

# Grace United Church of Christ

June 21, 2020  
Online Worship

## MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer  
Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer

**SENDING HYMN** Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

## COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The sun shines more brightly. Its warmth stays with us for so many more hours.

**People: So, we shake free of our routines.**

Leader: In this new moment,  
We wander about the wilderness:  
Hoping God will open our eyes,  
Praying God will make us worthy,  
Wanting to grow with God.

**People: Let us grow together in the wild way of God.**

**GATHERING HYMN** O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

## INVOCATION

## ANTHEM

**FIRST LESSON** Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17

## A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

**CENTERING SONG** Draw the Circle Wide  
**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.**  
**Let this be our song, No one stands alone,**  
**Standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.**

**SECOND LESSON** Genesis 21:8-21

## MESSAGE

## OFFERING

*Psalm 86:1-10*

- <sup>1</sup> Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.
- <sup>2</sup> Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.  
You are my God; <sup>3</sup> be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
- <sup>6</sup> Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
listen to my cry of supplication.
- <sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I call on you,  
for you will answer me.
- <sup>8</sup> There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.
- <sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.
- <sup>10</sup> For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.
- <sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant;  
save the child of your serving girl.
- <sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,  
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

*Genesis 21:8-21*

<sup>8</sup> The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. <sup>10</sup> So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” <sup>11</sup> The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. <sup>13</sup> As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” <sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

<sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup> Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

<sup>20</sup> God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. <sup>21</sup> He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

## **O Savior, Let Me Walk with You**

O Savior, let me walk with you  
in earthly paths of service true;  
Tell me your secret,  
help me bear  
the strain of toil,  
the fret of care.

Teach me your patience; let me be  
in closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps  
faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs  
over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only  
you can give,  
with you, O Savior,  
let me live.

## **Blessed Be the Tie That Binds**

Blessed be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
The sharing of a common life  
is like to that above.

Before our God we come  
and pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our care.

We share each other's woes,  
each other's burdens bear,  
And from our hearts the strength will flow  
for justice made and shared.