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“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”

“Deeds of Power”

***Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 7, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.***

Worship Leaders:

Pastor: Michael Small

Liturgist: Sonja Huber

Special Music: Ryan Pels

Greeter:

Keyboard: Leisa Bragg

Tech: Aurora Diehl (Video), Esther Covert (Audio)
Spiritual Life, Chancel and Communion Preparation

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN **“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”** (vss. 1-4) **#543**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Inspired by Psalm 48)*

One: Great is the Holy One who sits sovereign and near!

All: The earth rejoices on the holy mountain, at the heights and depths of God’s love.

One: We gather, we observe, we recognize, we ponder the wonders of Creator’s majesty!

All: God’s name, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

One: The mighty deeds of power astound and amaze. We remember and recount from generation to generation!

All: Our Guide reigns forever and ever. Praise our God!

A TIME OF CENTERING

(During this time of centering, open your hearts to God; be in the present, here and now.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Powerful One, we come into this gathering humbled by your presence among us, grateful for the companionship of your people, and eager to worship your name. As we tell your story anew, we enter your story as the objects of your attention, love, and care. May we know you more deeply and clearly. May we be transformed and transfixed by the mystery of you. May we be inspired by your deeds of power to be instruments of your reign in the world. Empower us, O Holy One. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

L: Gracious and Loving God, have mercy on us. We confess our own forms of rebellion and stubbornness. We seek our own way and fail to wait for your counsel, wisdom, and insight. We hold fast to hopes and dreams that do not include your kingdom or our neighbors. We choose comfort over holy confrontation, doctrine over faithful discipleship and position over spiritual power. Awaken in us hunger and thirst for righteousness. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

(Each person can take this time to surrender to God privately anything weighing heavy on their heart.)

WORDS OF GRACE

One: Power-filled beloved, the Holy One is with you and fuels your journey. God grants you power to be the church, to be faithful, and to be active agents in the kingdom. You have power to make things new in your heart, in your neighborhood, and in your community. Receive the grace to try even when your way is uncertain, to hope even when circumstances seem dim, and to love even when love does not come easily. God is with you and will be with you.

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ryan Pels

SCRIPTURE: Mark 6:1-13

¹ After leaving there, Jesus came into his own town, followed by the disciples.

² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and the many listeners were astonished and said, "Where did he learn all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted, and these miracles that are performed by his hands?" ³ Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joses and Judah and Simon? Are not his sisters here with us?" They found these things to be stumbling blocks.

⁴ Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometowns and among their own relatives and in their own households.” ⁵ And he could work no miracles there, apart from laying his hands upon a few sick people and healing them; ⁶ their lack of faith astounded him. He made the rounds of the neighboring villages instead, and spent the time teaching.

⁷ Then Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs, giving them authority over unclean spirits. ⁸ He instructed them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts. ⁹ They were to wear sandals but, he added, “Do not take a spare tunic.”

¹⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town. ¹¹ Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you leave it, shake off the dust from the soles of your feet as a testimony against them.”

¹² And so they set off, proclaiming repentance as they went. ¹³ They cast out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

REFLECTION

“Deeds of Power”

HYMN

"O Savior, Let Me Walk With You"

#503

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

One: In the United Church of Christ, we practice an open communion, which means all are welcomed to this table...God's table. You don't have to be a member of this church or any church to partake in the sharing of the bread and drink of the vine. Come from the east and the west, the north and south to gather around this table.

REMEMBERING

One: We remember, the night before Jesus would be betrayed and crucified, that he sat among his friends and took bread, blessed, and broke it, and said “Take and eat for this is my body given for you. As often as you do it do it in remembrance of me”.

After the supper had ended, Jesus took the cup, blessed it and said, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

HYMN

"As We Gather at Your Table"

#332

DISTRIBUTION

One: My friends, whenever we share this bread and cup, we remember the

compassion and love Jesus taught and the call to follow Christ in all we do.

One: Bread that is broken – take and eat that you may be made whole.
(As the bread is served, hold on to the bread until all have been served – we eat together affirming that we are a part of the beloved community, the Body of Christ)

One: The cup of salvation – receive this cup of the new covenant knowing you are forgiven and set free.
(As the cup is served, drink when you are ready – though we are one in Christ we drink as we acknowledge our personal relationship with God/Christ/Spirit)

One: Let us pray.

All: Holy Creator, we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, and all who follow to bring love and justice to the world. May this bread and drink nourish us as they are the symbol of Christ's essence in all of us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison, using debts)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

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INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

One: In 1 Corinthians 12:9, the Apostle Paul writes, "but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me." Generosity does not measure the resources we have. Rather, it notes the capacity we have to give from the abundance we have received and the trust we place in God's generosity to renew the gifts we bring. Let us give generously to meet the needs that confront our community and to demonstrate the power of our collective faithfulness.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

DOXOLOGY: *(as collection plates come forward)*

Tune #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

One: Creator, all we have emanates from you and your creation. Receive these gifts we give with thanksgiving and hope for a shared future without lack, disparities, and unmet needs. Amen.

HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

#522

PARTING WORDS

One: May the power of God increase to saturate you.
May the power of God ignite a new vision in you .
May the power of God inspire you to follow the way of Jesus h in the world.
God in peace and in power to love God and neighbor.

POSTLUDE

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Deeds of Power: Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Year B was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

