

FOUNDATIONS



BUILDING FOR THE THIRD CENTURY

**Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
June 21, 2026
Celebration Sunday**

*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

This Is My Father's World

arr. Phillip Keveren

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INTROIT

Adult Choir

Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day.
Open your hearts, everyone.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Based on MCC's Open & Affirming Covenant)

Leader: Welcome all who to seek to share the Good News of God's love for us

People: We welcome all people

Leader: We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender expressions and identities, socioeconomic statuses, family configurations, ages, national origins, races, abilities, and religious backgrounds

People: We celebrate God's inclusive welcome, where all are encouraged to work together, in mission and in service

Leader: Where all are welcome to participate fully in the ministry, worship, leadership, fellowship, sacraments, responsibilities, joys, and blessings of our church.

People: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here

***HYMN**

This Is My Father's World

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #485

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.]

AFFIRMATION OF OUR CHURCH'S COVENANT (UNISON)

We covenant with God and with one another

In mutual love and trust:

To worship God together

To study and respond to God's Holy Word

To witness in all the world to God's reconciling love

To strive for love, justice, and peace

And to walk together in the ways of the Lord.

We rely on the Holy spirit to lead and empower us.

We acknowledge God's covenant with us, made known to us in Jesus Christ.

We recognize our continuing need for God's grace,

And our dependence on each other in the fulfillment of this covenant.

***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

Psalm 27:13-14

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

Romans 12:3-21

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the

wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

MEDIATION

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FUTURE TESTIMONY

Drew Kwashnak

FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FUTURE UPDATE Bob Giannini

***HYMN**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #263

CHARLES P. LUCKEY SCHOLARSHIP Thomas Zold

**RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS,
CHOIR, LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS**

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

10,000 Reasons

Matt Redman/Sorrenson

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)**

Loving God, bless the gifts that we bring this day, that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you and your world. Multiply the work done by our time, treasures, and talents, that your presence and compassion may be known in all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #391

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Adult Choir

Still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Bethany Smith

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

Celebration Sunday!

PICNIC ON THE GREEN

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

As we celebrate all that God has done through our church and look forward with hope to the future, we invite you to a special *Celebration Sunday!*



WORSHIP & GRATITUDE

Bring your heart and join us for a special service of worship and gratitude.



PICNIC & FELLOWSHIP

Enjoy specialty sandwiches, homemade macaroni salad, coleslaw, chips, and fresh lemonade!



STRAWBERRY SUNDAES

Stay for sweet strawberry sundaes and outdoor music!



Bring a blanket, bring a friend, bring your family, and stay awhile!

Whether you've been here for years or are joining us for the first time, *there is a place for you.*



OUTDOOR MUSIC
FUN • FOOD • FELLOWSHIP
FOR ALL AGES!

All are welcome!

AS WE CELEBRATE OUR SHARED FAITH, community, and future together.

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