

**Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 29, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND GATHERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together;

*Eternal God, we come to You with hungry hearts waiting to be filled,  
waiting to be filled with a sense of Your presence, waiting to be filled with  
a sense of Your purpose for us, waiting to be filled with Your presence and  
the touch of Your spirit, waiting to be filled with a new sense of Your love  
for the world.*

*Come to us, we pray. Be with us. Touch us. Empower us as Your people  
that we might leave this place with new resolve to love all people as Jesus  
loved them and gave his life for them. In Jesus name, Amen.*

**OPENING ANTHEM**

**Assurance of Unity**

Joseph Martin

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Come,  
let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before God our Maker.*

**OPENING HYMN**

**O Jesus, I Have Promised, #612**

Words John E. Bode (c. 1868)

Music Arthur H. Mann (1881)

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*O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me feel thee near me!  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;*

*my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.*

*O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.*

*O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my master and my friend.*

### **UNISON PRAYER**

*Loving God, we live in a troubled world that is divided by war, hunger, unrest and political strife. Help us to be healers, not ones who inflict pain. Help us to be uniters, not dividers. Help us lift up the downtrodden, not push them deeper into their sadness. Help us to be those who reach to help and not hurt. Teach us that this is what Jesus did. May we be Jesus in the world to bring hope to the hopeless, rest to the weary, and food to the hungry. We pray in Jesus' name and pray as He taught us, saying...*

### **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.

### **GLORI PATRI**

#### **Glory Be to the Father, #35**

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*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.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### CHILDREN'S HYMN

#### **This Little Light of Mine**

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*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (X3)  
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-37

Matthew 22:34-40

**SERMON** *Ten or Two?* Rev. Keith Weekley

### HYMN

#### **Be Thou My Vision, #595**

Words Trans., Mary E. Byrne (1905); Versifier, Eleanor H. Hull (1912, alt.)  
Music Carlton R. Young (1963)  
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Music: 1964 Abingdon Press (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)  
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*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

### MORNING OFFERING

#### WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

We joyfully offer ourselves in God's work using our time, talent, and treasure. If you have not made your offering, please feel free to take your offering up at this time!

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

### **From the Rising to the Setting of the Sun**

David Lantz III, Susan B. Boersma  
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## **DOXOLOGY**

### **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, #46**

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

*Holy God, we give to You today, not because we think we can impress people, or because we can by favor with You. We give because we are compelled by love to minister to those who need You in the many ways we all need You. Accept our gifts as expressions of our love for You and the people with whom we worship every Sunday. Amen*

## **WE PAUSE TO REFLECT AND PRAY**

Prayers of the People: You are invited to offer prayers of concerns or joys.

Pastor: God is with you

*All: And also, with you*

Pastor: Let us pray

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **SUNG RESPONSE**

### **Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, #306**

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*Hear our Prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer O Lord.  
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us thy peace. Amen.*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **Battle Hymn of the Republic, #705**

Words Julia Ward Howe (1861, alt.)

Music William Steffe

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*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;  
his truth is marching on.*

[Refrain:]

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*

*His truth is marching on.*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out all human hearts before his judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. [Refrain]*

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;  
as he died to make us holy, let us die to make all free,  
while God is marching on. [Refrain]*

## **BENEDICTION**

### **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

#### **O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, #432**

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Music: Alexander R. Reinagle (1836)

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*O Christ, the Way, the Truth the Life,  
be with us now, we pray;  
direct our steps as we go forth  
to do your will this day.*

*O faithful Guide, renew our trust  
in love that does not fail;  
and give us strength to work and pray,  
that peace may soon prevail.*

## **RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE**