

Venice United Church of Christ

June 29, 2025

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Barbara Dickason, BCC

Sermon: “Strong with Resolve”

United in Christ’s love,

A just world for all

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Singing Prelude *Be Strong in the Lord (2x)* Johnson

Refrain

Be strong, be

strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good cour-age for God is your guide. Be

strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and re-joice for the vic-tory is yours.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The score is divided into a Refrain section and two main verses. The Refrain section consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) with the lyrics 'Be strong, be'. The first verse consists of two staves with the lyrics 'strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good cour-age for God is your guide. Be'. The second verse consists of two staves with the lyrics 'strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and re-joice for the vic-tory is yours.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a singing prelude.

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MUSIC: Tom Feltke (1941-)
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STRENGTH!
11.11.11 10.

Welcome and Announcements

Good morning, Venice United Church of Christ. Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus who welcomes each and every one of us into this sacred space this morning. I am Pastor Barb, and John Yahres will be our liturgist today. Sue Jack is our song leader.

Beautifying our sanctuary today, we have flowers given by Barb Quinn in Celebration of her granddaughter Sara Sinkewicz, who recently graduated from high school in Essex, Vermont, and will attend UConn in the fall.

We also take time to recognize and celebrate Pride month. Here at Venice UCC, we welcome, affirm, and choose good trouble throughout the year, and also honor this special time of lifting up the unique and beautiful ways in which God has created us all.

For those of us who are worshipping with us online, whether today or some point in the future, I invite you to like us, share us, and let your presence be known in the comments so that we can keep each other in prayer.

For those of us here in this space of stained glass and compassionate friendship, if you have a prayer request or

a joy to share, please make sure that you let the office know, as I want to make sure that we can lift up everyone's prayers as we worship.

For some of you, this is your first time joining us. I hope that you have been warmly greeted and have notated your presence at our welcome table. We are excited to get to know you.

For in this holy, wonderful, ordinary space,
as Venice United Church of Christ,
we empower and invite everyone
to join us in this divine place
that we share on line and in person.

For when we gather, everyone is invited,
no matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey,
and no one is turned away.

Finally I will briefly mention a few activities that are coming up.

Following Worship, everyone is invited to gather for a time of fellowship across the lane in Naar Hall. Rob and I are taking our turns hosting today, and encourage you all to check out the sign up sheet on the clip boards as you make your way through line.

As those of us at a distance continue our summer sojourns, SpiritFed, our Monday Noon Lunch Zoom meets each week, keeping us connected through prayer and Bible Study. Simply tap on the link in our Monday reminder, or find it in the bulletin on our app. For those in the Venice area, our Wednesday Bible Study has just begun a study on Luke. For those joining us this week, we are reading and discussing the first four chapters.

For We come to worship a generous, steadfastly loving God, who created and names each of us a beloved child of God.

So Come, beautifully authentic, humbly transforming, faithfully Good-news following body of Christ, and let us Worship God!

We Approach God's Presence

Meditation/Bringing in the Light of Christ

O Jesus, I have Promised

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Responsive Call to Worship¹

John Yahres

Come and worship!

Let us lift our voices responsively as God calls us to our worship together.

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

You work wonders and display your glory.

How great is our God!

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so merciful as our God?

You redeem your people from generation to generation.

How merciful is our God!

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so just as our God?

You hear the cries of the troubled and move in righteousness.

How just is our God!

Please rise in body or in spirit to sing ...

***Hymn**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service


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Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life

We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the

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Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Zundel, 1855
 For another key, see 43, 368

***Prayer for Transformation and New Life²**

Let us pray:

God who journeys with us,

Sometimes the call to follow you comes softly and gently. At other times, your call rushes in with urgency and may even overwhelm us as we balance the obligations of the day with the needs of the day.

Gift us with discernment to know what needs our attention, focus, and energy. Free us of distractions, especially those we create for ourselves. Remind us how to breathe and to be gracious toward one another.

We gather together as we follow you, for we travel a road we have not built and have not journeyed before. We rely upon you to lead us into the fullness of life and your kin-dom.

For You have made rough ways smooth.

You have parted seas.

You have given us strength to climb mountains
and courage to traverse valleys.

We open ourselves to the heartbreak of caring for the world that you love. We claim hope and joy as our inheritance and portion. We remember that you are with us and give you thanks for the journey.

Hallelujah!

