



*The First Congregational Church
of the United Church of Christ
Stockbridge, Massachusetts
Emerge Week 3
July 5, 2020
10:00 a.m.*

Emerge: What Protects Us, What Will Save Us

Today's sermon will discuss the story of Jesus and the Syrophenician Woman.

Over the course of four Sundays, June 21 - July 12, guest preacher Rev. Quinn G. Caldwell takes a look at shelter and surfacing in the stories of Noah and the Ark, Esther, Nicodemus, Jesus and the Syrophenician Woman, and the Resurrection. "Which shelters are necessary? Which are not? How do we know when to come out of them, and how do we do it when it's time?"

PRELUDE *Allemand from French Suite in G major*, by J. S. Bach David Anderegg

FRAMING WORDS Rev. Brent Damrow

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

INTROIT *How can I keep from Singing?* Nellie Rustick, soloist
music: Robert Lowry; text: anonymous

GATHERING PRAYER Elizabeth Young
Adapted from Peter Haynes, as found on the *Long Green Valley
Church of the Brethren* website.

Light of Christ, awaken us this hour to the glory of your presence in our midst. Shine among us in such a way that the dimness without and within may be pushed back, such that we might truly see what is really real.

In this hour, help us to recognize our sin for what it is. Enable us to behold the world as you created it to be, as you created us to be. Empower us to move from gloom to light, from sin to new life.

May your light within us shine through into worship this day, as all days. This we pray in the name of the Word made flesh, the light which is the light of all people. Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN

Today we will sing
verses 1 and 4

376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1747

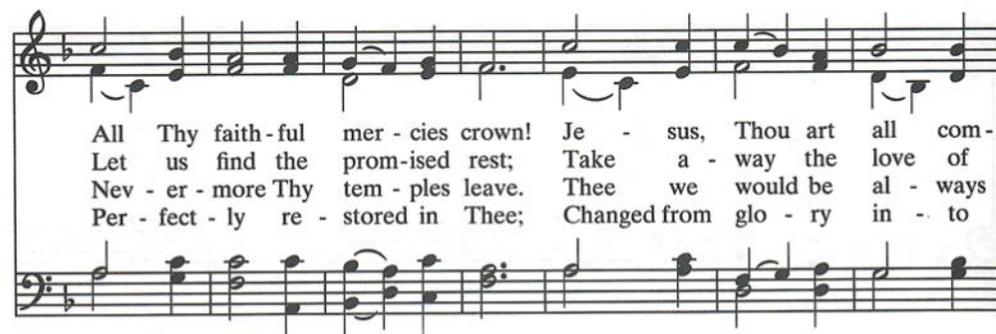
Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831



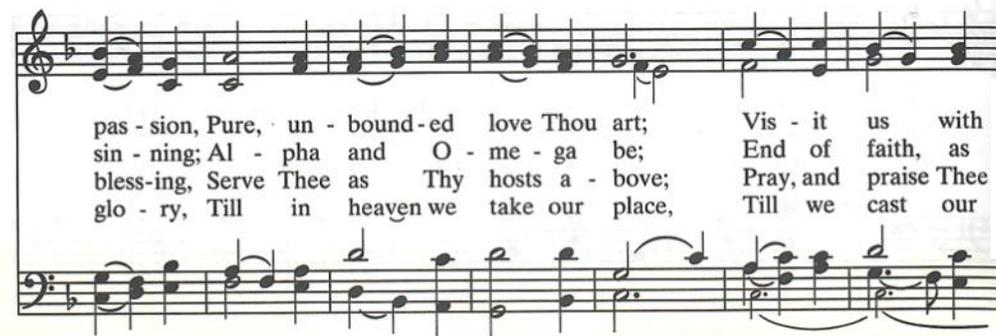
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less



earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,
life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion



All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee
glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

WELCOME

Rev. Damrow

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Talking Together

Lord's Prayer

Our God, 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. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:24-30

Elizabeth Young

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

SERMON

Rev. Quinn G. Caldwell

SUNG RESPONSE

O God, We Bear the Imprint of your Face

Nellie Rustick, soloist

Music: Orlando Gibbons; Text: Shirley Elena Murray

O God, we bear the imprint of your face:
The colors of our skin are Your design,
And what we have of beauty in our race
As man or woman, You alone define,
Who stretched a living fabric on our frame
And gave to each a language and a name.

