

**Peace UCC**  
**July 18, 2021**  
**The Lord's Prayer**  
**Give us each day our daily bread: Food – What is it?**

**Prelude** Sue Clauss - recorder  
My Song Is Love Unknown: A Suite for Organ and Instrument John Leavitt  
1. Hymn  
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**Welcome**

**Opening Words**

One: We come to hear a word of hope in a world of despair.

**Many: Be our hope.**

One: We know you are a God of justice and shalom.

**Many: Be our hope.**

One: Infuse us with your love and compassion so we might join your work.

**Many: Be our hope.**

One: We come to find you in ourselves and each other.

**Many: Be our hope.**

**Opening Response** “God Welcomes All” John Bell

Musical score for Soprano and Alto voices. The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;"

Musical score for Tenor and Bass voices. The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "God's love is strong and it nev - er ends."

**Prayer of Invocation** Ruth C. Duck

**Gracious God, we thank you that we can rest in you, secure amid the conflict and confusion of life. We thank you that you provide for our needs and that you have trusted us to one another's care. Free us to receive with humility and to give with joy. Open our hands to share what we have without fear of tomorrow. Anoint your people as peacemakers and justice makers, that one day humanity may choose bread over weapons and fairness over greed. Amen**

**The Witness of Music** Sue Clauss - recorder  
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**Reading:**

**Exodus 16: 1-7; 9-18**

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of God in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then God said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of God, because God has heard your complaining against God.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to God, for God has heard your complaining." '

And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of God appeared in the cloud. God spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Holy One your God." '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that God has given you to eat. This is what God has commanded: "Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents." ' The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

**Welcome Morning** by Anne Sexton

There is joy  
in all:  
in the hair I brush each morning,  
in the Cannon towel, newly washed,  
that I rub my body with each morning,  
in the chapel of eggs I cook  
each morning,  
in the outcry from the kettle  
that heats my coffee  
each morning,  
in the spoon and the chair  
that cry "hello there, Anne"  
each morning,  
in the godhead of the table  
that I set my silver, plate, cup upon

each morning.  
 All this is God,  
 right here in my pea-green house  
 each morning  
 and I mean,  
 though often forget,  
 to give thanks,  
 to faint down by the kitchen table  
 in a prayer of rejoicing  
 as the holy birds at the kitchen window  
 peck into their marriage of seeds.  
 So while I think of it,  
 let me paint a thank-you on my palm  
 for this God, this laughter of the morning,  
 lest it go unspoken.  
 The Joy that isn't shared, I've heard,  
 dies young.

**Didache 8:2**

"Our Abba, in Heaven,  
 hallowed be your Name,  
 Your Kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 as in Heaven  
 so on earth;  
**Give us our daily bread today**

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

**Sermon** Rev. Wendy Bruner

**Hymn** "We Are People on a Journey"

E B B<sup>7</sup> E

We are peo - ple on a jour - ney; pain is with us all the way.  
 God has sent the in - vi - ta - tion to the hum - ble and the poor.  
 This is bread that God pro - vides us, nour - ish - ing our u - ni - ty.  
 Christ is ev - er pres - ent with us to u - nite us all in love.  
 All who tru - ly thirst for jus - tice seek their lib - er - a - tion here.

Refrain A E B<sup>7</sup> E

Joy - ful - ly we come to - geth - er at the ho - ly feast of God.

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer**

Creator, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name.  
 Your kin - dom come, your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power,  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**How Shall We Join God's Work in the World**

Gracious God, we give thanks.  
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,  
talent, and treasure as we use them to join  
Your work in the world. Amen

**Benediction**

**Postlude** Sue Clauss - recorder  
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