

May 27, 2022 * Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday

We Gather – in Person and at a Distance

GREETING & GATHERING MUSIC

Prayer of the Children

Jerry Rubino

WELCOME & TIME OF SINGING

Jeff Hansen

As We Gather

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us.
As we gather may we glorify Your name.
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,
We'll be blessed because we came.
We'll be blessed because we came.

Open Our Eyes

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Open our hearts, Lord, that we might receive You,
Open our spirits, and teach us to worship.
Open our lips, Lord, and teach us to praise You,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life! I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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COMING TOGETHER

I'm so glad we're in God's life!
Yes! And grateful God will claim us!
Maybe God will shake us a bit too,
So we wake up – open our eyes
And realize we need to see Jesus in each other!
Do you suppose if we could do that
No one would need to carry guns
To school, or church, or wherever we gather?

Jesus Shall Reign

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 72; Rev. 1:4b-8

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
 2 Through Christ shall end - less prayer be made,
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
 4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er Christ reigns:
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
 borne by the Spir - it's cease - less aid;
 dwell on God's love with sweet - est song,
 the pris - oners leap to lose their chains,
 trib - utes of praise for all to sing;

God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore
 Like sweet per - fume new hymns shall rise
 And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
 The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 their ear - liest prayers in Je - sus' name.
 and all who suf - fer want are blessed.
 and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

The second half of a longer paraphrase of Psalm 72, this hymn was included in Isaac Watts' Psalms of David, a collection of psalm-based poems with New Testament orientation. John Hatton once lived on Duke Street in St. Helen's, Lancaster, England.

Tune: DUKE STREET L.M.
 Attrib. to John Hatton, c. 1793

***A PRAYER**

Jesus shall reign wherever the sun shines,

And your realm, God, will stretch from shore to shore – forevermore! Yes! Amen! So...when do you figure that will be, God? When do you think you'll finally and fully reign us in?! Some hope you'll make a sudden, dramatic breakthrough, whip the world into shape, and anybody who resists, well, they can go to hell – literally! But, if that was your plan wouldn't you have done that already? Your approach seems to be more gradual, hoping to win hearts and minds, that sort of thing. How can we help? After what happened to those children in Texas this week, we have to. In Christ. Amen.

We Lean in, Listen, Engage...

SHARING GOD'S PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Where Children Belong

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN:

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:44-53

*Often, at this point, a gift of music is offered by an individual or group. Today you're the group!
As we observe Memorial Day, as war rages in Ukraine, as violence takes innocent lives and breaks our hearts, we sing, not of a nationalistic glory, but of a longing that is deeper and larger, that is for all.*

This Is My Song

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,
 2. My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o-cean,
 3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-doms:

a song of peace for lands a-far and mine.
 and sun-light beams on clo-ver-leaf and pine;
 Thy king-dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;
 but oth-er lands have sun-light too, and clo-ver,
 Let Christ be lift-ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho-ly shrine;
 and skies are ev-ery-where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u-nit-ed learn to live as one.

but oth-er hearts in oth-er lands are beat-ing
 O hear my song, thou God of all the na-tions,
 O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na-tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my-self I give thee; let thy will be done.

WORDS: Sts. 1,2 Lloyd Stone, 1934; st. 3, Georgia Harkness, ca. 1939
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933

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SCRIPTURE READING:

John 17:20-26

For the word of God, in scripture, within, among us, and beyond us

Thanks be to God!

A MESSAGE:

“...because One is the *wholiest* number”

Jeff Hansen

KEY VERSE: “I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. *John 17:23*”

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***OFFERING THANKS**

Gracious One, that’s what we call you sometimes. So, what if we joined you in that, became part of you, surrendered, gave ourselves up, handed ourselves over, all that we have and are and are to become, to fall and rise into the Gracious Oneness that is you, in Christ, so that this prayer is finally realized...?

***OUR LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Scatter—Together, in Christ, Always

*CLOSING SONG

Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
we are the old — who yearn for your face,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, but



see in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. —
called to be light to the whole hu - man race. —
call us a - new to be salt for the earth. —
now is the King - dom, now is the day. —



Gath - er us in — the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in — the
Gath - er us in — the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in — the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in — all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. —
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. —
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. —
fire of love in our flesh and our bone. —

WORDS: Marty Haugen (Matt. 5:13)
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***A BLEST SENDING**

Gather us in and hold us forever,

Gather us in and make us your own;

Gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone. The fiery Love of the One in whom we are made whole as we melt into One! Amen! Into and with that one love, God send you, the Spirit fill you, Christ go with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere!

Amen! God bless! Go in love, go in hope, go in peace. Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC

Jerry Rubino

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Memorial Day
Monday, May 30th**

Honor those who've lost their lives fighting for our country's freedom!

***Celebration of Life for Matthew Schroeder
Visitation—Wednesday, June 1st, from 5-8 p.m.
Memorial Service—Thursday, June 2, at 2 p.m.***

**Sunday, June 5th
Graduation Sunday (during and after the service)
Celebration for the time we had together with Pastor Jeff (after the service)**

Statement of Call: We are called by God to be radically inclusive, caring community of faith offering personal and social transformation through Jesus Christ.

Reconciling Statement: We are a reconciling congregation welcoming people of all sexual orientations.

Climate Statement: As Christians and Stewards of the Earth, we are called to adopt practices and support public policies to combat the climate change crisis. Spirit of Hope UMC pledges to consider climate impact in its practices and policies.