



Welcome to Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Happy Independence Day!

Fairlawn-West

United Church of Christ

July 4, 2021

Song of Spiritual Community: Miracle in My Heart

Welcome

Call to Worship

The prophets of old spoke of God's justice, even when it was unwelcome.

Jesus traveled, preaching and teaching to all who would listen.

Jesus sent out disciples two by two, to spread the good news in
any place that would welcome them.

God's prophets are among us still, around the world and in this church.

Who will listen and hear the messages of God's wisdom and love from
this diversity of God's witnesses?

We will listen and we will hear! Come, Spirit of truth, show us the way.

Prayer of Invocation

Lord of mystery and community, you have called us here this day to remind us of the mission journey you set before us. Help us to pay attention to the words of Jesus as he sent out his disciples on a mission of healing and compassion. Remind us that success is not measured in the cures, but in the striving. Enable us to truly be your disciples in this world.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Song of Spiritual Devotion: Come with Me, Come Wander

Scripture: Mark 6.1-13 (The Message, adapted)

Today's Message: "You've Got This!"

Rev. Debbie Rhinesmith

Song of Spiritual Purpose: Face to Face

Holy Communion

Prayer:

Mighty Teacher of all who are willing to grow, let us hear enough of your word to be astounded.

Let us see as many of your deeds as will make us eager to reach out to people in need.

Grant us enough of Christ's vision and compassion that our weaknesses may be useful to you in proclaiming your word, sharing your grace, and casting out evil. Renew our strength and courage that we may faithfully follow in Jesus' Way. Amen.

Invitations

We are planning to participate in the Akron Pride Equity March on Saturday, August 28. The March will begin on Main Street at 10 am and proceed to Lock 3 Park. We hope you will join us! Please sign up at church, or via the email newsletter, or by contacting the church office.

If you would like to support this ministry through a financial gift, you may send an offering by mail to the church, drop off at the church, or give electronically using Tithe.ly. Additional information can be found on our website, or by contacting the church office. Thank you!

Commission Benediction

Postlude

Miracle In My Heart

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We are called to be prophets to this nation
To be the Word of God in every situation
Change my heart, change my heart today
Without your power it's all just good intention
Without your grace - who can find redemption
Change my heart, change my heart, today

Lord, loose the chains of oppression - Lord, set the captives free
Lord, fill my life with Your compassion
Shine Your light, shine Your light, shine Your light through me - -
Work a miracle in my heart, work a miracle in my heart
Work a miracle in my heart, O Lord - today!

Lord, take all my lies and take all of my greed
Make me a sacrifice for those who are in need
Change my heart, change my heart today
Lord, without your power it's all just good intention
Without your grace - who can find redemption
Change my heart, change my heart, today

Lord, loose the chains of oppression - Lord, set the captives free
Lord, fill my life with Your compassion
Shine Your light, shine Your light,
Shine Your light through me - -

Work a miracle in my heart, work a miracle in my heart
Work a miracle in my heart, O Lord - - - - -
Work a miracle in my heart, work a miracle in my heart
Work a miracle in my heart, O Lord - today!

Come With Me, Come Wander

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Come with me come wander, come welcome the world
Where strangers might smile or where stones may be hurled

Come leave what you cling to, lay down what you clutch
And find with hands empty that hearts can hold much

Chorus:

Sing yes for the carpenter leaving His tools
Sing yes for the Pharisees leaving their rules
Sing yes for the fishermen leaving their nets
Sing yes for the people who leave their regrets

Come walk in my company, come sleep by my side
Come savor a lifestyle with nothing to hide
Come sit at my table and eat with my friends
Discovering that love which the world never ends

Chorus

Come leave your possessions, come share out your treasure
Come give and receive without method or measure
Come loose every bond that's resisting the Spirit
Enabling the earth to be yours to inherit

Chorus

Scripture: Mark 6.1-13 (The Message, with adaptations)

He left there and returned to his hometown. His disciples came along. On the Sabbath, he gave a lecture in the meeting place. He stole the show, impressing everyone. “We had no idea he was this good!” they said. “How did he get so wise all of a sudden, get such ability?”

3 But in the next breath they were cutting him down: “He’s just a carpenter—Mary’s boy. We’ve known him since he was a kid. We know his brothers, James, Justus, Jude, and Simon, and his sisters. Who does he think he is?” They tripped over what little they knew about him and fell, sprawling. And they never got any further.

4-6 Jesus told them, “A prophet has little honor in his hometown, among his relatives, on the streets he played in as a child.” Jesus was unable to do much of anything there, not a single miracle—he laid hands on a few sick people and healed them, that’s all. He was appalled by their stubbornness and lack of trust. He left and made a circuit of the other villages, teaching.

7-8 Jesus called the Twelve to him, and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority and power to deal with the evil opposition. He sent them off with these instructions:
8-9 “Don’t think you need a lot of extra equipment for this. *You* are the equipment. No special appeals for funds. Keep it simple. **10** “And no luxury inns. Get a modest place and be content there until you leave. **11** “If you’re not welcomed, not listened to, quietly withdraw. Don’t make a scene. Shake the dust off your feet, shrug your shoulders and be on your way.”

12-13 Then they were on the road. They preached with joyful urgency that life can be radically different; “You can change your heart and life!” Right and left they sent the demons packing; they brought wellness to the sick, anointing their bodies, healing their spirits.

Face to Face

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Face to face, brother to brother, face to face, one to another
Growing together we're building the kingdom of God

Hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, serving God, serving each other
Working together we're building the kingdom of God

Chorus:

Sisters and brothers, helping each other
The way and the truth for to stand
One to another we turn for each other
The keys to the kingdom at hand

Back to back, warrior to warrior, back to back defending each other
Standing together we're building the kingdom of God

Chorus

Face to face, shoulder to shoulder, back to back, younger and older
Growing together we're building the kingdom
Working together we're building the kingdom
Loving each other we're building the kingdom of God