

# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;  
for now the winter is past,  
The flowers appear on the earth;  
and the time of singing has come,  
Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

Song of Solomon 2:10-13



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**Sunday, July 9, 2023**  
*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

Prelude	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>	<i>Bliss/Bach, arr. Eklund</i>
Call to Worship		<i>Meg Doucette</i>
*Opening Hymn	<i>We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness</i>	
Welcome and Announcements		<i>Leslie Clark</i>
Responsive Prayer of Invocation		<i>Meg Doucette</i>
<p><i>One:</i> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!</p> <p><b>All: Behold, a ruler comes to us: triumphant and victorious, yet humble and riding on a donkey!</b></p> <p><i>One:</i> The chariot and the warhorse will be cut off. the battle-bow shall be cut off, and God shall command peace to the nations.</p> <p><b>All: Your dominion, O God, shall be from sea to sea, from the river to the ends of the earth.</b></p> <p><i>One:</i> And for you, because of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.</p> <p><b>All: Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today we are redeemed!</b></p>		
		<i>Zechariah 9:9-12</i>
*The Peace of Christ		<i>Meg Doucette</i>
<p><i>One:</i> "The Peace of Christ be with you." <b>All: And also with you!</b></p>		
Matthew 10:40-42		<i>Meg Doucette</i>
Blessing		<i>Meg Doucette</i>
Anthem	<i>Balm in Gilead</i>	<i>Natalie Pelon, mezzo soprano</i>
Sermon		<i>Robert Clark</i>
Hymn	<i>Listen to Your Savior Call</i>	

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\* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

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Prayers of the People

Sandy Clarke

The Lord's Prayer

Sandy Clarke

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come;  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Invitation to the Offering

Sandy Clarke

Offertory

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Carter

Doxology

*Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God for all that Love has done.*

*Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.*

\*Closing Hymn

*Community of Christ*

Benediction

Dawn Geiser

Postlude

*Trust*

Neumark, arr. Summers

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*Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Postlude in quiet contemplation.*

*All are invited after worship to coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.*

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### ***Our Core Values***

- Community
- Intergenerational Life
- Service and Social Action
- Worship and Spiritual Life
- Welcome and Hospitality