Amen

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*Words of Grace

Hear these words of Grace:

Beloved, the grace of God companions with you along the road.
We journey this life in Christ, through Christ, and with Christ.
Trust and rely upon the wisdom of the Everlasting One who knows you,
the gifts you bring, and the burdens you bear.
New life and transformation, as all things, are possible with God.
Receive God's grace to free you from fear in order to embrace the journey.

*Response

Don't be Afraid

...

Gently

Don't be a-fraid. My love is strong-er, my love is strong-er than your

fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is strong-er and

I have prom-ised, prom-ised to be al-ways near.

We Encounter God in the Word

First Reading “Galatians 5:22-25”

the Message

22-26 But what happens when we live God’s way? God brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.

Legalism is helpless in bringing this about; it only gets in the way. Among those who belong to Christ, everything connected with getting our own way and mindlessly responding to what everyone else calls necessities is killed off for good—crucified.

Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

I am the Vine

Talbot

Second Reading

Luke 9:51-62

the Voice

51 The time approached for Him to be taken back up *to the Father*; so strong with resolve, Jesus made Jerusalem His destination.

52 He sent some people ahead of Him into the territory of the Samaritans, *a minority group at odds with the Jewish majority*. He wanted His messengers to find a place for them to stay in a village *along the road to Jerusalem*. **53** But because the Samaritans realized Jesus was going to Jerusalem, they refused to welcome them.

James and John (*outraged*): **54** Lord, do You want us to call down fire from heaven to destroy these people who have rejected You? [Just as Elijah did.]

Jesus (*turning toward them and shaking His head*): **55** You just don't get it. [**56** The Son of Man didn't come to ruin the lives of people, but He came to liberate them.]

He led them on toward another village. **57** Farther along on the road, a man volunteered to become a disciple.

Volunteer: I'll follow You to any destination.

Jesus: **58** Foxes are at home in their burrows. Birds are at home in their nests. But the Son of Man has no home. **59** You (to another person)—I want you to follow Me!

Another Volunteer: *I'd be glad to*, Teacher, but let me first attend to my father's funeral.

Jesus: **60** Let the dead bury their dead. I'm giving you a different calling—to go and proclaim the kingdom of God.

A Third Volunteer: **61** I'll come, Jesus. I'll follow You. But just let me first run home to say good-bye to my family.

Jesus: **62** Listen, if your hand is on the plow but your eyes are looking backward, then you're not fit for the kingdom of God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

May the Words of my mouth,
And the meditation of all of our hearts
Be acceptable in your sight, O Lord,
Our rock and our sustainer.

At our men’s breakfast yesterday, we were all asked this question: “What is your greatest accomplishment?” And as a natural pause followed that question’s final syllable while we all pondered our answers, I couldn’t help but wonder what I might hear from my fellow break-fasters. Perhaps someone had invented something really cool. Or taught a student who ended up relying on that class for their future renown or fame. Or been instrumental in helping to shift societies mores. Or helped a nonprofit gather the resources and volunteers it needed to finally meet a need in their community in a comprehensive way. I waited, and then the answers came. Not all at once, but reflectively throughout the meal. And what did I discover? Ironically, a majority answered that question in a very similar way ... a way that took me by surprise but in hindsight made a lot of sense.

You see, they weren’t answering the question in a situational sense, such as when a boss or employer asks you to respond to this question as a part of your annual review. They weren’t even answering in a geographical sense such as before arriving in Venice and after arriving in Venice.

No, they were looking back out over a lifetime, and answering metaphysically.... As if to say, this, this is what will outlive me. This is what I set my face towards... with strong resolve I ran this

race... and for but by the grace of God, my efforts would have been for nought.

In our passage from Luke this morning, our narrator uses the imagery of a journey to shift our attention from where Jesus has been and what he has been doing, to where he is going next. In our passages last week, Luke tells us stories that demonstrated the amazing power that Jesus was able to yield: calming the wind and waves, casting out demons, healing the afflicted, and raising up to life those who were dead. And yet, only the demons were able to see him for who he was: Jesus, Son of the most Holy God.

And then, just a few verses before the passage that we heard this morning, James, John, and Peter climbed with Jesus up the side of a mountain, fell asleep while Jesus was praying, and suddenly awoke to see there on the top of the mountain that something like a cloud had descended and an incandescent Elijah and Moses had joined a now similarly glowing Jesus for a chat. Do you remember this scene? We celebrated the Transfiguration during the season, before Easter.

