

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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PRELUDE

*Springtime*¹
*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*²
*Be Thou My Vision*³

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING****GATHERING PRAYER** (Based on Psalm 84)

Pastor: Almighty God, our hope and strength, our present help in trouble, our sun and shield, hear our praises and prayers and songs that we sing on our lips and in our hearts as we gather in your house, and fit us with your whole armor, that we would walk uprightly in trust with you, in this hour and in our lives, forevermore. Amen.

HYMN*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*⁴

1. Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild, rest - less sea,
2. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's gold - en store;
3. In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
4. Je - sus calls us! By Thy mer - cies, Sav - iour, may we hear Thy call;

Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, Say - ing, "Christian, fol - low Me!"
From each i - dol that would keep us, Say - ing, "Christian, love Me more!"
Still He calls, in cares and pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love Me more than these!"
Give our hearts to Thy o - be - dience, Serve and love Thee best of all! A - MEN.

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² Public Domain. CCLI Song #43152, Author: Isaac Watts. Year: 1719. Video Link:

³ Public Domain. CCLI Song # 30639, Author: Anonymous. In 1905, Eleanor Henrietta Hull translated this Old Irish Hymn into English. Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Optrm7IF16s&t=69s>

⁴ Public Domain. CCLI Song # CCLI Song # 2648314. Author: Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander. Year: 1852. Video Link:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All people: Holy God, we can be so full of fear at times – afraid of the unknown; afraid of what is beyond our control; afraid of what is strange to us. And we know that fear stops us in our tracks, hinders our action, and gives excuse for not doing what you call us to do and what you empower us to do. So we pray that you will give us courage, O God. Give us strong hearts and open hands, that we might set aside our fear, and walk confidently into this world you have made. It is in the name of Jesus, our Savior that we pray. 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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Disciples, followers, students of the living Christ, know that you are forgiven always and freed to begin anew through God's everlasting mercy and love.

All people: Thanks be to God! Amen.

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE**OLD TESTAMENT READING****1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14****EPISTLE READING****James 1:16-21****GOSPEL READING****Mark 7:1-23****SERMON & PRAYER***Church Rummage Sale***Rev. Laura C. Bair****OFFERING INVITATION**

Liturgist: We are living, breathing messages of God's love for the world. This is our work of faith and our labor of love and our steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ. Like the earliest Christians, we are here in this place because of the commitment and faith and generosity of others who shared the good news of the gospel in their time. So, we turn now, in our time, and share our faith and our commitment through generous giving to support the ministry of this church in Christ's name. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise and may we dedicate all we give with a prayer, saying:

OFFERTORY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Based on James 1:17-27)

All people: Generous, giving God, we offer our gifts to you in gratitude for all the blessings you rain down upon us. Your sunshine warms us, your earth feeds us, and your word nourishes us. More than these gifts of money, we give ourselves—our time and our energy—that we might be doers of your word and not just hearers only. We pray this in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN

*Take My Life and Let it Be*⁵*In moderate time; solemnly*

1. Take my life, and let it be Con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a mite would I with - hold.
 5. Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no lon - ger mine.
 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treas - ure - store.

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee. A - MEN.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: As we go from this space,
 give us eyes to see afresh the beauty of relationship,
 give us ears that are quick to listen,
 give us mouths that are slow to speak,
 give us hands whose actions are compassionate,
 give us feet to walk only with You,
 and give us a heart to know and share the blessing of God,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 that the whole world may be transformed.

All people: Amen.

POSTLUDE

Together (King & Country)⁶

⁵ Frances Havergal was known as the consecration poet. She attempted to live her life fully consecrated to Christ and to those she saw in any physical or spiritual need. She wrote the words to this hymn in 1874, only five years before she died at the age of 47. Her hymn was originally set to "Consecration tune" by Mozart, but has most often been published in hymnals and sung to the tune called "Hendon." Even so, since that time, congregations have sung it to a vast array of tunes. Our pre-United Church of Christ Hymnal, the Evangelical and Reformed hymnal, has Havergal's hymn set to the tune called "St. Bees," which was composed in 1876 by John Dykes. This hymn is in the Public Domain - CCLI Song # 1390.

⁶ The song, "Together" from the Album "Burn the Ships" was released on May 1, 2020 in the midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic. CCLI Song # 7150197 Authors: Joel Smallbone, Josh Kerr, Kirk Franklin, Luke Smallbone, Ran Jackson, and Ricky Jackson © Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp. (Admin. by CURB | Word Music Publishing). Heavenly Junkie Music (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC). Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Swv7xWLxTFM>