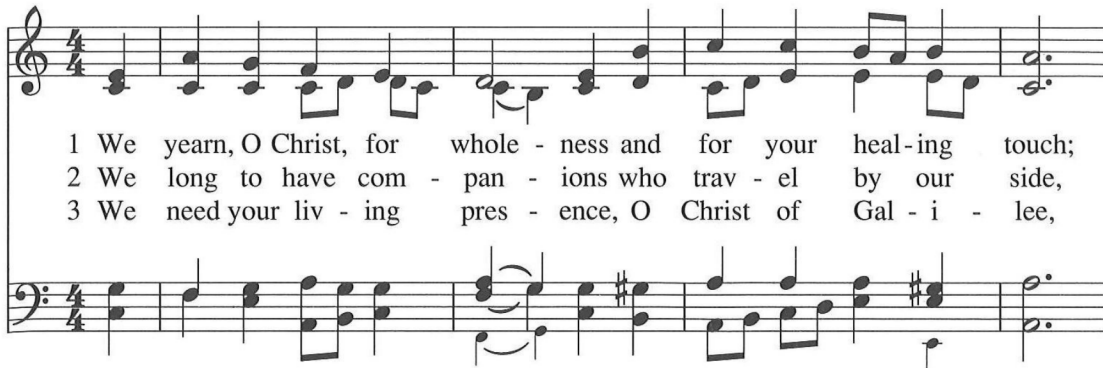
### ***Our Bedrock Beliefs***

- We believe we are called to be kind, love justice, and walk humbly with God.
  - We believe that God is present with us always in times of trial and rejoicing.
  - We embrace Jesus' call to love and serve one another.
  - We believe that God hears and answers our prayers.
  - We believe in the fullness of God's grace (unmerited favor).
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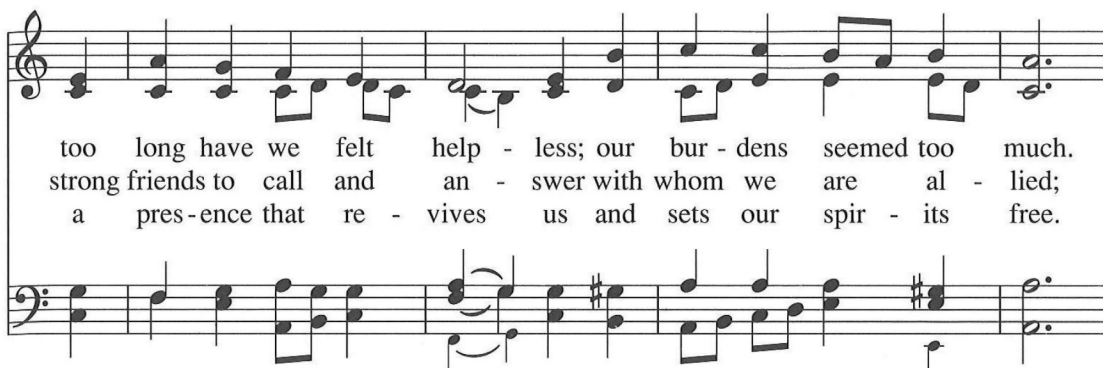
# We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

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*Dosia Carlson, 1986; rev. 1993*



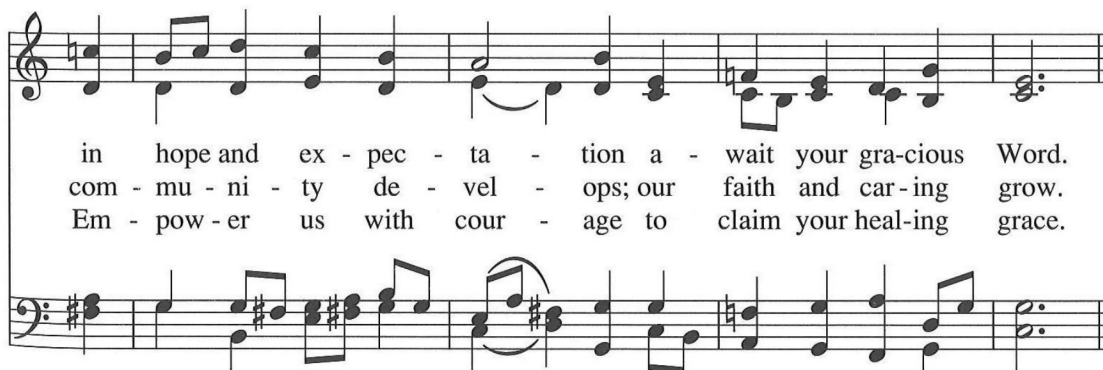
1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;  
2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,  
3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,



too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.  
strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;  
a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.



For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,  
As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,  
No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.



in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.  
com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.  
Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

*Dosia Carlson is noted for her ministry at Beatitudes United Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, and for her hymnwriting. This text was inspired by a sermon given by Harold Wilke during the International Year of Persons with Disabilities (1983).*

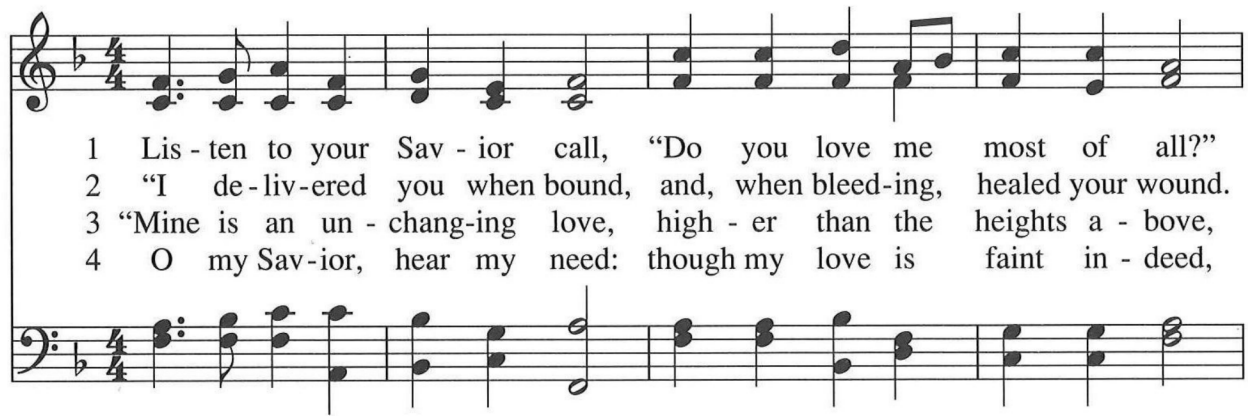
Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.  
*Hans Leo Hassler, 1601*  
*Harm. J. S. Bach, 1719*  
*For another harmonization, see 202*

# Listen to Your Savior Call


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William Cowper, 1768; alt.

