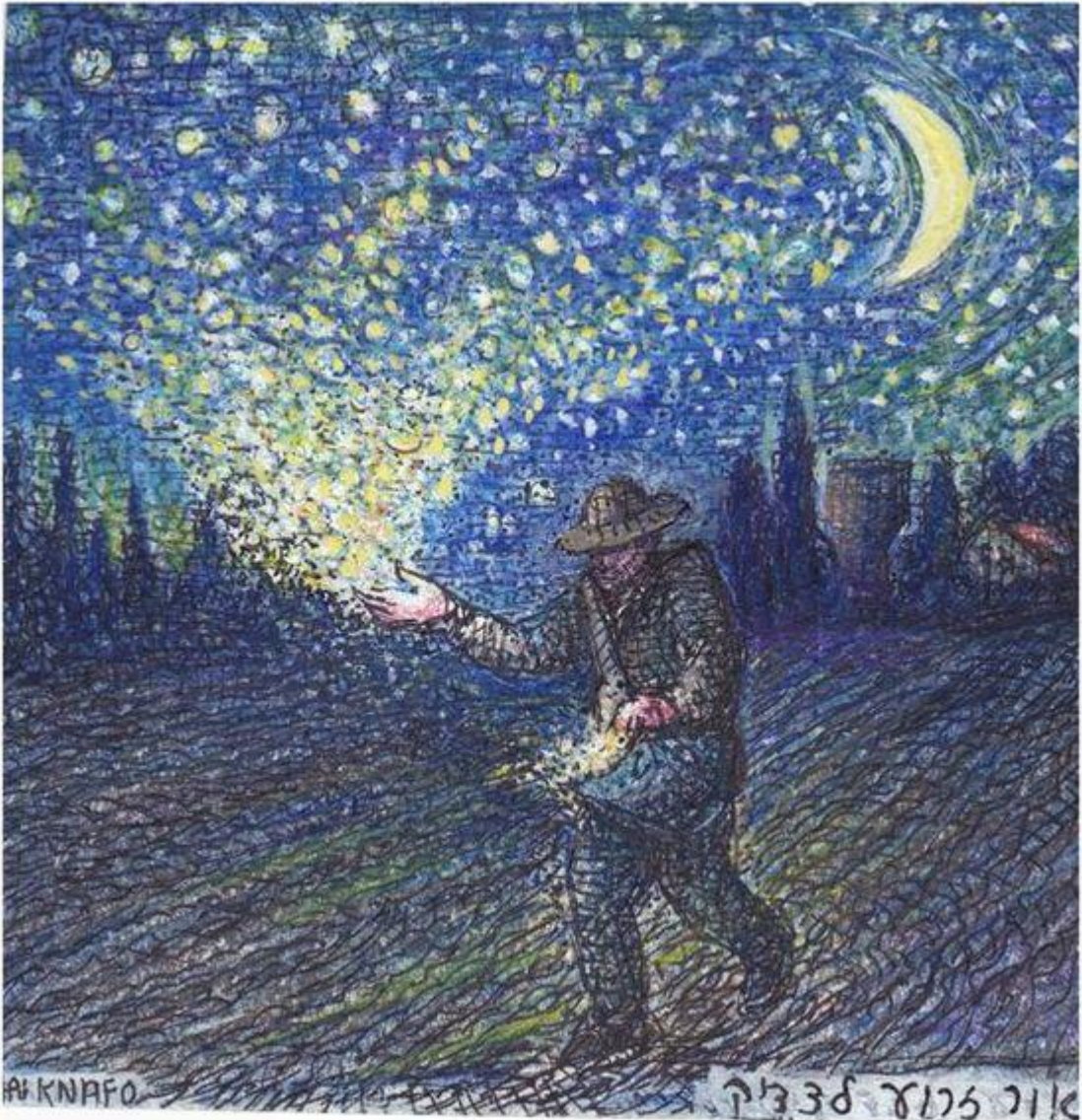


# Grace United Church of Christ

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, July 12, 2020



Starlight sowerby artist HAI KNAFO 2011 inspired by Or Zaruaa

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***We Gather***

Prelude

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee",  
Anonymous, arr. Marianne Kim

Jonas Dawson

Welcome

Preparing our Hearts

Call to Worship

L: God visits the earth and waters it  
Greatly enriching the earth.

**P: God waters the earth, softening it with showers,  
And blessing the earth.**

L: Along with the hills, the meadows, and the valleys,

**P: Let us shout and sing together for joy!**

Opening Hymn

"Welcome"

3152 W&S (insert)

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin  
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,  
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace,  
singing welcome, welcome to this place.  
You're invited to come and know God's grace.  
All are welcome the love of God to share  
'cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,  
where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,  
and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,  
singing welcome, welcome to this place.  
You're invited to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome the love of God to share  
'cause all of us are welcome here;  
all are welcome in this place.

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,  
a city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,  
where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice,  
singing welcome, welcome to this place.

You're invited to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome the love of God to share  
'cause all of us are welcome here;  
all are welcome in this place.

#### Opening Prayer

Loving God, you created life in us and all around us.

