

June 16, 2024

10:00 am

\*AN ASTERISK IN THE BULLETIN INDICATES THAT ALL FOR WHOM IT IS COMFORTABLE SHOULD RISE FOR THAT PART OF THE SERVICE\*

### RINGING OF THE CHIMES

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Moriah Park

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'In the Bulb There Is a Flower'

No. 638

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Holy One, to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

ALL: To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night,

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

ALL: For you, O God, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

ALL: They are planted in the house of the Holy One; they flourish in the courts of our God.

Leader: In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of nectar,

All: Showing that the Divine One is upright; God is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in the Holy One.

### OPENING PRAYER<sup>1</sup>

### \*PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE<sup>1</sup> (in unison)

Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. We ask for forgiveness from you, and from those who are in our lives - our siblings who are also made in your image. We thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace in all we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

\*WORDS OF GRACE1

\*SUNG RESPONSE

'Come and Find the Quiet Center' (vs 1)

#### SCRIPTURE

#### Mark 4:26-34

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus said, "This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. <sup>29</sup> Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvesttime."

<sup>30</sup> He continued, "What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? <sup>31</sup> Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; <sup>32</sup> but when it's planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade."

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. <sup>34</sup> He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

# REFLECTION AND RECOGNITION OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SHEPHERDS

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# MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Bell Choir

During this time, we invite you to embrace the transition from hearing the word to gathering ourselves in prayer by taking a moment for quiet reflection either in your pew, or by coming forward to light a candle to give light to the prayer(s) on your heart that have no words to be expressed.

### Come and Light a Candle...



### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

# THE PRAYER OF JESUS (in unison)

Our Creator (Father) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### CALL FOR OFFERINGS<sup>1</sup>

**OFFERTORY** 'Healing River' (Hellerman/Minkoff/Haufrecht)

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 'Come and Find the Quiet Center' (vs 3) No. 575

PRAYER OF DEDICATION<sup>1</sup>

**HYMN** 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness' No. 86

**BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE 'Bell Peal' (Hopson)

Bell Choir

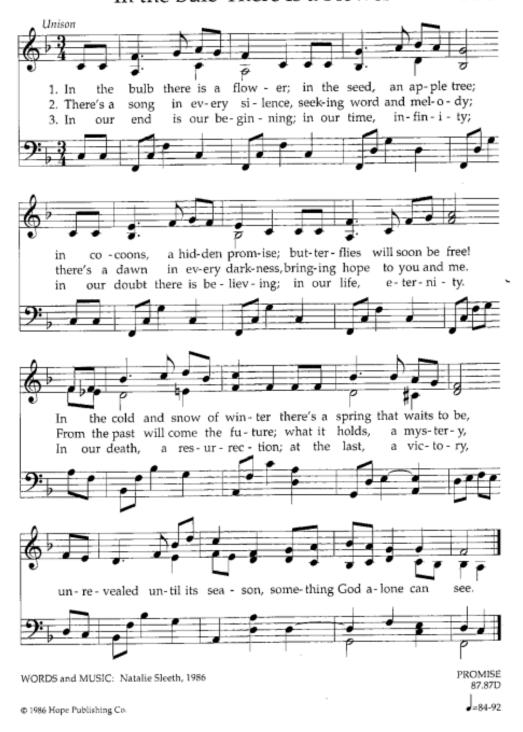
# Participating In Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor Alex Green, Music Director Vanessa Naghdi, Guest Soloist Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

<sup>1</sup>Ochoa, Rev. Roberto. "After Pentecost 4b – June 16." *United Church of Christ*, UCC Worship Ways, 22 May 2024, www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-4b-june-16/.

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