

Congregational Church United Church of Christ



Imperfect Ally by A Sanctified Art

Twelfth Sunday After **Pentecost**

August 23, 2020 Zoom Worship

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE The Way of Peace **Anthony Giamanco**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Eric Sherlock

CALL TO WORSHIP Chris Rauen

One: When you dream, what do you dream of?

All: We dream of children who know love and churches with open doors.

We dream of rest and sunny days.

One: When you dream, what do you dream of?

All: We dream of peace without walls,

And equality for all people.

One: When you dream, what do you dream of?

All: We dream of milk and honey, food on tables, and an end to suffering.

We dream of the Church of Jesus Christ serving all God's people.

One: Family of God,

This morning, we dream together.

This morning, we worship together.

For there is nothing on heaven or on earth strong enough to unravel

God's dreams for us. Let us worship Holy God. Amen.

Gracious God,

We do not know the plans you have for us.

We do not know, so we place our children into "good schools."

We set aside money for days to come.

We keep our fingers crossed and try to control the world around us.

Having faith in the midst of uncertainty has never been easy for us.

Forgive us for the moments when we refuse to trust you.

Strengthen us so that when life unravels, we are strong enough to turn to you.

That is our prayer of faith.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE Mary-Marie Deauclaire

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with waves and smiles

and pass the peace of Christ using the chat feature.

OPENING HYMN In an Age of Twisted Values See next page.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Janis & Randy Jang

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 1:22, 2:1-10 Chris Rauen

SERMON The Long-Game Pastor Todd

ANTHEM A Mother Lined a Basket John D. Horman

Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols, soprano

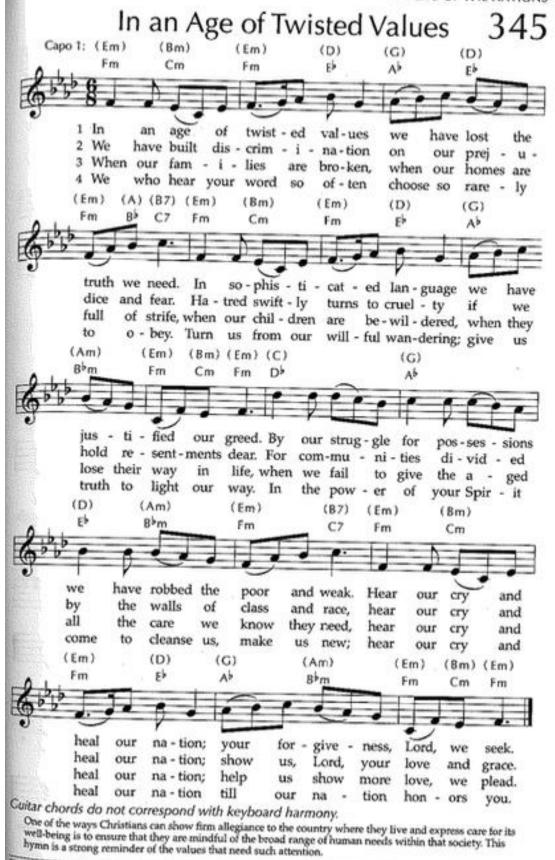
A mother lined a basket to keep her baby dry, then rocked him on a river, lest he awake and cry. She let a princess name him her son that he might live. God's people had a leader. She had such hope to give.

A mother sewed a jacket, lined in the softest wool, then dressed her little boy-child, her cup of blessing full. She brought him to the temple where he would serve and live. God's people had a prophet. She had such faith to give.

A mother laid her baby in manger lined with straw; then, in the shepherds' story, his call from God foresaw. She nurtured him and taught him the way that he must live. God's people had a savior. She had such love to give.

Like Jochebed and Hannah, and Mary too, we know the hardest part of loving is learning to let go, so when we send our children out in the world to live, grant us such hope and faith, God, and love enough to give.