O God, we share the image of your Son
Whose flesh and blood are ours, whatever skin,
In His humanity we find our own,
And in his family our proper kin:
Christ is the brother we still crucify,
His love the language we must learn, or die.

Where we are torn and pulled apart by hate
Because our race, our skin is not the same;
While we are judged unequal by the state
And victims made because we own our name,
Humanity reduced to little worth,
Dishonored is Your living face on earth.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

BRINGING OUR PRAYERS

Rev. Damrow

PRAYER RESPONSE *Jesus, Remember Me*

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *A Song of Peace* Nellie Rustick, soloist
Music: Jean Sibelius; words: Lloyd Stone

DOXOLOGY

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea-tures here be-low; Praise *Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men." The score ends with a double bar line.

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

You are invited to use whatever elements you have with you at home. We will wait and eat the bread together remembering that we are one body. You are invited to share the cup as you receive it in remembrance that we will all stand in our own beloved uniqueness before the love of God.

SHARING THE STORY / BLESSING THE FEAST

SHARING THE MEAL

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Now to Your Table Spread

Music: John Ireland; words: Shirley Elena Murray

SUNG PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, by Mark Miller

mp
Our God, in hea-ven, ho-ly is your name, your
reign come, your will done, on earth as in hea-ven.
slower
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread, and help us for-give, as we have been for-giv-en.
mf
In the time of tri-al lead us in-to light, for yours is the kin-dom, and the
f *mp*
po-wer, and the glo-ry, for-e-ver. Our God, in
hea-ven, ho-ly is your name, ho-ly is your name.

ACTIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

On Communion Sunday we invite you to give to your local food pantry, or you may contribute to the People's Pantry in Great Barrington through our church's website.

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

INVITATIONS

Rev. Damrow

SENDING CHARGE

Elizabeth Young

Adapted from Roddy Hamilton's *Listening to the Stones* blog.

**As we go we pray for the courage to honour your name
not by paying it lip service, Lord Jesus
but by trusting the vision it speaks of
and the way it calls for**

**We pray for the strength to honour it by following you
speaking into the word with our actions
and showing who we're chosen to follow**

**We pray for the conviction to love in your name
speak in your name, care in your name
that willingness to touch the outcast
feed the hungry
remember the sick
visit the imprisoned
clothe the naked
give water to the thirsty
and change ourselves when we fail to remember the inherent dignity of all
in your name. Amen**

HYMN: *God of Grace and God of Glory* verses 1 & 5 (see next page)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Damrow



POSTLUDE

Now (world premiere)

Music by David Andereg

Words by W.E.B. Du Bois from *The Souls of Black Folk*

Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more convenient season. It is today that our best work can be done and not some future day or future year. It is today that we fit ourselves for the greater usefulness of tomorrow. Today is the seed time, now are the hours of work, and tomorrow comes the harvest and the playtime.

Dedicated to the memory of George Floyd

Today we
will sing
verses 1
and 5

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
John Hughes, c. 1907

Our Guest Preacher: for these few weeks is Rev. Quinn Caldwell. He is a dear friend of Brent and served as a mentor and guide during Brent's ordination process and time at Old South Church. Quinn has preached here before when Brent and Jon were bringing Jake home in 2013. Quinn has a dynamic heart of faith and is an engaging and compelling thinker, writer and preacher. We are lucky to have him.

The service will engage the theme **Emerge** as we think about re-entering this new world. You will see familiar faces leading worship in our sanctuary. During this time you can e-mail Will with prayer concerns to share.



Quinn G. Caldwell is a father, husband, homesteader and preacher living in rural upstate New York. His most recent book is a series of daily reflections for Advent and Christmas called All I Really Want: Readings for a Modern Christmas. Learn more about it and find him on Facebook at Quinn G. Caldwell.

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Join us for these opportunities this week:

- Morning Prayer – Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 8:25 a.m.
- Bible Study – Friday 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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