Now, according to which gospel you read it in, the disciples were in such awe that they were more concerned about building a memorial to commemorate the occasion than with what it might mean for Jesus to be having this conversation in the first place. For in Luke the disciples overhear snatches of this mountaintop conversation about Jesus' 'departure' and that it must occur in Jerusalem. They just have no idea what it means. Even after a Voice speaks to them from everywhere and nowhere all at once proclaiming: "This is my son! This is the One I have chosen! Listen to him!"

Now, like the pause that settled in the room after the question ‘What’s your greatest accomplishment’ was asked yesterday, when Jesus, Peter, James, and John descend the mountain it appears, at first, that Jesus is getting back to business as usual: casting out demons, teaching his disciples, healing members of the crowd that surrounded him. He does try to explain what is coming next for him: that he would be turned over to the authorities and arrested. But James and John are still so impressed with the mountaintop encounter that they failed to see its application, and instead began to argue about which of them would be the greatest of Jesus’ disciples. So Jesus finds a child who will stand beside him — a child who, in the society at the time, has no social position and is of less value than even a slave — and tells his disciples to be more like that child. And then, when the disciples become too click-y and get upset with someone who is not in their group casting out demon’s in Jesus’ name, Jesus tells them to stop, and draw their circle wider.

Which finally brings us back to our passage this morning. For after the pause, after his time of reflection, Jesus, strong with resolve, set his face for Jerusalem.

I can’t help but wonder about that kind of resolve.

This past week, just four days ago, the United Church of Christ celebrated the 68th anniversary of the more than five faith communities, who, strong with resolve, had worked for decades towards the unification of their many organizational bodies into one. Some might describe this event as the anniversary of our denomination’s founding, but in placing Christ as the head of the church, that inclusive honor lays with him. So, here in the church,

we are celebrating a united and uniting church that recognized a significant milestone on our Journey with Jesus on June 25, 1957. This doesn't mean that the journey to become a united and uniting church was an easy one. Like Jesus' disciples, many struggled with recognizing where the true power lay and how each congregation could still maintain their autonomy while creating a structure that would allow them to do their larger ministries together. Some struggled with what it meant to include everyone in the body of Christ, and to center voices in our national and regional conversations about who we are and who we keep becoming that our society prefers to push to the periphery or even slam the door on whenever they meet 'in the room where it happens'. Some churches even joined the new united and uniting church dishonestly... simply because the new structure gave them the autonomy over their buildings and grounds that their previous denominational structure had denied... and they joined so that they could not just leave, but they could leave and take their buildings with them. And through it all, through lawsuits and many conversations and prayer, and with faces set upon a Christ who desires that we all be one, many worked among us with strong resolve to bring us all together as one body of Christ.³

And so we cling to our understanding that the Spirit of God is still moving and speaking among us, even as we challenge each other not to put a period where God put a comma. When we are stretched to draw the circle wide enough to see God's spirit at work in casting out demons and in healing ministries embodied by those we don't consider to be a part of our Jesus' group. For we are challenged to continue to keep living into our covenant of

³ <https://www.ucc.org/who-we-are/about/history/#united-church>

being united and uniting church, together.

But there are times and situations that keep challenging and confronting us.

In our passage this morning, just as Jesus, with strong resolve, decides to set his face towards Jerusalem, he and the disciples meet with resistance. Having decided to begin his journey in Samaria, a region that had a generations old enmity with Judea, Jesus sends a delegation out before him to find out if they might be able to stay at a village along the way. But the delegation returns, with less than positive news. As pilgrims headed to Jerusalem, they are not welcome there. So James and John, still filled with the awe of seeing Moses and Elijah on that mountaintop and still not understanding why Jesus picked a random kid out the crowd and told them to be more like that kid, ask Jesus if it's time for an Elijah moment — to call down fire upon the heads of the villagers and destroy all those that would deny the great power of God resting upon Jesus.

And once again, Jesus corrects them. Then, according to many ancient manuscripts he said, “You do not know what spirit you are of, for the Son of Man has not come to destroy the lives of humans but to save them.”

A bit ironic, isn't it? They tried to stop someone who was healing in Jesus' name but wasn't a part of their group, and yet, even as a part of the group, they just don't yet understand the root of Jesus' motivation and resolve: God's deep and abiding compassion and love for all humanity and creation which Jesus manifests.

