

## **TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020 – 10:00 AM**

Congregational responses are in **bold** type.

### **WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude  
Announcements  
Joys and Concerns

### **PRAISE**

Call to Worship

Created graciously and generously in the image of God, we are gathered from the south and north, west and east by the love of Jesus Christ.

**Claimed purposefully and powerfully  
by the love of Christ,**

We are faithful followers each called by name for joyful celebration in this time and place.

**Empowered compassionately  
and creatively by the Holy Spirit,**

We are God's people strengthened  
by the bonds of community.

**In the name of our God, Life-Giving Creator**

**In the name of the Christ, Love-Sharing Companion**

**In the name of the Holy Spirit, Light-Warming Comforter. Let our time of celebration begin!**

Special Music *He Lives!*

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**A reading from the book of Joshua 1: 1-9**

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, "My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the

Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Message *Letting Go* Rev. Dr. McCarthy

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### **WE PREPARE TO GO TO THE WORLD**

Special Music *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

Benediction Based on 1Thessalonians 5:18

Go out into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
keep hold of what is good;

never pay back wrong for wrong;  
encourage the faint hearted;  
support the weak and distressed;  
give due honor to everyone;  
be always joyful; pray continually;  
give thanks for what ever happens;  
for this is what God in Christ wills for you.

And now,  
may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.  
Amen. **Amen.**

Postlude

# **Columbia**

# **Congregational Church**

*United Church of Christ*



*Worship on the Town Green*