

David's UCC on July 26, 2020
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
Online Worship Bulletin



Opening Music – (please note – the music will play approximately 10 minutes prior to 10:00 a.m.)

Welcome – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Call to Worship – *Mark Anthony*

One: Let us open our hearts to the sunshine of God's love.

Many: Let us open our souls to the gentle wind of God's Spirit.

One: Let us turn to God, hating what is evil and loving what is just.

Many: So may justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

One: We gather in this way to hear the good news of God's love made known to us in the person of Jesus the Christ.

All: *Glory be to God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, who loves, saves, and renews God's Spirit within us. Amen.*

Invocation –

Children's Moment –

Announcements and Invitation for Support – www.davidsucc.org

Special Music – *Tim Williams*

"Think About His Love" Walt Harrah, arr. Mark Hayes

Canticle – Psalm 105: 1 - 8, 43, 45 (The Message)

One: Hallelujah! Thank God! Pray to God by name!

Many: We will tell everyone we meet what God has done!

One: Sing God songs, belt out hymns of praise,

Many: We will translate God's wonders into the music of our lives!

One: You who seek God, honor God's holy name with Hallelujahs. Live a happy life!

Many: We will keep our eyes open for God, alert to God's presence, watching for signs of God at work.

One: Remember the world of wonders God has made, God's miracles and verdicts.

Many: We are God's servant people, the children of God, chosen and loved.

One: O God, our God, you are in charge of the whole earth.

Many: God remembers God's Covenant, for a thousand years God's word has been good.

One: Remember, God leads God's people out singing for joy, singing their hearts out.

Many: We will do all that God has told us, follow God's instructions to the letter. Hallelujah!

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **God of new life and love, we often say that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Yet when we consider how we live and act, we confess our failure to live in Christ, to act out of love. You have promised to be with us always, yet our fear for the future shows we do not trust fully in you. You love us with a great, eternal, and costly love, yet our self-doubt shows that we have not remained open to your love. You promise that where your Spirit is, there is freedom, yet the injustice in your church and the world we inhabit shows that we have not truly allowed you to set us free. God, guide us on the slow journey of growth. Free us from our fears, our prejudice, our self-hatred, that we may live in Christ in the freedom of your Spirit. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Hymn – "Seek Ye First"

(Tim will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**
- 2. Ask, and it will be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door will be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

Scripture –

Hebrew: Genesis 29: 15 - 28

Epistle: Romans 8: 26 – 28, 35 – 39

Gospel: Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 - 52

Sermon – "The Wonder of Small Things (as love overcomes hate, good triumphs over evil)

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" with "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Beethoven and Bach, arr. Phillip Keveren