In the spring of 1957, another story was unfolding among us that challenged the pillars of power. Frank Kameny was fired from the

US Military, and was suing the US Government in court charging that his termination was unlawful. He lost, but he didn't simply disappear in defeat. Instead, he began actively protesting unequal hiring and retention practices, co-founding the DC branch of the Mattachine Society. By the early 1970s, he became the first openly LGBTQ candidate for US Congress. He petitioned the American Psychological Society to remove homosexuality from the list of then-delineated mental illnesses, and worked with strong resolve to overturn the ban that kept those among us who are gay out of the military. Known familiarly as the 'father of Gay Rights', Frank, an avid astronomer, worked tirelessly to draw the circle wide.⁴

Now, as a proclaimed atheist, there are those who would draw a circle to keep him out. After all, as an atheist he certainly wasn't invoking Jesus' name as he worked with strong resolve to make life better for those who many have sought, and at times even succeeded, in destroying in Christ's name.

And yet, like the man who was not a part of Jesus' group who was healing and casting out demons, he appears to have intuitively known the root of Christ's motivation: God's deep and abiding compassion and love for all humanity and creation which Jesus manifests.

And just because we follow Jesus does not mean that we are automatically one with Jesus in accordance with the loving, compassionate, merciful Spirit of God. After all, Jesus rebuked James and John by saying: "You do not know what spirit you are of, for the Son of Man has not come to destroy the lives of

⁴ <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/LGBTQ-History.pdf>

humans but to save them.”

Which is where our passage from Galatians this morning can really help us. After all, just as Jesus set his face towards Jerusalem with strong resolve, knowing what was to come and taking the time to pause, pray, and count the cost, so too, those of us who choose to follow Jesus are tasked with determining if we, too, are resolved to follow Jesus’ teachings and desire that we all be one no matter what tests may come our way.

And fortunately, we have the word of God lived out among us to help us keep our eyes on the horizon instead of looking behind us as we plow through life.

“For what happens when we live God’s way? God brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a ‘basic holiness permeates all things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.” (Galatians 5)

I really appreciate the way that the Message translates this passage. We usually hear this passage conveyed in more abbreviated language; perhaps these words are familiar...

“the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. ... If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.”

But whichever way we hear and remember this passage, it reflects the ongoing revelation of the word of God and how it is to be lived out among us. When we choose to follow Christ, choosing to plow and to plant the Word of God in our hearts, it affects not just our thinking and our doing, but our entire being. When we write compassion in our hearts, and approach the world around us through an attitude of compassion, we become visible manifestations of God's compassion in this world. When we write generosity in our hearts, and approach the world through assumptions of generosity, we become visible manifestations of God's generosity in this world. When we write joy in our hearts, and begin practicing the spiritual discipline of joy each day, we become the visible manifestation of God's joy in this world.

Yes, there are times that choosing to live in this way will require strong resolve. When our first reactions are to act out of a place of pain, rather than hope. Out of a sense of fear, rather than out of kindness or generosity. But Jesus has shown us the better path. And set before us a vision of God's kin-dom in which the wholeness of God's shalom and peace provide sanctuary and healing for everyone who is hurting. And how can we, with the fruit of God's Spirit inscribed in our heart, keep from sharing such Good News?

For that, my dear friends, is something will endure until the end of time.

And perhaps, just perhaps, our greatest accomplishments are yet to come in how we choose to live as Christ's beloved community together... regardless of who we are or where we are on life's journey, warmly welcoming everyone to walk the Way of Christ with us as the united and uniting body of Christ.

We Respond to God's Grace

Congregational Prayers

Joys:

Each beautiful new day, friendship, new jobs for loved ones, safe travels, gathering together to study God's word, those who pitch in and help out, new members and friends, vacations, graduations, anniversaries, birthdays.

Intercessions:

Rick

Lisa

Greg

Mark

Dennis

Hannah

Gail

Judy

Max's Family

Sue

Cindy

(Continuing) Vicki, Liz, Pam, Marge, Clark, Pastor Attila

Everyone impacted by the decisions of governments that choose violence and war instead of diplomacy; all essential workers and all frontline healthcare workers; everyone impacted by recent hurricanes, fires, tornadoes, and flooding;
and

The staff and participants of Word Made Flesh in Sierra Leone, Immokalee Farm Workers, black and brown fathers and their sons, everyone living through domestic violence, people of all religions who are being persecuted because of their faith, all who struggle with or are affected by mental illness and depression. We also pray for law enforcement officers, service men and women, missionaries and rescue workers doing God's work in dangerous places.

