

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



**MIDDLEBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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**Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
June 7, 2026
Second 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

The Summer Days Are Come Again arr. Penny Rodriguez

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INTROIT

Adult Choir

Be still and know that I am God. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 50:1-2)

Liturgist

Leader: The heavens declare the righteousness of God

People: The earth declares God's beauty

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting

People: God's word shines forth in glory

***HYMN**

The Summer Days Are Come Again Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #457

INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on Matthew 22:37-40)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Loving God, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshipped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us gracious God, and

bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another; through Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Time for individual silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on Romans 5:5)

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Deacon: Jo Lee Weimar

Emmett Ryan Gilland

Congregational Welcome (Unison)

With joy we welcome you into Christ's Church, Emmett. Your baptism is not the end but the beginning of a journey of discovering how much God loves you. This is our blessing to you: "Grow in grace and wisdom and do not fear, for the Lord is with you. Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Psalms 49:1-12

Hear this, all you peoples;

 give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high,
 rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak wisdom;

 the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
I will incline my ear to a proverb;

I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?
Truly, no ransom avails for one's life;
there is no price one can give to God for it.
For the ransom of life is costly
and can never suffice,
that one should live on forever
and never see the Pit.

When we look at the wise, they die;
fool and dolt perish together
and leave their wealth to others.
Their graves are their homes forever,
their dwelling places to all generations,
though they named lands their own.
Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
they are like the animals that perish.

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

SERMON

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

Abundance for What?

***HYMN**

Take My Life and Let It Be

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #404

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.

FOUNDATIONS FOR OUR FUTURE TESTIMONY

Kent Sullivan-Wiley

OFFERTORY

God of Mercy, God of Grace

Gordon Young

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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Holy God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts, and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Communion is served in the pews and is open to all, including children, who wish to grow in faith in Jesus Christ
(All communion bread is gluten free)*

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise

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.]

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN**

Lord of All Pots and Pans and Things

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(Closing hymn is a blessing for our Strawberry Festival volunteers)

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Adult Choir

Amen, amen, amen

POSTLUDE

Postlude Brevis on “Beach Spring”

David Lasky

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



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Hymn

Lord of All Pots and Pans

Text: Klara Munkres, Tune: BEACH SPRING

1. Lord of all pots and pans and things, since I've not time to be a
 2. Al-though I must have Mar-tha's hands, I have a Ma-ry mind, and when
 3. Warm all the kit-chen with thy love, and light it with thy peace. For -

saint by do-ing love-ly things, or watch-ing late with thee, or
 I black the boots and shoes, thy san-dals, Lord, I find. I
 give me all my wor-ry-ing, and make my grumb-ling cease. Thou who

dream-ing in the dawn light, or storm-ing hea-ven's gates, make
 think of how they trod the earth, what time I scrub the floor. Ac -
 didst love to give food to all, in room or by the sea, ac -

me a saint by get-ting meals, and wash-ing up the plates.
 cept this me-di-ta-tion, Lord, I have not time for more.
 cept this ser-vice that I do; I do it un-to thee.