Open us to receive your gifts of your world and your word

that we may be not just hearers of the word, but doers also. **Amen.**

#### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,**

**your gifts to us: our lives, this world, and your word to us.**

**When we receive your word,**

**may we nurture it so that it grows roots within us.**

**May we not be distracted by the lure of wealth or the cares of the world.**

**Let us be good soil, receiving your word, understanding it, and acting upon it.**

**Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon (based on Romans 8:1-11)

**We claim what the apostle Paul teaches:**

**the Spirit of God dwells in you.**

**You are forgiven and free.**

**There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

***We Listen***

First Reading	Romans 8: 1-11	
Special Music	"Thy Word", words and music by Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant	Jonas Dawson
Gospel	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor
Children's Message		
Sermon	"The Power of Now!"	Pastor Rob

***We Respond***

Pastoral Prayers

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

***We are Sent***

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Blessing

Closing Hymn	"O For a World "	NCH # 575 (insert)
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Dismissal

Postlude	"Declaration", Fenton Groden ~~~~~	Jonas Dawson
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# O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

1 O for a world where ev - ery-one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,  
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.  
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

*Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.*

Tune: AZMON C.M.  
Carl G. Gläser, 1828  
Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839





# Daily Bible Readings

## July 2020

**Wednesday,**

**July 1, 2020:**

Psalm 47; Isaiah 51:1-3; Matthew 11:20-24 OR

Psalm 119:161-168; Jeremiah 18:1-11; Matthew 11:20-24

**Thursday, July 2, 2020:**

Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 25:19-27; Romans 7:1-6 OR Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 1:1-6; Romans 7:1-6

**Friday, July 3, 2020:**

Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:1-17; Romans 7:7-20 OR Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 2:6-13; Romans 7:7-20

**Saturday, July 4, 2020:**

Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:18-29; Luke 10:21-24 OR Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 4:1-7; Luke 10:21-24

**Sunday, July 5, 2020: Proper 9 (14)**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13 • Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14 • Romans 7:15-25a • Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**Monday, July 6, 2020:**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 27:30-46; Romans 1:18-25 OR Psalm 131; Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22; Romans 1:18-25

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020:**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 29:1-14; Romans 3:1-8 OR Psalm 131; Jeremiah 28:10-17; Romans 3:1-8

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020:**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 29:31-35; John 13:1-17 OR Psalm 131; Jeremiah 13:1-11; John 13:1-17

**Thursday, July 9, 2020:**

Psalm 119:105-112; Exodus 3:1-6; Romans 2:12-16 OR Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 48:1-5; Romans 2:12-16

**Friday, July 10, 2020:**

Psalm 119:105-112; Deuteronomy 32:1-10; Romans 15:14-21 OR Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 48:6-11; Romans 15:14-21

**Saturday, July 11, 2020:**

Psalm 119:105-112; Isaiah 2:1-4; John 12:44-50 OR Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 52:1-6; John 12:44-50

**Sunday, July 12, 2020: Proper 10 (15)**

Genesis 25:19-34 and Psalm 119:105-112 • Isaiah 55:10-13 and Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13 • Romans 8:1-11 • Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Monday, July 13, 2020:**

Psalm 142; Micah 1:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 OR Psalm 92; Leviticus 26:3-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

**Tuesday, July 14, 2020:**

Psalm 142; Jeremiah 49:7-11; Ephesians 4:17-5:2 OR Psalm 92; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Ephesians 4:17-5:2

**Wednesday, July 15, 2020:**

Psalm 142; Obadiah 15-21; Matthew 13:10-17 OR Psalm 92; Proverbs 11:23-30; Matthew 13:10-17

**Thursday, July 16, 2020:**

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Isaiah 44:1-5; Hebrews 2:1-9 OR Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 41:21-29; Hebrews 2:1-9

**Friday, July 17, 2020:**

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Ezekiel 39:21-29; Hebrews 6:13-20 OR Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:9-17; Hebrews 6:13-20

**Saturday, July 18, 2020:**

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Exodus 14:9-25; Matthew 7:15-20 OR Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:18-20; Matthew 7:15-20

**Sunday, July 19, 2020: Proper 11 (16)**

**Genesis 28:10-19a and Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 • Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8 and Psalm 86:11-17 • Romans 8:12-25 • Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

**Monday, July 20, 2020:**

Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 32:3-21; Revelation 14:12-20 OR Psalm 75; Nahum 1:1-13; Revelation 14:12-20

**Tuesday, July 21, 2020:**

Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 33:1-17; Galatians 4:21-5:1 OR Psalm 75; Zephaniah 3:1-13; Galatians 4:21-5:1

**Wednesday, July 22, 2020:**

Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 35:16-29; Matthew 12:15-21 OR Psalm 75; Daniel 12:1-13; Matthew 12:15-21

**Thursday, July 23, 2020:**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:1-8; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20 OR Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:28-37; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20

**Friday, July 24, 2020:**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:9-14; Acts 7:44-53 OR Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:38-48; Acts 7:44-53

**Saturday, July 25, 2020:**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:31-30:24; Matthew 12:38-42 OR Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 2:1-4; Matthew 12:38-42

**Sunday, July 26, 2020: Proper 12 (17)**

**Genesis 29:15-28 and Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 • 1 Kings 3:5-12 and Psalm 119:129-136 • Romans 8:26-39 • Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

**Monday, July 27, 2020:**

Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:25-36; James 3:13-18 OR Psalm 119:121-128; 1 Kings 3:16-28; James 3:13-18

**Tuesday, July 28, 2020:**

Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:37-43; Ephesians 6:10-18 OR Psalm 119:121-128; 1 Kings 4:29-34; Ephesians 6:10-18

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020:**

Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 46:2-47:12; Mark 4:30-34 OR Psalm 119:121-128; Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33; Mark 4:30-34

**Thursday, July 30, 2020:**

Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 14:1-2; Philippians 4:10-15 OR Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Proverbs 10:1-5; Philippians 4:10-15

**Friday, July 31, 2020:**

Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 41:8-10; Romans 9:6-13 OR Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Isaiah 51:17-23; Romans 9:6-13





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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE  
Children's Message: N/A  
Children's Church: N/A  
Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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