John 21:15–16



1 Lis - ten to your Sav - ior call, “Do you love me most of all?”  
2 “I de - liv - ered you when bound, and, when bleed - ing, healed your wound.  
3 “Mine is an un - chang - ing love, high - er than the heights a - bove,  
4 O my Sav - ior, hear my need: though my love is faint in - deed,



Je - sus speaks, and speaks to you: “Love me as I first loved you.”  
Sought you wan - dering, set you right, for your path - way gave you light.”  
Deep - er than the depths be - neath, free and faith - ful, strong as death.”  
Still I love you and a - dore— oh, for grace to love you more!

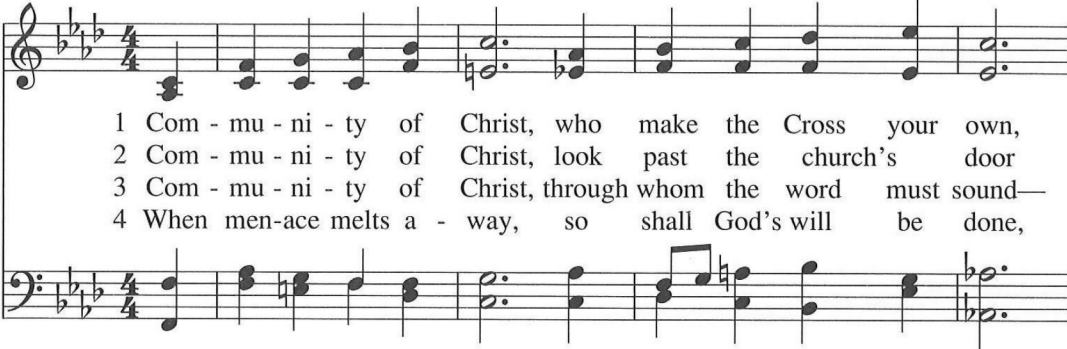
*William Cowper was trained as a barrister. He suffered from severe depression, but during a time of wellness he wrote this hymn based on John 21:15—a dialogue between Jesus and the individual.*

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS 7.7.7.7.  
French melody, early 13th century  
Arr. Richard Redhead, 1853

