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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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July 4, 2021

10:00 AM

Prelude

*Processional Hymn: #407 “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”

*Call to Worship:

It's not you who should solve my problems, God,
But I yours, God of the asylum-seekers.
It's not you who should feed the hungry,
But I who should protect your children
From the terror of the banks and armies,
It's not you who should make room for refugees,
But I who should receive you,
Hardly hidden God of the desolate.

**You dreamed me, God,
Practicing walking upright
And learning to kneel down
More beautiful than I am now,
Happier than I dare to be**

Freer than our country allows.
Don't stop dreaming me.
I don't want to stop remembering

**That I am your tree,
Planted by the streams of living water.**

-Adapted from the poem "Dream Me, God" by Dorothee Soelle

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism

Scripture Lessons: Ezekiel: 47:12; Mark 4:30-32 (Insert)

Poem: A Human

*Hymn: #96 “Creating God, Your Fingers Trace”

Hugh Cipparone

Gladys Mwilelo

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me; Spir - it of the

liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,

use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Selection

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Offertory Prayer

Sermon: **The Living Water We Share**

Ashley Makar

*Hymn: #500 "O for a World"

Benediction

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

“You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints.”

It is a pleasure to welcome Ashley Makar and Gladys Mwilelo to the pulpit this morning.

Ashley Makar is the Community Liaison for IRIS—Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services. She's a graduate of Yale Divinity School, who engages congregations throughout Connecticut in IRIS's resettlement work with refugees & immigrants. Ashley is a writer with an e-book of essays called *You Were Strangers*. Her writing also appears in *The Hartford Courant*, *Sojourners*, and *The Washington Post*.

Gladys Mwilelo came to Connecticut as a refugee from Democratic Republic of the Congo. As an Ambassador with IRIS, Gladys does speaking engagements throughout Connecticut. She is a youth leader and also volunteers with IRIS. She is a graduate of Central Connecticut State University and lives in New Haven with her family. Gladys is now a U.S. Citizen, who voted for the first time in the 2020 election. She collaborated with middle-grade author Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo on a book project, *Each of Us A Universe*.

**This morning we are pleased to celebrate the baptism of Oliver Robert Cole,
son of Jason and Kelsey Cole.**

**We thank Hugh Cipparone for being our scripture reader this morning.
He is a long-time member of the Congregation.**

**Summer Days Writing Group: Gifts from the Sea, Thursdays in July (8th, 22nd, 29th)
9:30-10:45AM (See the Church Week Ahead email for more details.)**

The Senior Choir

The next two “summer sings” will be on July 11th and August 8th. ALL are welcome to join the choir for these sings, whether or not you are a regular choir member. Welcome!

**Children’s Sundays: Summer Stories from the Beach, Sunday, July 11th and August 8th,
10:00 a.m. (See the Church Week Ahead email for more details.)**

UCC General Synod 33 - Rooted in Love

Please consider registering and attending this virtual UCC General Synod, July 11 - 18, 2021. You don't need to be a delegate - you can register as a guest. This is a great way to experience the richness of the United Church of Christ from your living room. Registration is now open. Visit the UCC General Synod web site to learn more about the rich programs and worship that are planned.

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week
Walking Group *Wednesday, July 7 at 8:30 am* at the Church
Writing Group *Thursday, July 8 at 9:30 am* at the Church
Children’s Sundays *Sunday, July 11 at 10:00 am* at the Church