

SUNDAY SERVICE FOR JUNE 27, 2021

PRELUDE "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" -arr. J. Rasley

WELCOME

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

(*Excerpts from Reaching for Rainbows by Ann Weems*)

One: I keep reaching for rainbows... thinking one God's morning I will wake up with hurts painted over in hues that only angel wings could brush.

All: The world created in a myriad of colors: The hungry fed, the dying held, the maimed walking, the angry stroked, the violent calmed, the oppressed freed, the oppressors changed, and every tear wiped away.

One: I keep reaching for rainbows...

All: I keep thinking I'll turn a corner one day and find a litany of rainbows flung across the sky, singing hosanna back and forth through all the ages and out into eternity forever amen!

One: Every tear wiped away...

All: It's a promise- when we become rainbows to each other.

• OPENING PRAYER (*In unison*)

Love Divine, whose mercies are fresh with the morning and whose grace amazes us into joy: Grant that, in our worship and in our daily living, we may be deeply aware of the strength of your mercy. Move us to claim your Spirit and share your strength with the world.

• SILENT REFLECTION

• 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (*Jaxon Michael Stevens*)

The Address to Congregation

Question to Congregation

L: Into what faith are we baptizing this child?

P: UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH (Hymnal page 361 or on Screen)

Question to Parents and Godparents

Congregational Response (*In unison*)

We receive Jaxon as a new person in Christ. We offer our understanding and support as he explores life. We enfold him 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 Jaxon may live with Christ, showing forth his love for all people.

Pouring of Water and Baptismal Prayer (Pastor)

Naming of the Child
Presentation of the Child
Benediction

GREETING TIME

(It is so wonderful to be able to greet each other with Christ's peace again. As we do, please respect each other's level of comfort. You may use verbal cues or hand signals such as: one hand up in a stop position means please just say hi. Hand positioned for a handshake; a shake is appropriate if both are comfortable. Hands open at side; a hug is welcome if both are comfortable.)

MUSICAL RESPONSE "Make Me a Servant"

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 130** (page 225)

Second Reading: **2 Corinthians 8:7-15** (page 183)

MESSAGE

MUSICAL REFLECTION "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" -arr. S. Cury

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

• CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #683 "O for a World"

• BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Come, All Sinners, Poor and Needy" -arr. M. Thewes

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.

THE OFFERING

The offering plates are located on tables outside the sanctuary. We are thankful for any gift which helps us accomplish Christ's ministry through Emanuel Church.