



**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**First United Church of Christ**  
**An Open and Affirming, Just Peace Congregation**  
**July 11, 2021, 10:30 a.m.**

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

**Prelude** *Sonata in C: I. Allegro* Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)  
Marty Hodel, trumpet

**Testimony and Welcome** Janet Lewis Muth

### Announcements and Lighting of the Candle

**Call to Worship** Jan Lugibihl (adapted)

One: We come together to this graced, safe space

**Many: to this house of welcome**

One: created for God's friends,

**Many: remembering the promise that**

One: where two or three are gathered

**Many: God is here among us.**

One: We bring all the songs of our lives

**Many: gathered from every place we have sung**

One: and danced

**Many: and loved**

One: ready to make new music

**Many: to move to new rhythms**

One: lead out in love and hope.

**Many: We come together to this graced, safe space.**

**Opening Hymn** *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In* #73 Enter, Rejoice

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| 1. Enter, rejoice, and come in.<br>Enter, rejoice, and come in.<br>Today will be a joyful day;<br>Enter, rejoice, and come in.       | 2. Open yourself to the song.<br>Open yourself to the song.<br>Today will be a joyful day;<br>Enter, rejoice, and come in.     | 3. Open your hearts, everyone.<br>Open your hearts, everyone.<br>Today will be a joyful day;<br>Enter, rejoice, and come in. |
| 4. Don't be afraid of some change.<br>Don't be afraid of some change.<br>Today will be a joyful day;<br>Enter, rejoice, and come in. | 5. Enter, rejoice, and come in.<br>Enter, rejoice, and come in.<br>Today will be a joyful day;<br>Enter, rejoice, and come in. |  |

### 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** 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19 John Barbour

Sermon

Rev. Cindy Maddox

Prayer Hymn

*Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move*

Ellacombe

1. Moved by the Gospel, let us move  
With every gift and art.  
The image of creative love  
Indwells each human heart.  
The Maker calls creation good,  
So let us now express  
With sound and color, stone and wood,  
The shape of holiness.
2. Let weavers form from broken strands  
A tapestry of prayer.  
Let artists paint with skilful hands  
Their joy, lament, and care.  
Then mime the story: Christ has come.  
With reverence dance the word.  
With flute and organ, gong and drum  
God's praise be ever heard.
3. O Spirit, breathe among us here;  
Inspire the work we do.  
May hands and voices, eye and ear  
Attest to life made new.  
In worship and in daily strife  
Create among us still.  
Great artist, form our common life  
According to your will.

### 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)

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 pray 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** *Uncloudy Day* Traditional  
Anne Sawyer Heinz and Joey Heinz

**Prayer of Thanks**  
**For new beginnings, a continuation of the dance and the invitation to be your joyful people, we give you thanks, O God. May all that we gather up today bless you and your people. Amen.**

**Hymn of Sending** *Lord of the Dance* Simple Gifts  
(see page 5)

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Sonata in C: III. Allegro* Albinoni  
Marty Hodel, Trumpet

**We are so glad you worshiped here today!**  
**A special congregational meeting will commence immediately following worship in the sanctuary and on Zoom. 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 read recent issues, 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

#### Sunday, July 11

11:35 a.m. Congregational Meeting to vote on candidate for Senior Minister

7:10 p.m. Fighting Apostles vs. Bethel Lutheran (Sechler Park 1)

#### Tuesday, July 13

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

Sunday, July 18

10:30 a.m. Hybrid Worship

**Congregational Meeting After Worship Today**

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship today. Members will vote in person or via Zoom on the Senior Minister candidate. Following the meeting, please stay for ice cream on the lawn.

**ISAIAH (Faith-Based Community Organizing)**

Take heart for you've made a difference as the state legislative session concludes. Many thanks to all who have done literature drops, called and emailed state legislators and contacted others to do the same. Much still needs to be done, to produce a just and equitable society, but "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not unseen" (Hebrew 1:1). Your efforts were crucial in passing the Energy Conservation and Optimization (ECO) Act after years of effort, increasing funding for personal care assistance, assisting making sound childcare for all a reality, and so much more. As a recent ISAIAH missive stated, "know that we are moving by and through our faith together. And that's a pretty good place to be."

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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:** Jane McWilliams, Scott Richardson, Betsy Barrett, Beth Kallestad, Jeffrey Latterell

**Testimony & Welcome:** Janet Lewis Muth

**Reader:** John Barbour

**Special Musicians:** Anne Sawyer Heinz, Joey Heinz,

Marty Hodel, and Donna McMillan

**ASL Interpretation:** Mary Jo Cristofaro

# Lord of the Dance

Sydney Carter, 1963

19th Century Shaker Tune

*Unison* G Em Bm Em Am

1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I danced in the moon and the  
 2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but they would not dance and they  
 3. I danced on the sab - bath when I cured the lame, the ho - ly peo - ple  
 4. I danced on a Fri - day and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the  
 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that - 'll

stars and the sun, and I came down from heav - en and I  
 would not fol - low me; I danced for the fish - er - men, for  
 said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung  
 dev - il on your back; they bur - ied my bod - y and  
 nev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you if you'll

*Refrain* Bm Em Am D7 C G G Bm

danced on the earth, At Beth - le - hem I had my birth.  
 James and John; they came to me and the dance went on.  
 me high; and they left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wher -  
 they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.  
 live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

- ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher - ev - er you may be, And I'll

C D7 G C G

lead you all in the dance, said he.

## Rev. Cindy Maddox

If you ask Cindy Maddox where she is from, she will answer Ohio-Florida-Alabama-Indiana. As an adult she added Minnesota, North Carolina, Georgia, Connecticut, and Maine to the list. Growing up in an evangelical pastor's home, she moved frequently, following her father's call to minister to churches that were hurting. But when the theology of those churches caused what she then believed to be irreparable damage to her soul, she left the church altogether. Her spiritual journey ultimately led her to the United Church of Christ, where she not only found healing, but also discovered her own call to ministry.



Cindy received her Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, where she graduated with academic honors and earned the John Owen Smith Award for preaching.

Whether serving as an associate, solo, or senior pastor, Cindy's greatest strengths in ministry have been preaching, creative worship, administration, and justice work.

She has served UCC and Congregational churches in Maine, Connecticut, and North Carolina. Her references describe her as:



- "a minister of significant talent and deep spirit,"
- "deeply wise, incredibly passionate, and courageously daring,"
- "a powerful leader for pulpit, pew and public square," and
- "the real deal - pastoral, prophetic, faithful, compassionate, and able."

Cindy's family includes her wife Jackie, their 19-year-old daughter Amelia, and their 9-year-old son Joshua. They look forward to making a home in Northfield.