

Season of Pentecost Worship Allin  
Congregational Church, UCC  
August 9, 2020

PRELUDE

*Blessed Assurance*

Lucy Ann Warriner

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

PSALM 105:1-6, 16-28

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.  
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.  
Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he  
uttered,  
O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.  
When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread,  
he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.  
His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron;  
until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord kept testing him.  
The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.  
He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions,  
to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.  
Praise the Lord!

HYMN

*Softly and Tenderly*

Will L. Thompson

Kaitlyn Frazer and Janice Girard

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER...

One: In the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

One: Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

(Isaiah 40:31 NRSV)

**All: We need this kind of hope.**

One: Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where you are.  
Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

**All: We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to God.**

One: God of Presence,

**All: as you walked upon the water to meet the disciples,  
meet us in the midst of the storms in our lives.**

One: God of Renewal,

**All: as you lifted Peter from the water,  
lift us from despair to hope,  
from distraction to focus,  
from death to life.**

One: God of the Journey,

**All: direct us in your way,  
work out your purpose in and through our lives.**

We pray in the name of Christ who taught us to pray saying ...

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.

## PRAYERS

## SCRIPTURE

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-24

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now,

let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Anthem

*Pie Jesu*

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Kaitlyn Frazer and Janice Girard

Sermon

Postlude

*Revive Us Again*

Mark Hayes

There is no Zoom Prayer this week or next week as Pastor Cheryl is on vacation. She will be back in the “office” on August 17.