



**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**First United Church of Christ**  
**An Open and Affirming, Just Peace,**  
**Immigrant Welcoming Congregation**  
**August 28, 2022**  
**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 F Major: Grave and Allegro* Pietro Baldassare (1683–1768)  
Marty Hodel, trumpet

### Welcome and Announcements

**Gathering Music** *Come, Let Us Worship God* Ray Makeever  
(join in as directed)

**Call to Worship** adapted from Maren Tirabassi

One: God of invitation, of open arms, of sheltering wings,  
who invites everyone to places of honor at the table,

**Many: we give you thanks for your gracious welcome.**

One: May invitation be given and received  
as an opportunity to connect,  
not just a promise of honor.

**Many: May invitation be given and received  
as a call to be the Body of Christ,  
to be your gracious guests and hosts.**

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

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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

**Let the children come unto me, for theirs is the realm of God.  
All who believe must become like a child; theirs is the realm of God.**

**Statement of Commitment: Immigrant Welcoming Covenant**

**Our scriptures, our experiences, and our hearts all tell us that, as people of faith, we must commit ourselves to a just world for all. Therefore: We covenant with God and each other to seek out, welcome, and deepen relationships with our immigrant neighbors and to work together with them to see that immigrant justice is done.**

**Scripture** Luke 14:1, 7–14 Leota Goodney

**Sermon** Rev. Lauren Baske Davis

**Prayer Hymn** *We Are Your People* #309 (Whitfield)  
verses 1–4 and 6

1. We are your people: Spirit of grace,  
you dare to make us Christ to our neighbors  
of every culture and place.

3. Rich in diversity, help us to live  
Closer than neighbors, open to strangers,  
Able to clash and forgive.

2. Joined in community, treasured and fed,  
may we discover gifts in each other,  
Willing to lead and be led.

4. Glad of tradition, help us to see  
in all life's changing, where Christ is leading,  
where our best efforts should be.

6. Spirit, unite us, make us by grace,  
willing and ready, Christ's living body,  
loving the whole human race.

**The Prayers**

*We will join in prayer aloud and in silence. All joining worship online are invited to share prayers with the congregation by using the chat function at any point during this time.*

**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.**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

*The hearts in the offering plate are for the children's offering. We are collecting to raise money to help our neighbors at Viking Terrace.*

**Offertory** *Andante sereno* from *Sonata for Trumpet and Piano* Daniel Kallman (2014)

**Prayer of Thanks**

God of grace, we hear your call to generosity and hospitality. Having received so much, we offer what we have—our energy and gifts—to you. Bless all that is given, that your love may grow in the world. Amen.

**Hymn of Sending**

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*  
verses 1, 3, 4

#495 (Beecher)

1. Called as partners in Christ's service,  
called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment  
fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring  
to fulfill God's chosen end.

3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens,  
breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action,  
make us colleagues, free and fair.

4. So God grant us for tomorrow  
ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving  
hope and confidence and peace.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Oliver's Birthday*

Bruce Broughton (1998)

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

**News to Note**

**Worship Information**

First UCC worships at 10:30 a.m. in person on Sundays. Worship is also live streamed each week on Zoom and YouTube. 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**

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### **This Week at First UCC**

#### Sunday, August 28

10:30 a.m. Worship

#### Tuesday, August 30

1 p.m. Staff Meeting (Assembly Room)

#### Wednesday, August 31

6:30 p.m. The Great Escape (Big Room)

7 p.m. Sunday Evening Service Meeting (Assembly Room)

#### Thursday, September 1

10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Knitting (Assembly Room)

### **Be Thou My Vision: Insight from Christian Mystics**

Join First UCC Sundays in September for a new sermon and worship series on Christian mystics. Each week we will explore the insight and teaching of one of these teachers who had significant wisdom to share about the nature of God's grace. Next week we'll be joined by guest preacher Trish Zimmerman, who will introduce the series and explore the life and teaching of Hadewijch of Brabant, a 13th-century Dutch mystic and poet.

### **Blessing of Backpacks and Devices, September 11**

If you are a student of any age, teacher, school administrator, or professor, please join us for a blessing of the backpacks and devices on Sunday, September 11th in worship. Bring your backpack or bag, and device if you have one. Together we will journey into the new school year blessed and blessing!

### **Water from Many Places, September 18**

Did you collect water from a place you visited this summer as part of our Water from Many Places project? It may have been somewhere as close as a kayaking trip along the Cannon River, or as far as a stream or ocean around the globe! We hope you will bring water from the place you've traveled with you on September 18. We will collect the water from many places in worship, naming where it is from, and then filter and boil it so it can be used for baptisms. We will keep a running list of the places from which our water has been collected, so please keep it in mind, even if you travel somewhere after September 18.

### **Coffee Hour Volunteers and Coordinator Needed**

Volunteer hosts are needed for Coffee Hour! Starting in September, Coffee Hour will be a weekly event. Volunteering is easy to do, and orientation will be provided for those who are new to Coffee Hour hosting. Interested? [Sign up to host here](#). First UCC is also looking for a volunteer to serve as the Coffee Hour coordinator. If you are interested, please contact [church@firstucc.org](mailto:church@firstucc.org).

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

ISAIAH is again offering a revised "Race Class Narrative Action Training" on Zoom. Attend on Wednesday, September 7, at 10–11:30 am. "Equal parts empirical message testing, organizing strategy and creative communications...to motivate and mobilize people to reject faux populism, fear- and dog whistle-based

messaging. It will equip [you] with updated tools on inoculating the public from harmful law and order rhetoric, race-based dog whistles on issues like revenue and education...[and] best practices for messaging on timely issues like inflation and democracy." [Register online here](#). 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:** Scott Richardson, Sue Evans, Annie Kramer, Garda Kahn, Leota Goodney

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