**June 6**

Pre Service Slides

10:30 AM

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**Prelude (Colin Bonneau) MV 7 and MV 223**

Pulpit

News and announcements

Center

**Candles** are lit

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**Call to Worship**

The Holy Spirit tells us to love others as you love us.

**We pray for the courage to show others we love them.**

The Holy Spirit tells us that the world may hate us.

**We pray for the integrity to defy the world’s values.**

The Holy Spirit tells us to give unselfishly.

**We pray for the strength to deny ourselves for the good of others.**

The Holy Spirit is God’s presence in us.

**We are God’s presence in the world.**

**Opening Hymn:** MV #7 *Gather Us In,* 3 times

Pulpit

Our God is a God of forgiveness.

Let us come together as we raise our confessions to the divine presence:

Loving God, we come to you this morning

with all the wrong things we have done—

those we have done knowingly,

those we have done in ignorance,

those we should have done, but did not.

We have kept these transgressions to ourselves.

In our silences and separation from you,

we have felt the weight of our guilt.

We have been as a dried-up river,

so we come to you now for refreshment and forgiveness.

(*a time of silent prayer*)

We acknowledge our sin,

and pray for your unfailing forgiveness that we may be reconciled to you

and be refreshed by your mighty waters.

We ask all this in Jesus’ holy name. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

This is the Good News that Jesus came to share:

Our God is a God of forgiveness.

Let us be assured that God does not hold our sins against us.

God is our rock and our hiding place.

God is our deliverance, in whom we rejoice, always. Amen.

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**Connecting Time**

UCC Anniversary

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**Reading from Scripture:**

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

We’re not keeping this quiet, not on your life. Just like the psalmist who wrote, “I believed it, so I said it,” we say what we believe. And what we believe is that the One who raised up the Master Jesus will just as certainly raise us up with you, alive. Every detail works to your advantage and to God’s glory: more and more grace, more and more people, more and more praise!

So we’re not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There’s far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can’t see now will last forever.

For instance, we know that when these bodies of ours are taken down like tents and folded away, they will be replaced by resurrection bodies in heaven—God-made, not handmade—and we’ll never have to relocate our “tents” again. Sometimes we can hardly wait to move—and so we cry out in frustration. Compared to what’s coming, living conditions around here seem like a stopover in an unfurnished shack, and we’re tired of it! We’ve been given a glimpse of the real thing, our true home, our resurrection bodies! The Spirit of God whets our appetite by giving us a taste of what’s ahead. He puts a little of heaven in our hearts so that we’ll never settle for less.

Mark 3: 20-35

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

We respond:

In ages past, disciples, prophets, priests and historians wrote down their faith.

**This is a faithful witness of our ancestors.**

Word of God for us today.

**Thanks be to God.**

Pulpit

**Sermon**

Courageous Languishing…Naming

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**HYMN MV # 150 Spirit of God be Our Breath**

**Invitation to the Offering** **and prayer**

**DOXOLOGY AGCS 9 (3 times)**

Pulpit

**Prayer of the People**

Gracious God, you who know us in the warmth of sun and in the falling of snow, you who have breathed life into tree and forest,

treat oceans and all the creatures of the earth,

you whose music we hear in the quiet places of our souls,

the simple melodies and favourite hymns of our hearts,

hallowed be thy name.

We give you thanks for the gifts we share:

for community, for family and friendship,

for places of safety where we can speak our truth, share food and gather in prayer.

Help us to know the places where we are called to share what we know and have, with generosity, humility, and intention.

We pray for our world: for those who do not find bread or shelter,

those who live in fear and dread, those who are cold and lonely.

We pray for those who hear not songs but the sounds of war and woundedness.

We pray for those who struggle with illness, addiction, anxiety or disability, and for those who accompany them, day by day.

Centre us in your love, o God, as we reach out to you.

We pray for those in our community who need our support.

for (add specific names and petitions)

and we pray for ourselves, o God.

you the main sail, the still point of our hearts,

that you might breathe into us song and celebration.

This we ask in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray, “Our Father…”

**The Lord’s Prayer Paraphrase:** Rev. Yolanda Norton.

Our Mother,

 who is in heaven and within us,

 we call upon your names.

 Your wisdom come.

 Your will be done,

 in all the spaces in which you dwell.

 Give us each day

 sustenance and perseverance.

 Remind us of our limits as

 we give grace to the limits of others.

 Separate us from the temptation of empire,

 and deliver us into community.

 For you are the dwelling place within us,

 the empowerment around us,

 and the celebration among us,

 now and forever. Amen.

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**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

We Give Thanks

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

Therefore we greet each other with these words:

The Lord with you.

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts;

**we lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God

It is good and right so to do.

It is also right that, as we come to this table, we declare what we believe:

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

Trusting in God, believing in God, giving thanks to God we lend our hearts this day to the ancient story and join with angels and archangels, with saints present and saints past, and with those in every age who have opened their hearts to sing this unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung): (*Voices United*, p. 932-933, Haugen)

***Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;***

***Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest!***

***Blessed is the One who comes in your name.***

***Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!***

We Remember:

With song in our hearts and thanks on our lips, we gather around this table remembering another story:

On the night when Jesus accepted the path leading to death, he came to the table with his disciples and friends.

During the meal, Jesus took bread, lifted it to the heavens, and gave thanks, then broke the bread, and shared it around the table saying:

“Take, eat, all of you. This is my body, my whole being given for you. Each time you share this bread, remember me.”

Jesus also took the cup, and filled it, lifted it to the heavens and gave thanks, then passed the cup around the table saying:

Drink from this cup, all of you. This is my blood, the essence of who I am poured out for you. Each time you share this cup, remember me.” With wonder lighting our eyes and mystery warming our hearts we declare:

Memorial Acclamation (sung): (*Voices United*, p. 933, Haugen)

***Christ has died. Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come, come again.***

Prayer of Transformation:

Embracing the mystery of our faith, as a gathered community,

we name our purpose:

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God’s presence,**

**to live with respect in Creation,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**our judge and our hope.**

Come, God, who has created and is creating.

Come, Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Come Spirt, who works in us and others.

Come, God in whom we trust.

Let this meal nourish us, body, mind, and spirit, that we may be your presence in this world, bringing hope, bringing justice, bringing love so that others may know the truth that we embrace:

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us. We are not alone.**

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,

in unity with the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Amen**.

Great Amen (sung): ***Amen***! (*Voices United*, p. 933, Haugen)

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Communion Music:

Prayer after Communion:

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted,

**for the life we have received we thank you, God.**

Grant that what we have done and have been given here

**may so put its mark upon us that it may remain always in our hearts.**

Grant that we may become mature Christian, that ours may be the **faith which issues in action; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn VU 582** *There’s a Spirit in the Air*

**Commissioning**

We have opened ourselves to our Creator.

**God has been made known in the breaking of the bread.**

We open our hearts to the Living One.

**Let us thank God for all that is good.**

We thank God for all that is created and good.

**Celebrating the goodness of God, we go to serve others.**

**Blessing song:** **MV** *223 We will Go with God* twice through!

Post Service Slides

**Postlude**

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