



THE OASIS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday, July 8, 2018 ♦ 10:00 A.M.

“The psalmist doesn't try to explain evil. He doesn't try to minimize evil. He simply says he will not fear evil. For all the power that evil has, it doesn't have the power to make him afraid.
- Frederick Buechner

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS...

Opening and Welcome

*Gathering Song

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ:

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!	Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again;
earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around:
loaves abound!

*Opening Prayer

*Song of Praise

*Holy, holy, holy,
My heart, my heart adores you
My heart is glad to say the words,
“You are holy, Lord.”*

Passing the Peace:

“You are blessed by God, and you are a blessing from God.”

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

For the Child in Us All

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 23

Musical Reflection:

"A Shepherd's Psalm"

Joseph M. Martin

Sermon:

"Surely Goodness and Mercy"

TO RESPOND IN FAITH...

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Offertory Hymn

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

Come and find the quiet center in
the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be
at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
Making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrink-
ing, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE.

***Closing Hymn**

“It All Depends On Where I’m Going”

It all depends on where I'm going
if I reach my anywhere,
but this I'm surely, surely knowing,
that I'll never leave God's care;
it all depends on where I'm travel-
ling,
maybe now or maybe then,
but the Son of God will lead me
through each where and why and
when.

It all depends on how I'm choosing
for the life that is in me,
but I will never lose the hand of
Christ,
the one who walks with me;
if I stumble or I falter
he will steady me once more,
for there is no darkest pathway
that we cannot both explore.

It all depends on who comes with me
if I break or if I bend,
but this I'm surely, surely knowing
God will be there at the end -
in the laughter and the sadness,
in the pleasure or the pain,
by my side and all about me
God's own Spirit will remain.

***Benediction**