

Sunday Service for May 19, 2019

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “O God Beyond All Praising” -arr. C. Callahn

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT “Open Our Eyes” (*See insert*)

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: Jesus reminded the disciples.

All: Love one another as I have loved you.

One: Jesus taught and witnessed God’s love.

All: Love one another as I have loved you.

One: Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

All: Let us love one another as Christ loved us. AMEN.

• GATHERING HYMN #16 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

• PRAYER AT GATHERING (*In unison*)

We thank You, God, for a love so strong, that You would create a universe and give us a place within it. That You would confront the worst that people can do and conquer it without drawing any blood but Your own. That You would live in the world You created, and inspire love for You in our hearts, so that when we take the time to look, we would find You in each other and magnify the love you have given to the world.

• SILENT PRAYER

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Ukuthula “ooo –koo—thoo-la.”

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #112 “Holy Ground” (*Sung by all*)

We are standing on holy ground,

and I know that there are angels all around;

let us praise Jesus now,

we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

(Repeat as needed)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Zoey Ferguson Bengs

The Address to Congregation

Question to Congregation

L: Into what faith are we baptizing this child?

P: **UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH** (*See insert*)

Question to Parents and Sponsors

Congregational Response (*In unison*)

We receive Zoey as a new person in Christ. We offer our understanding and support as she explores life. We enfold this child in our love, seeking together to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people. We join with the parents and godparents in telling the gospel in our midst so that Zoey may live with Christ, showing forth his for all people.

Pouring of Water and Baptismal Prayer (*Pastor*)

Naming of the Child

Presentation of the Child

Benediction

INTERLUDE "Walk With Me" (*Sung by all*)

(*Children age 3 – 8th grade are invited to join us for the last day of Sunday School.*)

**Walk with me; I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

(*Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.*)

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 148** (page 582)

Acts 11:1-18 (page 130)

Second Reading: **John 13:31-35** (page 108)

Revelation 21:1-6 (page 259)

SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM "Joyful, Joyful, Sing Praise" -J. Althouse

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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 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 INVITATION

OFFERTORY “I Love Thee, My Lord” -arr. D. Wagner

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that often feels as if it has forgotten how to love. Amen.

• SENDING HYMN #75 “I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “All Creatures of Our God and King” -arr. G. Young

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly. Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.

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*Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism of **Zoey Ferguson Bengs**. Her parents are David and Laura Bengs. Her sibling is Casey Bengs. The godparents are David Ferguson and Megan Bengs. The flowers in sanctuary are in celebration of Zoey’s Baptism from her grandparents.*

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith 361

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify.

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues and races.

You call us into your Church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world,
to resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.