## July 2, 2023



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"Metaphors for God: The Tree of Life"

Revelation 21:1-5a; 22:1-2

Gathered at Federated Church: 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

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#### Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (arr. R. Walters)

**Prelude** 

Introit

O God of Every Nation (E. Diemer)

Marcia Snavely, organ

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Rev. Betsy Wooster

Laura Otis, soprano

Marcia Snavely, piano

\* Call to Worship (responsive)

Rev. Wooster

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the rootless or sit in the seat of scoffers.

All: Their delight is in the law of God and on this law they meditate day and night.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

All: which yield their fruit in its season.

One: Their leaves do not wither.

All: In all they do, they flourish.

\* Passing of Christ's Peace

**Hymn** For Beauty of Meadows

No. 696

**Opening Prayer** (unison)

Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner

Gracious God, we acknowledge today that we do not always keep our roots in you. We unconsciously drift and allow our roots to be immersed in things that do not give life; consumerism, people-pleasing, addiction to control and ego, and the lure of unconsciously going through the motions. Shake us up today. Transplant us that our roots might reestablish themselves in your love and your amazing aliveness. May the healing sap of life inch up through us that we might be ablaze with new life. Amen.

Those who are able stand

\*\*\*\* Worshipers may be seated

#### **Invitation to Generosity**

Rev. Wooster

**Anthem** Laudate Dominum from the Solemn Vespers (W. Mozart)

(see translation on back page) Laura Otis, soprano

Marcia Snavely, piano

\* Doxology No. 47

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Bagley-Bonner

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer Rev. Wooster

\* **Hymn** For the Beauty of the Earth No. 56

**Scripture** Revelation 21:1-5a; 22:1-2 Rev. Bagley-Bonner

**Sermon** Rev. Bagley-Bonner

Sacrament of Holy Communion Rev. Bagley-Bonner and Rev. Wooster

**Communion Music** Change My Heart, O Lord (M. Hayes) Marcia Snavely, piano

#### 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 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.

\* **Hymn** I Shall Not Be Moved No. 615

Postlude God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (W. Held) Marcia Snavely, organ

#### ~ Departing to Service ~

Laudate Dominum from the Solemn Vespers. (W. Mozart)

O Praise the Lord all ye people Praise him ye nations, Praise him all ye people.

For he has shown to us
even more and more
his merciful kindness.
O praise the Lord, all ye people.
His truth endureth forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son And to the Holy Spirit As it was in the beginning Is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen.

### **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

Sunday, July 9th, 10 AM
"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches
Psalm 18:1-2