



Venice United Church of Christ

July 6, 2025

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Rev. Barbara Dickason, BCC
Sermon: “Put Your Whole Self In”**



**United in Christ’s love,
A just world for all**





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Singing Prelude

We Are Called

Haas

Sing twice



We are called to act with



jus-tice, _____ we are called to love ten-der - ly, _____



— we are called to serve one an - oth-er, _____ to



walk hum-bly with God! _____

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WE ARE CALLED
Irregular with Refrain

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Welcome and Announcements

We Approach God's Presence

Meditation/Bringing in the Light of Christ

Beautiful Jesus

Silesian Folk Melody

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 30, adpt Merrill

Jane Chittick

Sing praises to the Beloved, O you saints,
And give thanks to Love's holy Name.

**Love withdraws when we close our hearts,
yet ever awaits an open door.**

In the evening we may weep,

but joy comes with the morning.

God turns our mourning into dancing;

setting us free and clothing us with joy and gladness.

May we ever praise You, God, and not be silent.

O our Beloved,

We will be grateful to You forever and ever.

***Hymn**

Joy in the Morning (insert)

***Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

"Good News by Degrees"

John van de Laar

It's Good News this Gospel of yours, Jesus,
and we easily get so excited and full of expectation,
that we can be disappointed
when goodness takes longer
than we had hoped.

but sometimes the most powerful changes,
the most complete healings
come not in one startling moment,
but slowly, by degrees.

And so we pray for your Good News to capture our world,
in the comfort of loving shoulders
offered for the grieving to cry on;
in the shared laughter and hopefulness
found in the midst of pain and suffering;

in the vulnerable welcome of hospitality
 given to both strangers and friends;
in the unconditional love and challenging confrontation
 received from trusted partners;
in the simple responsibility
 **accepted by those who are conscientious
 and faithful;**
in the generous good
 done by grateful followers of your ways;

In these small, but significant actions,
 **We pray that we and our world may recognise
 the signs of your reign among us;
and that your Good News may be proclaimed by degrees,
in the daily rhythms of our lives. Amen**

***Words of Grace**

Steadfast, our Beloved God is always present among us
 healing, teaching, guiding, forgiving, dancing, restoring,
 and clothing us with joy.
Morning by morning, let us give thanks to God!

***Response**

Great is Thy Faithfulness (refrain)

Chisolm/Runyan

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, God unto me!**

We Encounter God in the Word

First Reading

Galatians 6:1-5, 7-10a

the Message

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

Special Music for Congregation and Soloist

I Am the Bread of Life

Toolan

Soloist Sue Jack will sing the verses;
congregation will sing the refrain



Second Reading

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

NRSVue

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

Sermon

“Put Your Whole Self In”

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We Respond to God’s Grace

Prayer Concerns and Sharing Gratitude

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (sung)

**Our Father, which 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.**

Invitation to Generosity

(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.**

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

We give you thanks, Wise God, for cultivating generosity within us and alerting us to the needs around us. Use these gifts for the expansion of your will on earth and the blessing of your beloved. In your name and in hope, we give these gifts. Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Christ has invited everyone to join together in this holy feast.

**We gather with sisters and brothers and friends
from every time zone
around this beautiful sphere God created
and that we call earth.**

As today's sunlight inches across the land and sea, we prepare our Lord's table so that all may come, all may eat, and all might be nourished by the bread Christ has offered that gives us life.

**We gather to eat the bread and drink of the cup
that fills us with God's abundant love,
that reforms us to be a reflection
of God's original blessing, and
that reconnects us to God, God's creation,
and each other.**

Let us pray,

Just as Jesus took the bread, blessed it, and offered it to his disciples, revealing himself in the image of a stranger along the road to Emmaus, so too, O God, we ask you to bless this bread and this cup, so that your presence and extravagant love may be revealed to us along the roads we are traveling and in the faces of everyone we meet. Breathe your Spirit among us, and make us whole: a beautiful, fragile, divine image of You. Amen

As you prepare to come forward to share in God's promise, the ushers will dismiss and direct you so that everyone may safely share in God's bounty. For those of you who would like assistance in your seat, please let the ushers know so that we can share God's promise with you where you are.

Come, for the meal is ready!

*(The ministers and servers will prepare the elements;
the congregation is then invited to come and receive the bread and the cup.
If you cannot come but wish to receive, the servers will come to you.)*

We Go to Share God's Love

***Hymn**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (insert)

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Sending Blessing**

Threefold Amen

Danish

Postlude

Ashokan Farewell

Ungar/Mason

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.

Worship materials are taken from
Merrill, Nan C. *Psalms for Praying*,
<https://sacredise.com/the-power-of-the-ordinary>,
Like Lambs: Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay

Supporting Our Service Today

Liturgist: Jane Chittick

Song Leader: Susan Jack

Communion Stewards: Barbara and Bob Zittel

Welcome Table: Jackie Stevens and Sandy Barrie

Greeters: Helen Helgren and Loren Matasek

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 Patty Fjetland and Linda Newton
in Celebration of Their Fourth Anniversary

The **Church Sign** was changed by Faye Newton and Lisa Sclafani

Sunday Librarian: Marcia Murphy

Fellowship Time: Wendy Seeley and Victoria Augustine

This Week at a Glance

Monday, July 7

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83576594637?pwd=U2024sKmOPiy3CyMqV4OarYUtofaom.1>

Meeting ID: 835 7659 4637

Passcode: 913882

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

3:00 PM Pastoral Relations Committee—Parlor

Tuesday, July 8

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

10:00 AM Christian Education Comm.—Sunday School Room

Wednesday, July 9

9:00 AM - Noon Library Hours

10:00 AM Bible Study—CR

11:00 AM RCSSC—Naar Hall

Friday, July 11

8:30 AM Men's Weekly Coffee—Panera

9:00 AM Knit Wits—Parlor

Sunday, July 13

9:00-9:45 AM Library Hour

10:00 AM Worship in person and virtual

Guest Minister: Rev. Bob Zittel

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

The church office is open M-Th, 9-1.

Pastor Barb will be attending the UCC Synod from July 10-16.

If you are in need of Pastoral Care while she is away, please contact Harold Steindam.