



Whatever Things  
are TRUE  
HONORABLE  
JUST  
PURE  
of LOVELY  
GOOD REPORT  
if there is any virtue,  
and if there is any praise,  
**THINK ABOUT**  
These Things  
PHILIPPIANS 4:8

**First United Church of Christ, Northfield**  
**An Open and Affirming, Just Peace, Creation Justice,**  
**Immigrant-Welcoming Congregation**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 28, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome to worship! Are you visiting us today? We invite you to fill out our [Virtual Visitor Card](#).

**Prelude** *Prayer* Paul Creston (1906-1985)

**Welcome**

**Gathering Music** *Come, Let Us Worship God* Ray Makeever (1983)  
(join in as directed)

**Call to Worship / Prayer of Invocation** adapted from Carol Penner

**One:** Holy One, we come together as your people, searching for sacred space,

**Many:** **longing to be cherished, craving a real connection.**

**One:** In this hour of worship, let thankfulness sink deep, and joy spring up.

**Many:** **We lift our hearts and souls and minds to the God of our creation, for we are wholly yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart* #55 (Marion)

**Refrain:** Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,  
give thanks and sing.

**V1:** Rejoice, you pure in heart;  
lift praises to the sky;

Your festal banner wave with joy,  
the cross of Christ raise high!

**V2:** Bright youth and seasoned age,  
strong souls and spirits meek,  
Raise high your free, exulting song,  
God's wondrous praises speak.

**V3:** With voice as full and strong

as ocean's surging praise,

Send forth the hymns the saints have loved,  
the psalms of ancient days.

**V4:** Yes, on through life's long path,  
still chanting as you go,

From youth to age, by night and day,  
in gladness and in woe;

**V5:** Praise God who rules all worlds,  
the risen Christ adore,

Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire,  
one God for ever more!

## Time with Children



Let the child- ren come un- to me, for theirs is the realm of God.



All who be- lieve must be - come like a child; theirs is the realm of God.

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-9

Fred Blaisdell

Sermon

Rev. Cindy Maddox

Prayer Hymn

*Breath of God, Breath of Peace*

see bulletin

## The Prayers

*All joining worship online are invited to share prayers with the congregation by using the chat function at any point during this time.*

Prayer Response

*More Than We Can Ask*

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.**

One: Amen. Many: **Amen.**

## Prayer of Jesus

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

**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 plates are for the Children's Offering, which supports the Community Action Center Food Shelf.*

## Offertory

*Jesus Calls Us*

Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)

## Prayer of Thanks

adapted from Carol Penner

**God of our life, bless and use the gifts of our hands, the thankfulness of our hearts, and the sounds of our voices, all lifted in praise to you. Amen.**

## Announcements

## Hymn of Sending

*Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers*

#397 (Pleading Savior)

**V1:** Thank our God for sisters and brothers,  
one by grace in harmony,

Joining heart to heart with others,  
making strong community,

With the cross of Christ our standard,  
let us sing as with one voice,

Glory, glory, yours the promise:  
we who are the church rejoice.

**V2:** Praise to God for congregations,  
keeping faith with Christ as guide;

Many tongues of many nations,  
song and service unified.

Sweet the psalm and sweet the carol,  
when our song is raised as one.

Glory, glory, yours the power,  
as in heaven your will be done.

**V3:** Holy is your name forever!

Heal divisions that remain;

Bless the church's new endeavors;  
make our witness one again.

One in Christ and in Christ's gospel,  
make us one we now implore.

Glory, glory, yours the glory,  
then and now and ever more.

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Trumpet Tune in D*

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

## **We're so glad you worshiped here today!**

Please join us for a coffee hour in the Assembly Room after worship!

### **Thanks to this week's leaders:**

Music: Joanne Rodland, organ; Donna Macmillan, hymns

Ushers: Lois Langerak, Carol Rutz, Linda Larson, Nancy Barbour, Ed Langerak

Digital Host: Ben Reister

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

#### **Sunday, July 28**

9:15 a.m. Rest is Resistance Book Group

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Summer Social

12:00 p.m. Yoga on the Lawn

#### **Thursday, August 1**

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Knitting

#### **Sunday, August 4**

9:15 a.m. Rest is Resistance Book Group

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Summer Social

12:00 p.m. Yoga on the Lawn

### **Water from Many Places**

We forgot to remind everyone of our new tradition, but 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 with you on September 15. 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.

