



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026 10:30 a.m.



Week Two: Collaboration

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Introduction and Prayer" Louis Lefebure-Wely

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The world is changing. We see it everywhere.

All: The world is changing.

One: The world needs to change. Children are hungry. Systems are unjust. People are afraid.

All: The world needs to change.

One: It is God's desire that the world would change into a realm of peace where everyone has what they need.

All: And we are the changemakers.

One: We are called to work alongside the Holy Spirit.

We are called to follow the way of Jesus.

All: May we be changed by this time of worship!

***GATHERING HYMN** “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In” #72 New Century Hymnal vv.1-4
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Refrain: Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in!

Open yourself to the song. Open yourself to the song. Refrain

Open your hearts everyone. Open your hearts everyone. Refrain

Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change. Refrain

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy One, you are a God of relationships. You call us to be in relationship.

You call us to be changemakers together.

But all too often, we try to make change on our own.

We say it is because the need is too urgent,

but the truth is, we don't want to take time to listen to others.

We say it is because we work best alone, but the truth is, we don't want to give up control.

We say that we don't need other people, but the truth is, we are just afraid to be vulnerable.

Forgive us for the ways in which we have failed to love others, and in turn, to love you.

Forgive us for when we failed to trust and risk vulnerability.

Forgive us and change us again. Remake us into the Body of Christ. *(silent confession)*

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear this assurance of Good News: Jesus said he would be with us always,
no matter our failings, no matter our fears, no matter our doubts.

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In” v.5

Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

Song: We can be a changemaker, change the world.

Make a better place for everyone! Changemaker!

Just one small change can make a difference every day

make a difference every day!

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:1-11

Pew Bible p.844

A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Sarah Fredriksen McCann

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “You Walk Along our Shoreline” #504 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.

We hear your voice of power, “Now come and follow me.

And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,

Then I will make you fishers, but of the human soul.”

You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.

We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.

We spread your net of gospel across the water's face.

Our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus; we seek your promised reign;

We work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.

You call on us to gather God's daughters and God's sons,

To let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER: “Let Us Be Makers” (tune from “Blessed Assurance”)

Let us be makers, makers of change, born of our passions, with limitless range.

We pray for guidance, we seek your grace; be with us now, God, in this place.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: God of the harvest,

All: empower us to labor for love.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" June Nixon
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** (tune from "Blessed Assurance")

Praise to the Maker, the One who gives breath.

Praise to Christ Jesus, who reigns over death.

Praise to the Spirit, our strength and our friend.

Three-in-One present, world without end.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***COMMISSIONING HYMN:** "God Our Author and Creator" #530 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

God our Author and Creator, in whose life we find our own,

Make our daily witness greater, by our lives make your love known.

Help us show how love embraces those whom fear and greed down-trod;

In all yearning hearts and faces let us see a child of God.

Like those first apostles, Savior, give us strength to love and serve:

When our fainting spirits waver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.

Teach us wisdom and compassion: bid our restless thoughts be still;

By your guidance help us fashion lives conformed unto your will.

Keep us faithful, Holy Spirit, help us bear the message true,

That at last all lands may hear it: "God is love: and God loves you."

Join our lives in mighty chorus till we come from every place,

With all those who went before us, to the fullness of God's grace.

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Menuet Gothique" from "Suite Gothique" Leon Boellmann

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

***Hope United Church of Christ Statement
of Welcome and Mission***

No matter where you are on life's journey, you are invited to enter the big red doors of Hope United Church of Christ. We are an open congregation. We believe that every person is a child of God and all are welcome, regardless of race, economic background, marital status, gender, gender identity(ies) / expression(s), sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, nationality or faith history. It is our mission, inspired by God's Holy Spirit, to engage persons in living out the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please come, for all things are ready.

--Adopted by Hope UCC Congregation August 29, 2010

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contribution to the
ministries of Hope
UCC!*

Changemaker Blessing by Lindsey Bell-Kerr

Blessed are the changemakers.
Blessed are you who are not asleep
to the world's pain and suffering.
Blessed are you who lament for the way things are.
Blessed are you who know, to the depth of your bones,
that this is not how things are meant to be.
Blessed are you for not believing the lie that
this is how they will always remain.
Blessed are you who know that things can change,
who long for things to change.
Blessed are you whose life's ambition is to bring the change
that is justice and mercy for all.
Blessed are you who know that God has always employed the faithful acts
of ordinary people to heal and change this world.
Blessed are you who know that change begins today,
change begins with us,
and that we are blessed to be the changemakers.
Amen!