

Covenant United Methodist Church

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**July 4, 2021
6th Sunday after Pentecost
Virtual and Indoor Worship Bulletin**



Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship:

The prophets of old spoke of God's justice,
even when it was unwelcome.
Who will hear their message?

We will listen and we will hear!

Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled,
preaching and teaching all who would listen.

Who will hear his message?

We will listen and we will hear!

Christ sent out disciples two by two,
to spread the good news in any place
that would welcome them.

Who will hear their message?

We will listen and we will hear!

God's prophets are among us still,
around the world and in these pews.

Who will hear their message?

We will listen and we will hear!

— from To Hear and Be Heard, An Intergenerational Liturgy for the Sixth Sunday of Pentecost, year B,
written by the Rev. Dr. Laurel Koepf Taylor. Posted on the **United Church of Christ Worship
Ways** website.

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, you have made all of the peoples of the earth for your glory. You invite us to serve you in freedom and in peace. Give to the people of our nation a zeal for justice and the strength for forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. We ask this on a day of celebration, a day of hope for a nation made free. We ask this in the name of the one who welcomes all to be free indeed. Inspire us to live and worship in your freedom and for the sake of your kingdom. Amen. (Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer)

Opening Hymn

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing
Covenant Virtual Choir

Scripture

Mark 6:1-13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

This is My Song
Anita Stonebraker, Nancy Wilcox, Ron Davison, Paul Rabenhorst

Sermon

Pastor Dawn

Invitation to Offering

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table, Confession, and Pardon

Christ our Lord calls to his Table: all who hurt and are beaten down by the stresses of life; all who love him and earnestly seek to live in peace with one another; all who repent of their sin and long to follow the call of discipleship. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to love you most of all. We have failed to fully be your church in this time and place. We have sinned against you and each another by things we have done and things we have left undone. We have not loved our neighbors because we have failed to see the Christ in others. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to walk in the light of your grace, and in full obedience to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Despite our brokenness, Christ died for us that we might have life. That proves God's gracious love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread & the Cup

Closing Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness
Covenant Virtual Choir

Benediction

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