First UCC returned to full capacity worship in the sanctuary, with no registration required. Worship is also live streamed each week on Zoom. Whether you are joining us in person or online, we are glad to have you here! Are you visiting today? [Fill out our virtual visitor card.](#)

### Giving to the Church

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of First UCC's ministry. Give online by visiting [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org) and clicking the "Give Now!" button under the "Giving" tab, or send in your gifts via mail.

### News & Announcements

Keep up-to-date with all of the latest news and upcoming events! [Subscribe to The Chronicle, First UCC's weekly e-newsletter](#), and find First UCC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Past issues of The Chronicle are available at [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org).

### This Week at First UCC

#### Tuesday, August 17

3-5 p.m. Pastor Lauren Drop-In Office Hours (Bridge Square)

#### Wednesday, August 18

8-10 a.m. Pastor Wendy Drop-In Office Hours (Bridge Square)

6-7 p.m. Trustees Meeting

#### Thursday, August 19

10 a.m. Care Team Meeting (Assembly Room)

#### Sunday, August 22

10:30 a.m. Hybrid Worship

### ISAIAH (Faith-Based Community Organizing)

Your efforts have helped move forward the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan and Senate Reconciliation Bill that ISAIAH strongly endorses. Continued work is needed to bring both fully into being. Continue contacting Senators and members of Congress about them, show up at town meetings in the August recess to press for the bills' passage, and most of all urge others to join you in doing these things. Questions about putting your faith into action through social justice and advocacy? Email [isaiah@firstucc.org](mailto:isaiah@firstucc.org).

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### **First UCC Leadership & Staff**

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**Ministers:** All the people

**Moderator:** Sam Steinberg

**Interim Senior Minister:** Wendy Vander Hart

**Minister for Congregational Life:** Lauren Baske Davis

**Director of Music:** Chris Brunelle

**Organist:** Theo Wee

**Director of Communications & Operations:** Green Bouzard

**Spirit Voices Director & Arts Coordinator:** Bob Gregory-Bjorklund

**Sexton:** Mark Fischer

### **Thanks to this Week's Leaders**

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**Ushers:** Brad Hoff, Scott Richardson, Sarah Carlsen, Elise Eslinger, Jeffrey Latterell

**Testimony & Welcome:** Jan Mitchell

**Reader:** Shawn Nuebel

**Digital Zoom Host:** Carl Henry

**Tech Team:** Mackenzie Perkins

# One Mind, One Heart

Delores Dufner, OSB

COMPLAINER  
Southern Harmony, 1835

## Verses



1. To give our God the glo - ry in
2. In wel - com - ing an - oth - er, a
3. In grief and joy sup - port - ed, be -
4. Con - ten - tion's way a - void - ing and
5. Af - firmed a - like in fail - ure as
6. In dy - ing and in ris - ing, in
7. In good health and in weak - ness, in



wor - ship, work, and play, we strive to live the  
 stran - ger or a friend, we wel - come Christ a -  
 liev - ers at our side, we walk the road to -  
 bear - ing ill to none, let each for - give the  
 hon - ored in suc - cess, we will as e - quals  
 sac - ra - ment and word, we seek the God who  
 pleas - ure and in pain, we share a com - mon



gos - pel in faith - ful - ness each day.  
 mong us, whose needs we may at - tend.  
 geth - er, the way of Christ our guide.  
 oth - er be - fore the day is done.  
 gath - er, our gra - cious God to bless.  
 calls us, whose voice our hearts have heard.  
 vi - sion: the full - ness of God's reign.

## Refrain



One mind, one heart in Je - sus, one



way of life, one love: with saints now gone be -



fore us, we run the way of love.