

**David's UCC on June 20, 2021**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Online Worship Bulletin**



Gathering Music – *Tim Williams*

Welcome – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Call to Worship – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

One: We gather in this sacred space and time to remember our face before we were born, and before this universe exploded into forms most glorious.

**Many: We open to the ground of being, the matrix of fertile emptiness.**

One: We gather to gaze upon the mystery of creation, the beauty and the buzz and the terror of the natural world, and to gaze upon the face, revealed in the great web of creation.

**Many: We gather in devotion to you, our Beloved God and Goddess, Mother and Father, Giver of Life, Wise One and Guide;**

One: You care for each of us with a love we cannot comprehend but only humbly receive.

**Many: We open and bow before your loving presence.**

One: Before these three faces of our one God,

**Many: We find stillness, surrender to awe, and fall into Love's embrace.  
Amen.**

Invocation –

Children's Moment – *Michael Roediger*

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Special Music –

"His Eye is on the Sparrow" Charles Gabriel, arr. by Lavawan Riley

Canticle: Psalm 107: 1 – 3, 23 – 32 (adapted from The Message)

One: Oh, thank God – God's so good! God's love never runs out.

**Many: Let all of those set free by God, tell the world! How God freed us from oppression.**

One: God has rounded you up from all over the place, from the four winds and the seven seas.

**Many: Some of us set sail in big ships; put out to sea to do business in faraway ports.**

One: Out at sea we saw God in action, his breathtaking ways with the ocean.

**Many: With a word God called up the wind—an ocean storm, towering waves!**

One: We shot high in the sky, then the bottom dropped out; our hearts were stuck in our throats.

**Many: We were spun like a top, reeled to and fro like a drunk, we didn't know which end was up.**

One: When we called out to God in our desperation, God got us out in the nick of time.

**Many: God quieted the waves down to a whisper, put a muzzle on all the big waves.**

One: We were so glad when the storms died down, and God led us safely back to harbor.

**Many: So, thank God for all that marvelous love, for miracles of mercy to God's beloved children.**

One: Lift high your praises when the people have assembled,

**Many: When the elders meet, let us shout "Hallelujah!"**

Hymn – "How Firm a Foundation"

(Tim will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 1. How firm a foundation for you has been laid,  
By God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid!  
What more can God say than to you has been said,  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
- 2. "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand  
Upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand."**
- 3. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes:  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"**

Scripture –

Hebrew – 1 Samuel 17: 1a, 4 – 9, 32 – 49

Epistle – 2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 13

Gospel – Mark 4: 35 – 41

Sermon – "Open Wide Your Hearts (Having Set Fear Aside)"

Hymn – "God of Grace and God of Glory"

- 1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower,  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.**

- 2. From the evils that surround us and assail the Savior's ways,  
From the fears that long have bound us—free our hearts for faith and  
praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.**
  
- 3. Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, make our broken spirits whole,  
Make our broken spirits whole.**

Invitation to the Sacrament of our Lord's Table –

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **O Holy One, you have set us within a world of wonders, an endless font of fascination. We are fired into this world with bottomless desire. Forgive our fascinations, which lead us away from the sacred and toward the profane. We are mesmerized by violence, transfixed by displays of dominance, and allured by the fetish of personal fortune. Still you do not give up on us. You are the persuasive pull of love, and the insistent push over the edge of yesterday's truth. You are the message of meaning—and the promise of love written into the stars and the life of this planet—manifest in Jesus, beckoning truth and beacon of becoming. Open us, as we rest in holy longing for your wholeness and peace. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Prayers of God's People, Communion and Lord's Prayer –

Sharing the Bread and the Cup –

Benediction/Fare Thee Well Until Next Time –

Closing Music – "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Inspired by Debussy's *Suite Bergamasque*, arr. by Faye Lopez

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