



**LOVE FIRST.
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF MONTCLAIR & VERONA**



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**WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICE
AND APPRECIATE YOUR VIRTUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.**

June 27, 2021 + Fifth Sunday after Pentecost + 10:00 AM

Bolded text - said in unison by all
* If able, please stand where indicated.

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*

TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Prelude

"Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus" – Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:

People: Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.

Leader: With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

People: Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.

Leader: With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

People: Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.

***Opening Hymn**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Opening Prayer

Leader: O Lord, you are indeed the healer of all our ills. We bring to you, Lord, our bodies, minds and spirits hurting and broken by the violence, ills, trauma and cares of a world separated from you. Come to us now with your healing powers. Give us the strength, health, wisdom and knowledge found only through you. Send your life-giving Spirit so that we may live our lives with courage in the profound peace of your love. Come to us now with your healing powers. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

People: God of Grace, we come to you in search of healing. Sometimes we struggle to find our faith at all, and forget that doubt, too, is a part of belief. Give us strength enough to speak the truth of our own struggles, and to see and hear and know the struggles of others. Forgive us when we think you only want us if we're perfect. Amen.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer...)

Words of Assurance

Leader: It is the faith Christ has given us that has made us well; the power of God's love that heals and redeems.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Please share your joys and concerns in any of the following ways:

- Share it in the church's WhatsApp group (First UMC of Montclair).
- Write it as a comment on the wall of the Facebook Livestream.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Dr. Leslie Lester

Responsive Hymn

Change My Heart, O God

TFWS 2152

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true; Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you

CALLED TO THE WORD

***Psalter Reading**

Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

People: Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Leader: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

People: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

People: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

People: It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Hymn of Illumination

Open Our Eyes

TFWS 2086

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Vidal Guzman

Now as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you--so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something--now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has--not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

***Gospel Lesson**

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of

her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon

"Excel In So Many Ways"

Nicole Peaks

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

CALLED TO SHARE

Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn**

He Touched Me

UMH 367

Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame,
Then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.
He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole;
I will never cease to praise him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls.
He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

***Sending Forth**

Leader: Go out, among the outcast and the grieving, and speak the word of life and hope. Do not fear, but trust in God's word. Watch for the Lord with eager expectation and be generous with all God has given you. And may God respond to your every cry with mercy; May Christ Jesus take you by the hand and lift you to life; and may the Holy Spirit build you up in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in passion and in love.

People: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.

***Circle of Blessing**

Shalom to You

UMH 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude

"All Hail the Power" – Lonnie Smith