

Season of Pentecost Worship  
Allin Congregational Church, UCC  
August 30, 2020

PRELUDE

*This Day*

Lowell Alexander

WELCOME and INTRODUCTION

**Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c**

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.  
Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.  
And the Lord made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes,  
whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.  
He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen.  
Praise the Lord!

HYMN

*O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

Washington Gladden and Henry Percy Smith

Janice Girard, Kirie Santos, Michele Connolly, Tony Santos

PRAYER OF INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High

**All: Seek God here.**

One: We who come to be inspired and changed

**All: Seek God's Spirit here.**

One: We who know how little we know

**All: Seek God's Word here.**

One: God you are made known to us in the rustling wind that blows,

**All: in the blazing fire that does not consume,**

One: in the face of the good,

**All: in the deep of the unknown.**

One: We meet you here. We accept your greeting.

One: We welcome your inspiration.

**All: We await the change you have in store for us.**  
**All: Draw us in to you. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention.**  
One: Bring us to you – you who are already with us.  
One: Help us to be as you would have us be.  
**All: Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**  
**All: here and everywhere, now and always, in the words he taught us to pray saying,**  
**All: Our Father, who art in heaven...**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE read by Sam Griesmer

### **Romans 12:9-21**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### **Matthew 16:21-28**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

ANTHEM

*Morning Has Broken* arr. Cat Stevens  
Janice Girard, Kirie Santos, Michele Connolly, Tony Santos

SERMON

***It Will Get Worse Before It Gets Better***

POSTLUDE

*In the Sweet By and By* arr. Sullivan Robbins

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