

# The Mount Carmel Congregational Church

*A United Church of Christ*



*Jesus Healing the Bleeding Woman*, Unknown Artist  
Roman Catacombs c. 300–350

**Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
**June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## Prelude

## “FOREST GREEN”

*Arr. for Bells, Flute, and Organ by Raymond Haan*

## Greeting

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

## Call to Worship

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

All: **We will serve the LORD with gladness and come into God’s presence with singing.**

One: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving and God’s courts with praise!

All: **For the LORD is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness to all generations.**

\*Hymn “All Beautiful the March of Days” NCH #434

## The Call to Confession

## Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs. Too often the melodies of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction. Help us pay attention to all of our senses. Make our dancing faithful. Pull us back into your rhythms. Clean our hearts, purify our hands, and steady our feet, that we might know and share your blessings.

## Words of Assurance

Hymn “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” [Page 2]

*[Please remain seated for this hymn.]*



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

**The Gospel:**

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Mark Leach

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

**Sermon**

Jackson Ringley

**\*Hymn**

“There is a Wideness in God's Mercy” NCH #23

### **The Joys and Concerns of the Parish Family**

Please remember the following persons in your prayers: Lynn Campo, Robert Martin, Karl Paulette; Carmen McKee; Amos Hewitt; Rhonda Pruzinsky; Gilbert Spencer; Ron Vanacore; and Kathy Willey.

### **Moments of Silent Prayer**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

Mt. Carmel Choir

*Arr. John Helgen*

**\*The Doxology**

*Praise God, the wind that stirs our hearts,  
Praise God, the one who grants fresh starts,  
Praise God, the source of each new birth,  
Praise God who loves all those on earth.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn**

“All My Hope on God is Founded”

NCH #408

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Kingsfold”

*Performed by Angela, violin, and Rob Pedersen, piano.*

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*As a community of faith, gathered in Christ's love,  
we strive to support one another in bearing the Word,  
living the Word, and sharing the Word.*



## **About Today's Worship Leader:** **Jackson Ringley**

Jackson Ringley is a 2nd year master's student at Yale Divinity School pursuing ordination in the PC (USA). He has served as a Christian educator in both congregational and nonprofit settings, and he is actively involved in planning Christian conferences for youth and young adults. Originally from South Carolina, Jackson is delighted to be with "y'all" this morning!

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**As a reminder, Reverend Milton will be away in Ireland during the month of June. In his absence, we will be hosting a mixture of lay preachers and Divinity School students. We ask that you help support them by attending service during those Sundays.**

**During Reverend Milton's absence, Reverend Ginger Brasher-Cunningham will be available for pastoral support. If at any time you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the office and we will put you in touch with her.**

**We are looking for Volunteers for our Simple Summer Coffee Hours. All that is needed is something sweet (cookies or pastries) and something refreshing (iced tea or lemonade). If you are interested, please contact Aren in the office, or use the sign-up sheet now located near the main entrance to the Parish House.**

**Altar flowers are always welcomed. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday, please contact the office directly or use the signup sheet now located at the entrance of the Parish House.**

**Keep your Ark Banks floating! Please don't forget to keep bringing in your ark banks. The monies collected go into a discretionary fund which can be used to help people in need.**

**Donations for the Food Bank are always needed if you are able to contribute. Non-perishable items such as canned beef stew, hearty soups, canned fish, peanut butter, mac and cheese packages, and oatmeal would be greatly appreciated.**

**As a reminder, Prayer Shawls are always available to those who need them. If you or anyone you know are in need of one, please contact Aren in the office and he will arrange a shawl for you.**

**We are always looking for more Ushers – no experience necessary! Please see Dave or Bev Jurkiewicz, or Debbie Wooley, for more information!**

**If you or anyone you know would be interested in renting out our parish hall to host a meeting, service, or a small private event, please feel free to visit our website for scheduling, rates, and conditions.**

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