



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Chambersburg, PA
June 19, 2022***

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNETEENTH AND OPEN & AFFIRMING SUNDAY**

*Please stand in body or in spirit

GATHERING SONG

"Find a Home Here"

UNISON WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you" "and with all the people of the world"*

OPENING SONG

"With Open Hearts"

Kish/Chapman

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from enfleshed

When the way is difficult and dangerous,

let us still choose what is good and just.

When evil comes to break us down and break us apart,

let us still choose to carry on with each other.

When power from on high strikes fear in our hearts,

let us still choose the courage to persist.

For we know that the love and power of God, which abides in us, will not be overcome.

***PRAISE SONG**

"Sing a New World into Being"

Bringle/Hehn

LITANY OF CONFESSION

from enfleshed

God, who searches our hearts and calls us to courage, as racist violence against your people and the earth persists, Your spirit groans with us over all that is being lost.

We come together to lament lives burdened and destroyed, communities criminalized and under-resourced, families torn apart, and lands stolen and plundered.

Our lives are entangled in a complicated web of systems, histories, and beliefs. They make it difficult to live as Jesus taught us, to lay down our lives for our friends, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

And so we confess: Too often, our fear prohibits us from being bold in love.

We do not do enough to hold ourselves, our communities, and those in power accountable to racial justice. Rather than cast our lot with the most marginalized, where race and other injustices wed, our loyalty is often granted to those most like us.

Though prophets surround us, calling us to live and perceive differently,

we confess, we ignore their pleas.

Hear our hearts, Delivering One: we do not always recognize the ways we are complicit

with white supremacy, but we know that we are – individually and collectively, that we strive not to be, and that we believe, by your power, O God,

we can keep learning, keep growing, and disrupt the cycles of racism that run through our lives, our church, and our world.

Forgive our complacency and lead us on paths of justice.

Not even the forces of white supremacy can overcome the power of your love.

So rise within us and around us, O God, that your Kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven.

Not one day, but today.

Through Christ, who liberates the oppressed and frees the captive heart, we pray. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The good news is that we are always given the opportunity to begin again, to try again, to act and not ignore; to speak, rather than be silent. God forgives our sins and offers us new life to lead with love and justice written on our hearts and reflected in our actions.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:1-8; Galatians 3:23-29

RESPONSIVE READING

based on Psalm 46:1-2

God is our refuge and our strength,

A very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change.

Therefore we are not lost, even though we wander.

God is our refuge and our strength.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Follow the Drinking Gourd"

arr. Jay Althouse

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:26-39

SERMON

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

REAFFIRMATION OF ST. JOHN'S UCC COVENANT OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERING SONG

"God Gave This World a Gift"

Llanos/Infante

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG**

"Jesus, You Have Truly Called Us"

Daniel Charles Damon

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

SENDING SONG

"Love Astounding"

Jeannette M. Lindholm

Birthdays this week: Jill Miller 6/19; Thomas Kinton 6/20; Lynda Pound 6/21, Kerry Miller 6/21; J Christian Snavely 6/23; Anthony Cuesta 6/24

Worship Participants:	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Praise Team	Tim Long, Jose Ricardo, Aaron Hartman, Carol Yarema, John Bryner, Pastor Caroline
Deacon in Charge	Calvin Frantz
Lector	Jerry Thomason
Media Coordinators	Calvin Frantz and Connie Morrill-Hair
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman
Bulletin cover	Edd Scheer

The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given in memory of Marilyn Diehl on their 66th wedding anniversary. Love George and Family

St. John's Vision

We are called to love, to learn, to worship and to witness in Christ as a congregation that welcomes everyone, and seeks service that will advance God's realm on earth.

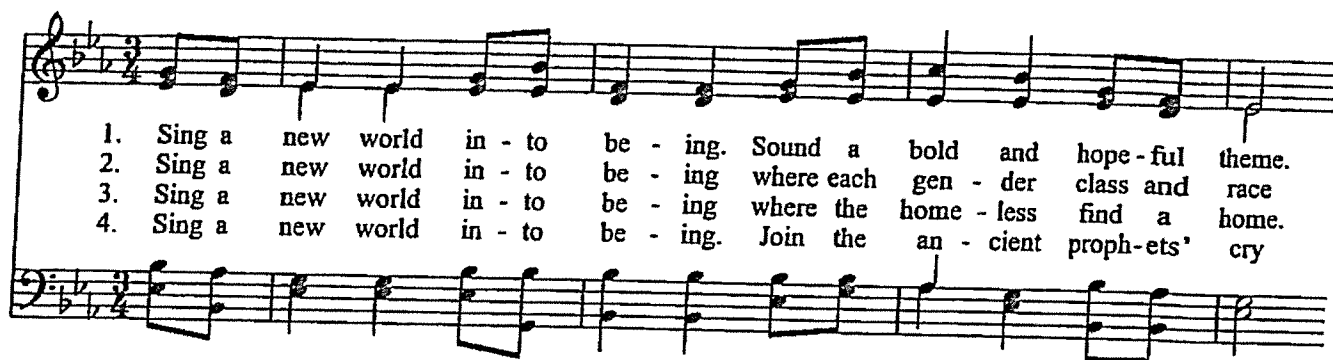
Worship Resources:

