



**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**First United Church of Christ**  
**An Open and Affirming, Just Peace Congregation**  
**October 3, 2021, 10:30 a.m.**

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

**Prelude** *Variations on 'O For a World'* Paul Bouman (1919-2019)

**Welcome** Mackenzie Perkins and Scott Richardson

**Announcements and Lighting of the Candle**

**Gathering Music** *The Kingdom of God* Austin C. Lovelace (1985)  
**Refrain: It is like the kingdom of God and a mystery.**

**Call to Worship**

One: Deep inside us all--old and young alike--there is a place of faith,

**Many: A place of trust and hope and love, without which there can be no peace.**

One: Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me, and do not hinder them,

**Many: For to such belongs the realm of heaven."**

One: Hear, then, O people of God: approach this hour as children of love,

**Many: With innocence of heart and unlimited hope,**

One: With a trust that makes you vulnerable,

**Many: And with love that is easy and quick. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** *Sing of Colors* NCH #402 (De colores)

v1 Sing of colors, sing of colors that over the hills in profusion are springing; Sing of colors of the birds that fly outside my window their canticles singing; Sing of colors, in the rainbow's bright colors God's promise of hope we recall; Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all. Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all.	v2 Sing, rejoicing! Every creature that breathes raise a song to the God of creation. Sing, rejoicing! Sing to God who so earnestly cares, who has offered salvation. Sing the good news! Sing the love of the Savior reflecting the colors of all. Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to recall. Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to recall.
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v3 De colores, de colores  
se visten los campos en la primavera.  
De colores, de colores son los pajaritos que vienen de afuera.  
De colores, de colores es el arco iris que vemos salir,  
Y por eso los grandes amores  
de muchos colores me gustan a mí,  
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de muchos colores me gustan a mí.

**Time With Children**

Rev. Cindy Maddox

**All your children shall be taught by God, and they shall have peace.** (Isaiah 54:13)

**Anthem**

*Wake Every Breath*

William Billings (1746-1800)

Wake ev'ry Breath, and ev'ry String,  
To bless the great Redeemer King,  
His Name thro' ev'ry Clime ador'd.  
Let Joy and Gratitude, and Love,  
Thro' all the Notes of Music rove;  
And JESUS sound on ev'ry Chord.

—Mather Byles (1706-1788)

**Scripture**

Mark 10:13-16

Beth Kallestad

**Sermon**

Rev. Cindy Maddox

**Prayer Hymn**

*For the Healing of the Nations*

NCH #576 (Westminster Abbey)

v1 For the healing of the nations,  
God we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

v3 All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race, or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.

v2 Lead us forward into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

v4 You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

**The Prayers**

*We will begin prayers in song, then a minister will pray, and there will be time for silent prayer. Then we will sing again. All joining worship on Zoom are invited to share prayers with the congregation by using the chat function at any point during this time.*

**Sung Response**

One: As your spirit moved upon the waters,

Many: **God, let your spirit move in us.**

### 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.**

### Offertory

*How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*

Daniel Kallman (1997)

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts, to me.  
My soul is longing and fainting the courts of the Lord to see.  
My heart and flesh they are singing for joy to the living God.  
How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts, to me.

Even the sparrow finds a home where he can settle down,  
And the swallow she can build a nest where she may lay her young  
Within the courts of the Lord of Hosts, my King, my Lord, and my God.  
And happy are those who are dwelling where the song of praise is sung.

And I'd rather be a doorkeeper and only stay a day  
Than live the life of a sinner and have to stay away.  
For the Lord is shining as the sun, and the Lord is like a shield;  
And no good thing does God withhold from those who walk the way.

—Psalm 84, paraphrased by Jonathan Asprey (1975)

### Prayer of Thanks

**O gracious God, bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger, who hurt, who seek new hope. As part of the global village, we care about all of our siblings. We pray for justice and peace, for liberty to the oppressed, and for joy to those who are weary. Amen.**

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### Communion Hymn

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

NCH #347 (Linstead)

v1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,

pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

v2 Christ is able to make us one,

at his table he set the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,

pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

v3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

### Invitation & Telling the Story

### Blessing the Meal

**Sharing the Bread & Cup**      *(Please ready your bread and cup for partaking)*

**Music During Communion**      *O Lamb of God*      John Marbeck (c. 1510-c. 1585)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

**Hymn of Sending**      *O For a World*      NCH #575 (Azmon)

v1 O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways Where love is lived and all is done With justice and with praise.	v3 We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
v2 O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.	v4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.
v5 O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.	

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Festival Toccata*

Percy Fletcher (1879-1932)

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

**Zoom breakout rooms are available for friendship and conversation after the service. Whether you attended in person or online, you're invited to join in conversation on the lawn after worship. We hope you will stay!**

## News to Note

### Worship Information

First UCC worships at 10:30 a.m. in person on Sundays, 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

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### This Week at First UCC

#### Tuesday, October 5

1-2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

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

6:30-8 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Assembly Room)

#### Wednesday, October 6

7 p.m. Facilities Meeting (Zoom)

7-8:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

#### Thursday, October 7

10 a.m. First UCC Knitters (Assembly Room)

#### Sunday, October 10

9:15 a.m. Children's Faith Formation (Front Lawn)

10:30 a.m. Hybrid Worship

### 2022 Estimates of Giving

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their 2022 Estimates of Giving so far! You may return an estimate of giving card to the church office, or fill out the estimate of giving form on the First UCC website:

<https://firstucc.org/giving/estimate-giving/>

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

Zoom with ISAIAH's coalition partner, the 100% Campaign, Monday, Oct. 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m. to get clarity on where climate solutions fit in bills currently being debated in the U.S. Congress. Preview opportunities for action in the next state legislative session. RSVP at <https://www.100percentmn.org/events/congress2021>. Questions about putting your faith into action through social justice and advocacy? Email [isaiah@firstucc.org](mailto:isaiah@firstucc.org).

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

**Ushers:** Pat Richardson, Lois Langerak, Beth Kallestad, Betsy Barrett,  
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