

**NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE
OR WHERE YOU ARE
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY
YOU ARE
WELCOME HERE**



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Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
August 16, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*all those who are able please stand

Our worship begins with the Prelude.

Please be mindful of those who wish to spend this time in prayer

PRELUDE

Ayre

Georg Telemann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janine Sullivan-Wiley

INTROIT

Adult Choir

Be still and know that God is here

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 105)

Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known
his deeds among the peoples.

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his
wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the
Lord rejoice.

**People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence
continually.**

***HYMN**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less New Century Hymnal(Black) #403

INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

**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, forever and ever. Amen. [We use “Father” and “trespasses,” but please use whatever words bring you closest to God.]

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION (UNISON)

Most holy and merciful God, in your presence we must face with honesty the sinfulness of our natures and the errors of our ways, both intended and accidental. You know how often we have failed by wandering from your paths, wasting your gifts, and underestimating your love. We have broken your commandment that we act with justice. We have overlooked opportunities for kindness. Humble us with your truth and raise us by your grace so that we might be ever more nearly the people of Christ. Hear us now as we pray in silence. Amen.

(Time for individual silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We affirm that Jesus is sovereign even over the powers of sin and evil, and his reign brings forgiveness, freedom, and joy. Therefore, I remind you that by the power of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #513

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

Mark 1:14-15

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

SERMON

The Rev. Peggy Allen

*HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #300

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayer requests will be received from the congregation. Please be mindful worship is livestreamed, so we advise caution on using last names to preserve people’s privacy.

OFFERTORY

Let there Be Peace on Earth

arr. Craig Courtney

Anna Kwashnak, soprano

***Doxology in Unison**

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #515

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Glorious God, we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives. Because there is so much more we can become, and so much more we can do, we pray that our faith will increase and our practice of generosity grow. We hear the urgency of your call, and ask that these offerings be used to build up your church and answer the pressing needs in this world for justice and Christian love. Amen.

***HYMN**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #267

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Adult Choir

Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Corrente

Arcangelo Corelli

Please join us downstairs in the Social Hall after worship for fellowship and refreshments



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