

**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 9, 2026
Eleventh 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

When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INTROIT

Adult Choir

The Lord is in His holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 124:8, Psalm 146) Liturgist

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth

Leader: God is our refuge and our strength,

People: A very present help in trouble

Leader: Therefore we will not fear,

**People: Though the earth shall change, though the mountains
shake**

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us

People: The God of Jacob is our refuge and fortress

***HYMN**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #35

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 (Based on Hebrews 4:14, 16)

CONFESSION (UNISON)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.
(Time for individual silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 2:19-22)

Hear the good news! Scripture tells us: “you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.” Friends, all of us together have received God’s mercy in Christ. In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith. Amen.

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

Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 29-12:3

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

SERMON

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

Faith, Assurance, and Hope

***HYMN**

Guide My Feet

New Century Hymnal (Black) #497

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

Hallelu! Sing and Give Thanks

Philip Kern

(Based on a Guyanan folk song)

Adult Choir

***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)**

God of the ages, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we faithfully add our gifts to those who have gone before us throughout the generations. Bless these gifts that they may yield an increase for the spreading of your love in the world. Amen.

***HYMN**

For the Brave of Every Race

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #308

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Adult Choir

Twofold Amen

POSTLUDE

Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

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



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