(Fifth Sunday: debts)

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and our Lord's Prayer

God of all Creation, Uniting, Enlivening Spirit of all that is,

We are so grateful for the wonders that you show us each day. For the ocean just a few feet from our door, teeming with the miracles of life unseen. For the branches of trees that support every type of winged creature, for the animals remind us of your power and strength. For conversations that inspire us and bring us together in your love and compassion for all of humanity.

Guide us, O Lord, as we seek to write the fruit of your Spirit upon our hearts so that we might live centered upon You each day. Help us to keep reaching out, to expand our circle, and to be your united and uniting presence in your beautiful world.

We pray this morning for those who are grieving, for those who are suffering, for those who are sitting in that place of waiting and not knowing. Soothe our fears, nourish our bodies, and feed our souls with the bread and cup of your compassion and mercy.

We praise you for your vision of a new heaven and a new earth, in which everyone treats each other as your beloved children, as together we pray the prayer that you have taught us:

**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.

Musical Response

The Fruit of the Spirit
Sung to the tune of *The Ash Grove*

Gillette

The fruit of the Spirit is love for our sharing,
It's joy in the gospel that we have from you.
It's peace that we live out with courage and daring;
It's patience, for we know that we have sinned, too.
It's kindness in all things and generous giving;
It's faithfulness seeking to follow your way.
It's gentleness, Lord, and it's self-controlled living;
Now make us more fruitful in these things, we pray.

We Go to Share God's Love

Invitation to Generosity⁵

When we give generously of our resources, our gifts witness to God's abundance, provision, and care. When we give, our gifts demonstrate our appreciation, trust, and compassion to God. Let us give as witnesses of the glory of God and the love of God in the world.

(the offering plates are found by each doorway for your use.)

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication⁶**

God our Provider, receive these gifts for your creation, for your kin-dom, for your glory. Amen.

***Hymn** *I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

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I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

1. I'm gon - na sing* when the Spir - it says sing,

I'm gon - na sing when the Spir - it says sing,

I'm gon - na sing when the Spir - it says sing, and o -

bey the Spir - it of the Lord.

*2. pray 3. love 4. shout

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I'M GOIN'A SING
Irr.

*Blessing and Benediction

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

*Sending Blessing *Grace Alone (2x)*

Sending Blessing **Grace Alone**

Refrain



The musical notation is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a double bar line and the word 'Refrain' above it. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Grace a-lone which God sup-plies, strength un-'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'known God will pro-vide. Christ in us our Cor-ner -'. The third staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: 'stone; we will go forth in grace a - lone.' and ends with a double bar line.

Grace a-lone which God sup-plies, strength un-
known God will pro-vide. Christ in us our Cor-ner -
stone; we will go forth in grace a - lone.

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GRACE ALONE
Irregular with Refrain

**Please remain seated in silence for the Postlude as the
Light of Christ is carried into the world.
The worship has ended; our service begins.**

Supporting Our Service Today

Liturgist: John Yahres **Song Leader:** Susan Jack
...Welcome Table: Wendy Seeley **Greeter:** Marcia Murphy
Head Usher: Patty Fjetland **Usher Team:** Barbara Allaire,
Evan Cook, Jim Daugherty, Joan Kieran, Nancy Knudson,
Maria Passarelli, Bonnie Thistle

Technology Team

(Live Streaming, Camera, and Sound Technicians)
Gary Woodrum, Debra Mosely, Maria Groody,
David Jack, Linda Newton, Wally Davis, Patty Fjetland

The Lord's Table was decorated by Victoria Augustine

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Barb Quinn in Celebration of the
HighSchool Graduation of Her Granddaughter, Sara Sinkewica

The Church Sign was changed by Faye Newton
and Lisa Sclafani

Sunday Librarian: Toni Yahres

Fellowship Time: Rob and Barb Dickason

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This Week at a Glance

Monday, June 30

12:00 Noon Bible Study via Zoom (link below)

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Meeting ID: 835 7659 4637

Passcode: 913882

(The easiest way to connect is to use the link in the Connect.)

Tuesday, July 1

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 2

9:00 AM - Noon Library Hours

10:00 AM Bible Study—CR

1:00 PM Cut-Ups — CR

7:00 PM NAMI — CR

Friday, July 4

8:30 AM Men's Weekly Coffee—Panera

HOLIDAY — office closed

Sunday, July 6

9:00-9:45 AM Library Hour

10:00 AM Worship in person and virtual

11:00-11:15 AM Library Time

11:00 AM Fellowship Time

Coming Events

Saturday, August 9

9:00 AM-3:00 PM UCC FL Conference—Naar Hall

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