enfleshed; Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship

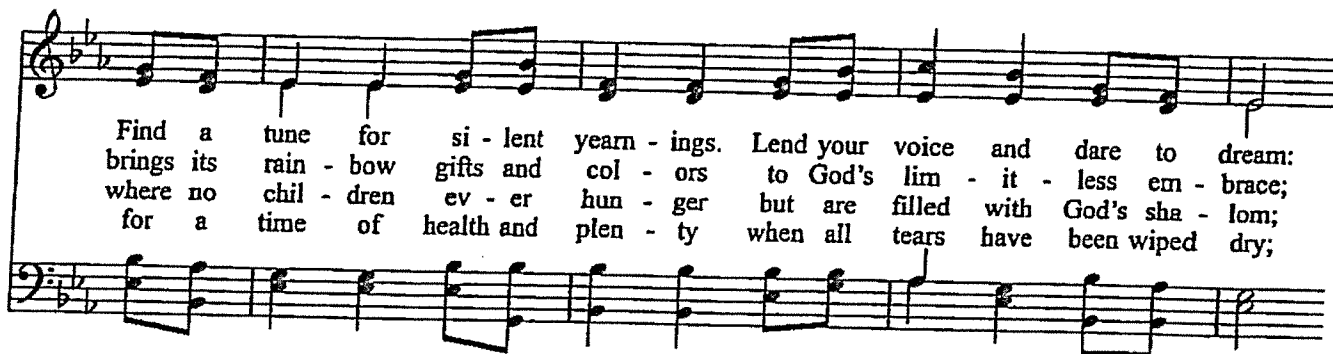
Sing a New World into Being

Mary Louise Bringle

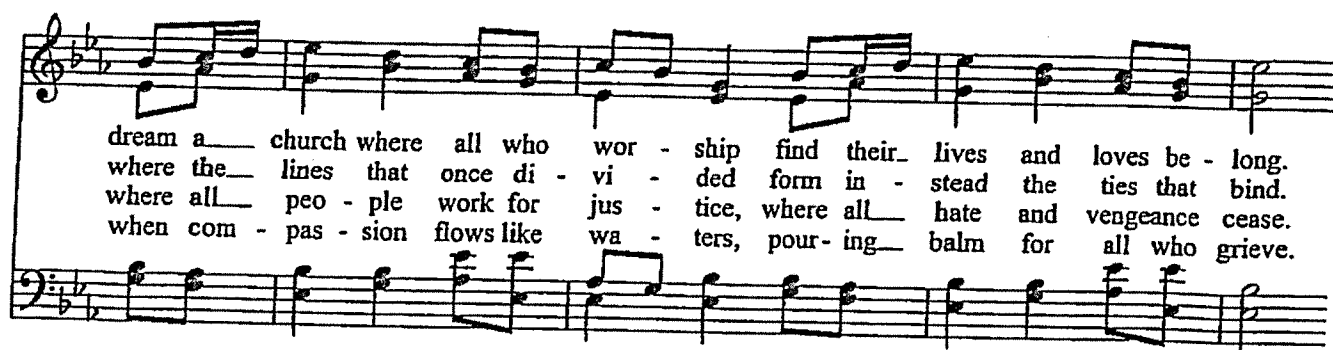
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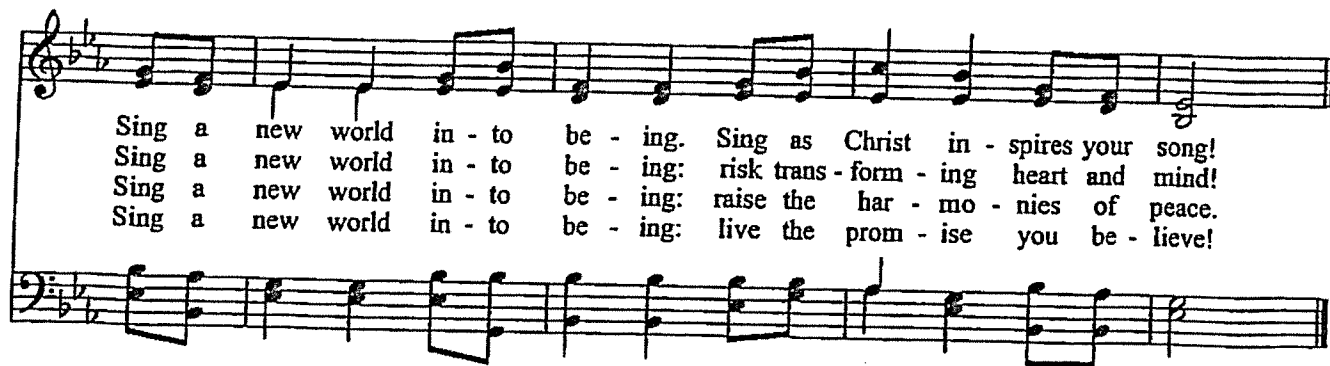
1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race
3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home.
4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry



Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;
where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;
for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;



dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.
where the lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.
where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.



Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

Jesus, You Have Truly Called Us

Unison F Dm B \flat B \flat /C

1 Je - sus, you have tru - ly called us. Still, to - day, we hear your
 2 Je - sus, save us from poor choic - es. Ha - tred, run - ning like a
 3 Je - sus, save us from our weak - ness, from de - ceit and from de -

F F F/E Dm Dm/C B \flat B \flat /C

voice. Lead us on - ward, lead us up - ward, till all peo - ple can re -
 thread through the fab - ric of our his - t'ry, mars our faith and leaves us
 spair. Move us on to new cre - a - tion in a world that's free and

F Refrain Am Am/C Dm Dm/C B \flat

joice.
 dead. Meet us in our time of tri - al, fill us with your Spir - it's
 fair.

B \flat /C C Dm Am/C B \flat F/A Gm7 B \flat /C F

power. As we stand be - fore op - pres - sion, give us cour - age for this hour.

WORDS: Daniel Charles Damon

BEACH SPRING

MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White, *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Daniel Charles Damon

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Love Astounding

Jeannette M. Lindholm

HOLY MANNA
William Moore, Columbian Harmony 1825

1. Love a - stound-ing, Love con - found-ing— lim - its— fear - ful minds im - pose.
2. Love re - ceiv - ing Love be - liev - ing,— we re - joice with thanks and song,

Love re - new - ing, Love pur - su - ing— ev - ery— heart un - til it knows
faith re - gain - ing, hope pro - claim - ing;— Love has— taught us, we be - long

Love's trans - form - ing, heal - ing— good - ness, Love's a - bid - ing gen - tle— grace,
safe with - in Love's ten - der— keep - ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent— cal.

Love's en - dur - ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing strong em - brace.
Love de - fend - ing, Love un - end - ing,— Love of— God en - fold - ing all.

NEWS IN THE PEWS June 19, 2022

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, pastor@sjucc1811.org (641) 260-1868 (cell)
Gloria & Gary Crum, Tim Long, Music Directors
Roxanne Davenport, Director of Children & Youth
Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritis

THIS WEEK AT St. JOHN'S

Monday, June 20

The Church Office is **CLOSED** in Observance of Juneteenth
5:30 pm Cooking Class - Kitchen
6:30 pm Bible and a Beer - Cottage Pub

Tuesday, June 21

10:00 am Summer Singers - Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Yoga Class – Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study via Zoom
7:00 pm Amistad PT Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 22

6:00 pm Spiritual Council - Room 116
7:00 pm Consistory - Room 116

Sunday, June 26

10:00 am Worship – Sanctuary

Outreach First Fruits Our First Fruits for June will go to Sponsor a Camper.

VBS needs volunteers July 31, 2022 thru Aug 4, 2022

The ONA Team June is PRIDE Month! In the spirit of community outreach and honoring our covenant, there are a few future local PRIDE events that several ONA members will be attending/volunteering and participation from other St. John's folks is greatly welcomed. More information will be shared as details become available. If you have any questions, please, feel free to talk with any member of the ONA team.

LGBTQ Family and Friends Caring Picnic – Sunday, July 24,

4:30 –7:00 pm at Nitterhouse YMCA pavilion on Coldbrook Avenue

(A family event of connection, encouragement and support where everyone is welcome.)

Mum Sale - pick up September 9 & 10

PRIDE Fest Franklin County – October 9 at Wilson College

(For more information and to volunteer, go to the website – pridefranklincounty.org)