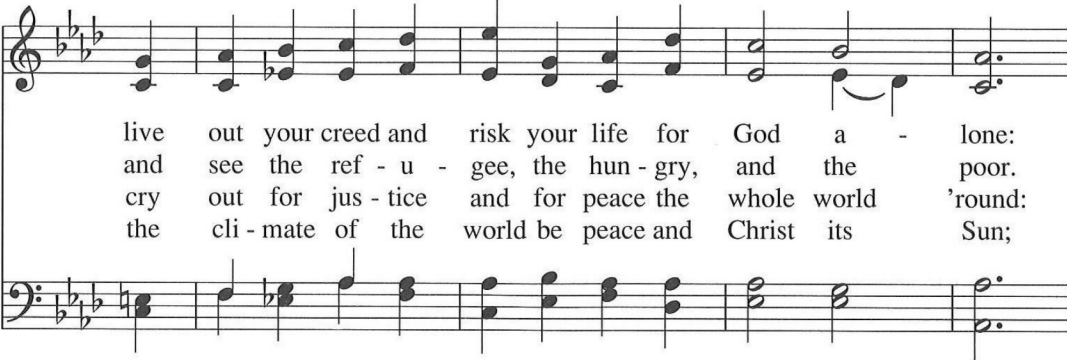
# Community of Christ

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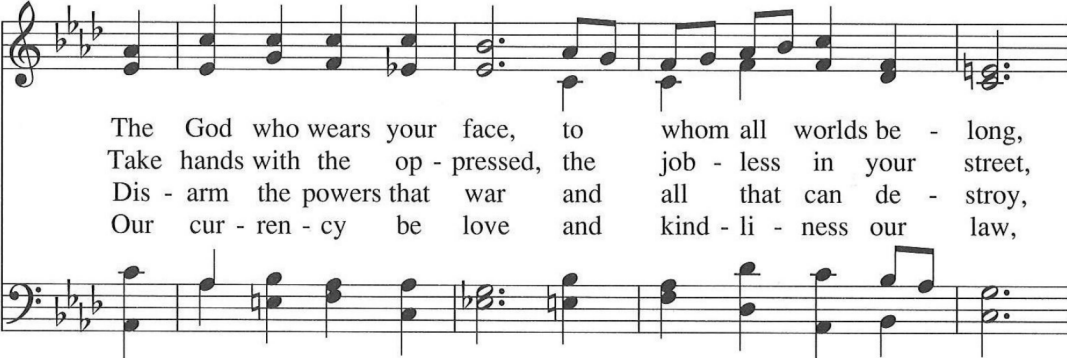
Shirley Erena Murray, 1985



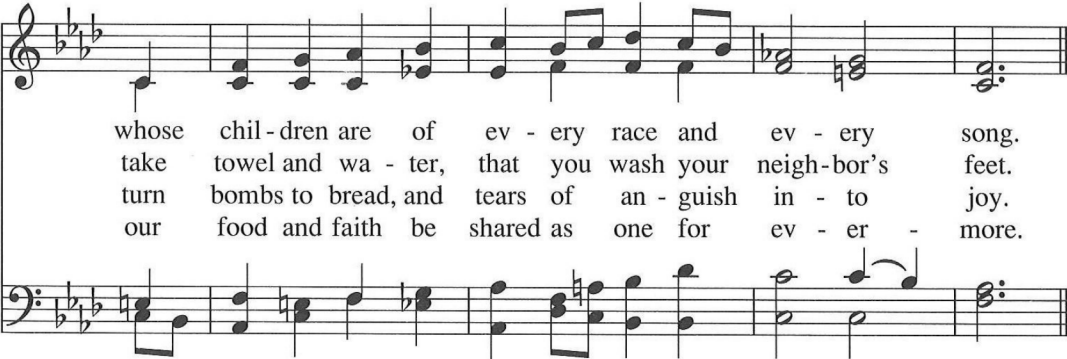
1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your own,  
2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church's door  
3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—  
4 When men-ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,



live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:  
and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.  
cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world 'round:  
the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;



The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,  
Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,  
Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,  
Our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,



whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.  
take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.  
turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.  
our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

Shirley Erena Murray has grown up within the Ecumenical Movement and addresses related themes such as Christian unity and social justice in her hymnody. This text was first sung at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Tune: LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.  
Traditional Hebrew melody  
Adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770



**FRAMINGHAM  
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**SUMMER**

**DONATION DRIVE**

**FRAMINGHAM'S "WRAPAROUND" SERVICE IS ASKING FOR HELP  
COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR STUDENTS:**

**WINDBREAKERS,  
JACKETS, SWEATSHIRTS,  
RAIN BOOTS, RAINWEAR  
WOOL SOCKS  
(YOUTH/ADULT SIZES)  
LUNCH BOXES  
WATER BOTTLES**

**DROP-OFFS IN  
THE PARISH HALL  
JULY 16-AUGUST 27**

**WRAPAROUND IS A FAMILY-DRIVEN, TEAM-BASED PROCESS FOR PLANNING AND PROVIDING SUPPORT AND STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS. THE WRAPAROUND PROCESS CREATES A PLAN DESIGNED TO MEET THE UNIQUE AND HOLISTIC NEEDS OF EACH FAMILY.**

# SUMMER

## Worship 2023

**JULY to RALLY DAY in the PARISH HALL**

### HOME

**JULY 9**  
**JULY 16**

We host Edwards Church

**JULY 23**  
**JULY 30**  
**AUGUST 6**  
**AUGUST 13**

We host Edwards Church

**AUGUST 27**  
**SEPTEMBER 3**

### AWAY

**JULY 2**  
at Edwards Church

**AUGUST 20**  
at Edwards Church



**RALLY DAY**  
**September 10!**

**All services begin at 10:00 a.m.**

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