### Sunday, July 12, 2020

Worship and Communion with Woodridge Congregational Church – UCC

Gathering Music

Grace Alone

S. W. Brown, J. Nelson

Grace alone Which God supplies
Strength unknown God will provide
Christ in us, our cornerstone
We will go forth in grace alone

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Passing of the Peace

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 65: 1 - 8 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

<sup>2</sup>O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

<sup>3</sup>When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

<sup>5</sup>By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

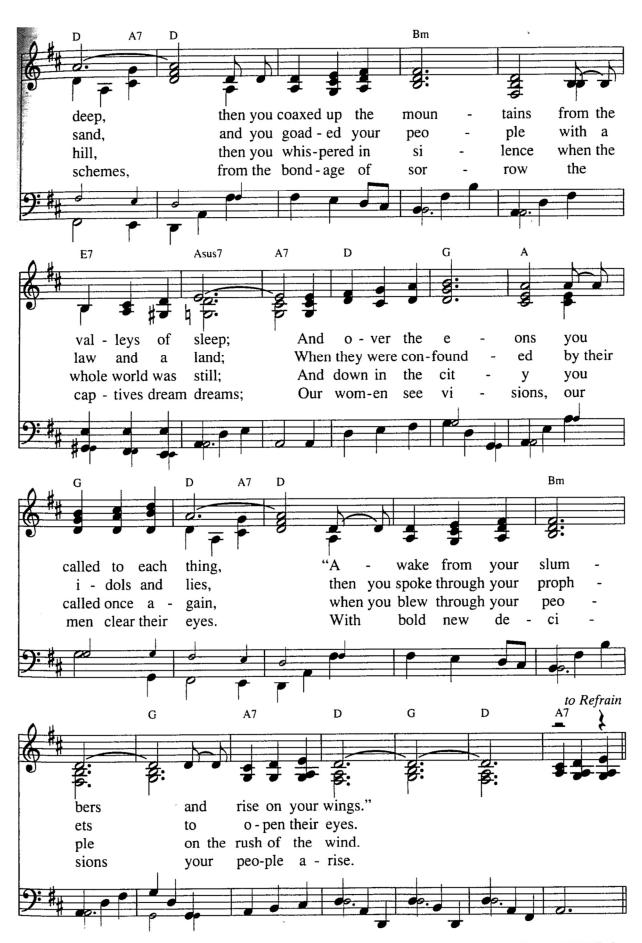
<sup>6</sup>By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

<sup>7</sup>You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

# Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness





This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waiokeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.

Tune: SPIRIT Irr. James K. Manley, 1978 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993 **Sharing of Communion** 

(Sunday at 10 am)

Please provide and partake of your own elements of bread and juice

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

(Sunday at 10 am)

We thank you God for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and received all of Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth our praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13: 24 - 30 (NRSV)

<sup>24</sup>He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Message "The Parable of the Weeds Among the Wheat"

Rev. Scott Spencer

**Prayer Concerns and Celebrations** 

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

(Sunday at 10 am)

### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at interweaving literary and scriptural images.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1855

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

For another harmonization, see 368, 495

# Benediction

life!

Go

in

peace

# Benediction Response Go in Peace K. E. White Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways. Cel - e - brate and share the joy! Cel - e - brate new

# Fellowship to follow

God

be

with you

and the peace of

also via ZOOM:

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