### **First UCC Softball**

The Fighting Apostles are playing St. Dominic Johnny's tonight at 9:15 p.m. at Sechler 1. Come cheer on the team!

### **The Santos Family is Moving!**

Ademir, Eileen and Kendrick have leased an apartment in Faribault and will move in Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, August 1, 3 and 4 as needed. If you can help and have a truck or large vehicle, we would like to know. Email Gina Washburn at [washburng@hotmail.com](mailto:washburng@hotmail.com). Thank you!

### **Notes on Today's Music**

Paul Creston was most definitely a self-made man and composer. Born Giuseppe Guttovoggio in 1906, he later adopted Paul as his name from a role he played in a high school play! The son of Italian immigrants, he was self-educated, leaving high school after just two years and practicing on a \$10 piano while working and studying the scores of the masters, above all, of course, Johann Sebastian Bach. Creston served at St. Malachy's Church in NYC from 1934 to 1967. His music has a distinct religious sensibility, as you will hear in the prelude this morning.

American-born Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024) had a long and distinguished career as a composer and a performer, contributing greatly to the repertoire for the organ. Her lovely setting of this hymn by Cecil Frances Alexander is especially representative of the way she was so often able to paint the text so beautifully.

And our postlude: David Johnson (1922-1987) was a Curtis graduate in organ and composition who served in the U.S. Army, receiving a Meritorious Service Award and campaign ribbons. After further studies, he was college organist and instructor and department chair at St. Olaf College from 1960 to 1967. Positions at Syracuse and Arizona State followed. *Trumpet Tune in D* is one of his most famous works.

### **Church Office Summer Hours**

The church office will be closed on Mondays until August 19. Regular hours continue the rest of the week: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering at the front desk, please contact her at [church@firstucc.org](mailto:church@firstucc.org)!

### **A Note from ISAIAH**

Thanks to everyone's efforts, the legislature this past May did pass needed legislation to keep the expansion of MNCare on track, and funded 7 of the 8 pilot geothermal projects proposed this year! The session is over. Work now to support representatives in the coming November election who uphold our values of a society working for the good of all. Questions about legislation or voicing your views? Email [isaiah@firstucc.org](mailto:isaiah@firstucc.org)

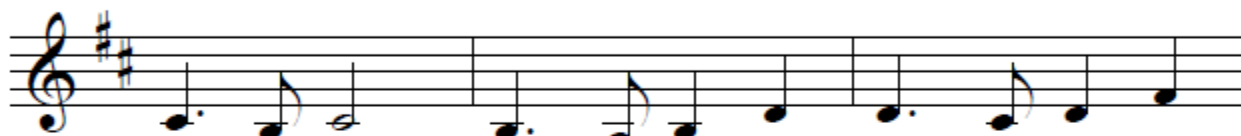
# BREATH OF GOD, BREATH OF PEACE

Adam M. L. Tice

PATTERNS  
Sally Ann Morris



1. Breath of God, Breath of peace, Breath of love,  
2. Word of God, Word of peace, Word of love,  
3. Voice of God, Voice of peace, Voice of love,



Breath of life, Breath of jus - tice, Breath of pas - sion,  
Word of life, Word of jus - tice, Word of pas - sion,  
Voice of life, Voice of jus - tice, Voice of pas - sion,



Breath cre - at - ing, Breath of heal - ing, Breath of sing - ing,  
Word cre - at - ing, Word of heal - ing, Word of sing - ing,  
Voice cre - at - ing, Voice of heal - ing, Voice of sing - ing,



Breath of pray - ing, Come up - on us, come re -  
Word of pray - ing, Come up - on us, come re -  
Voice of pray - ing, Come up - on us, come re -



store us, come in - spire us, Breath of God.  
store us, come in - spire us, Word of God.  
store us, come in - spire us, Voice of God.



# Welcome to Worship at First UCC!

We are an Open and Affirming, Just Peace, Immigrant Welcoming Congregation.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning. Please let us know you're here by sharing your information in a welcome pad.

## **Worship Information**

First UCC worships at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Worship is also live-streamed each week on Zoom and YouTube. Whether you are joining us in person or online, we're glad to have you here!

## **Giving to the Church**

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of First UCC's ministry. You may give online by visiting [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org) and clicking on the "Give" button, or you may place your gift in the offering plate, 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, at [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org), and find First UCC on Facebook and Instagram. Past issues of The Chronicle are available at [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org).

## **First UCC Leadership & Staff**

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