—Mary Nelson Keithahn



IEXT: Martin E. Leckebusch, 1995 Mc.NC: Alfred V. Fedak, 1988 et C. 1993 Kevin Mayhew Ltd. TIME OF PRAYER Pastor Eric

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

(Email your requests to Pastor Eric or type them in the chat window.)

All: Hear our prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using these words or the words most familiar to you)

Our Loving God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

TIME OF GIVING Mary-Marie Deauclaire

Invitation to Giving

During this time of virtual worship, we invite you to give online via our web site and clicking "Donate" in the upper right of the screen.

Offertory Theme from Schindler's List John Williams

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

Offertory Prayer

CLOSING HYMN Startle Us, God, by the Signs of Your Spirit

Startle us, God, by the signs of Your Spirit around us!
Shake us awake for the thrust of Your Word to astound us!
Rattle our doors, give our discomfort no pause,
rouse us for work You have found us!

Wake us to see where the winds of the city are blowing, facing the brokers of power where the currents are flowing, finding the lost, learning what justice may cost, feeling the pain of our growing.

Shock us by showing us Jesus, his style of direction, welcoming, never conventional in his selection, open our minds, teach us how prejudice blinds, colors our culture's reflection.

Startle us, God, into confident high expectation, knowing the hope and the promise of new revelation, taking Your part, praising with mind and with heart, honoring all Your creation.

BENEDICTION Pastor Todd

POSTLUDE Hymn to Peace David Paxton

Announcements

If you would like to submit a prayer concern or joy for next Sunday's Zoom Worship, please email it to Pastor Eric at eric@danvillechurch.org.

To keep up-to-date on news and announcements during this time of social distancing, **please read your email** from DCC thoroughly! All communication related to church news and events will be communicated via email!

Parents' Meetings

Parents are invited to attend Zoom listening sessions with the Youth and Children's Ministry commissioners and Pastor Todd.

Parents of Youth Grades 6 through 12

Parents of Children
Age 4 through Grade 5

Thursday, August 27—6:30pm-8pm

Tuesday, September 1—6:30pm–8pm

Zoom Link

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Church Directory

Beginning this month, a team comprised of Emmaus Committee members and Deacons will be calling those listed in our church directory for whom we do not have Emergency Contact information.

Although infrequent, there have been instances when our pastors needed to reach a designated representative of a member of our church family, as in the case of a medical emergency, or when unable over a period of time to reach someone for a welfare check. When these occasions do arise, it is imperative that we have an alternate contact available.

Your assistance in getting our directory up to date will be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please email **Diane Stein.**

Black Trans Lives Matter
Black Queer Lives Matter
Black Women Matter
Black Men Matter
Black Disabled People Matter
Black Children Matter
Black Undocumented People Matter
BLACK LIVES MATTER

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Upcoming Virtual Gatherings

Worship at DCC, Sundays at 9:30am

https://zoom.us/j/492975948?pwd=blJqZTNpNGo3S1o0YkNFM3FWQ1dIQT09

or by Zoom app: **492 975** 948, password **322** or by phone: dial **669-900-6833** and enter **492 975 948** as the Meeting ID and **322** as the password.

Youth Group, Sundays at 5:00pm Email Pastor Todd for the link.

Youth Group Antiracism Book Chat, Thursdays at 5:15pm Email Pastor Todd for the link.

Ministers—The Entire Congregation

Church Staff
The Rev. Eric Sherlock, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley, Associate Pastor
John Kendall Bailey, Music Director
Mary-Marie Deauclaire, Handbell Director
Elizabeth Setlak-von Thury, Office Manager
Nicole Doyle, Nursery Attendant

The **DCC Prayer Team** prays daily for those in need of prayers. If you would like to submit a prayer request for yourself or someone else, contact a pastor or send an email to prayers@danvillechurch.org.

All requests are kept confidential unless specified otherwise.

Kelley Mangels, Dayspring Preschool Director dayspringpreschool.org



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