

Order of Worship – Sunday July 17, 2022

Guest Minister: Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree

Welcome

Deacon

Prelude

Canto
Gary Davidson

Norman McFarlane

Opening Prayer

Deacon

Holy One, there are times in our lives when we must face a righteous wrath. We are not people who deal well with anger, our own or anyone else's, much less Yours. We come today hungry for a word and for Your Word. We are seekers of justice, a people bent on peace and hopefulness. Yet Your word for today challenges us in that seeking. Even in the midst of Your righteous wrath, God, You lead us to yearn for Your wisdom, Your intent for humanity, Your truth. And so we give You thanks. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

We Gather Together

NCH 421

(Deacons will collect Joy/Concern cards at this time.)

Scripture

Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture.

Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

Amos 8: 1-12; Psalm 15 (New Revised Standard Version)

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The grass withers and the flower fades,

But the Word of God shall stand forever.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

Sermon Message

“By Their Fruit...”

Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree

Special Music Video

Near to the Heart of God
https://youtu.be/MhO_ShSATUo

Tiffany Coburn

Prayers of the People for the World

Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayers.

(over)

Lord's Prayer

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. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

O God of Vision

Insert

*Benediction: Charge and Blessing

Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree

**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God;
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.**

*Parting Song

God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again

(modified)

**God be with You till we meet again.
By God's counsels guide, uphold you.
God will place arms all around you.
God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude

Living for Jesus
Gerald Peterson

Norman McFarlane

The Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree is a retired (mostly) UCC minister. She served as Connecticut Conference Minister for 14 years and has also served as Conference Minister of the Southern California Conference. Prior to her service as Conference Minister, she was Senior Minister of the Colchester Federated Church for eleven years. Deeply committed to Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Davida credits it with her call to ministry and her commitment to an expansive understanding of social justice at the heart of the gospel.

She now resides at Seabury in Bloomfield where she leads the Environmental Action Community. She sits on the Board of Trustees of Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School and is a member of First Church in Windsor, UCC, where she serves as Clerk.

Amos 8:1-12

8:1 This is what the Lord GOD showed me--a basket of summer fruit.

8:2 He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.

8:3 The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day" says the Lord GOD; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"

8:4 Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

8:5 saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,

8:6 buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

8:7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

8:8 Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

8:9 On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.

8:10 I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

8:11 The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.

8:12 They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

Psalm 15

15:1 O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

15:2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

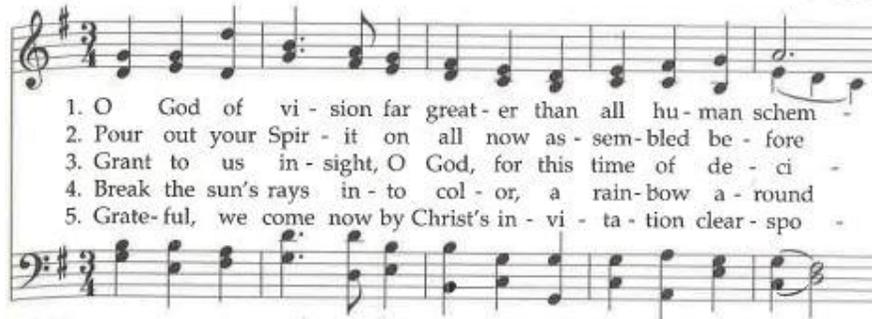
15:3 who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

15:4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

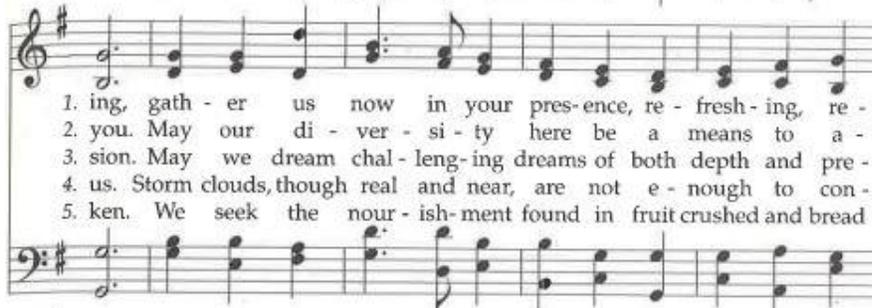
15:5 who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

O God of Vision

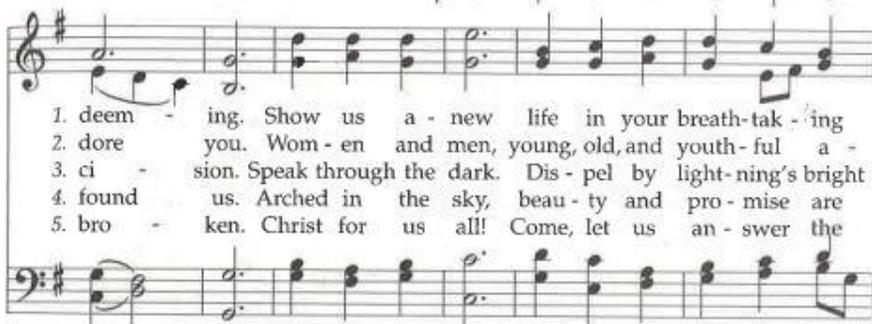
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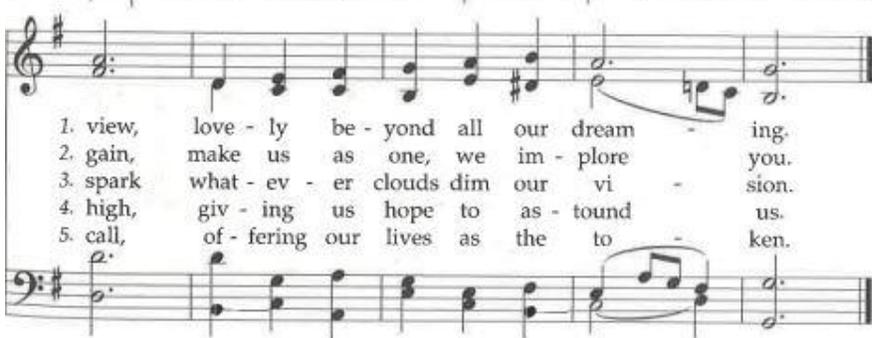
1. O God of vi - sion far great - er than all hu - man schem -
 2. Pour out your Spir - it on all now as - sem - bled be - fore
 3. Grant to us in - sight, O God, for this time of de - ci -
 4. Break the sun's rays in - to col - or, a rain - bow a - round
 5. Grate - ful, we come now by Christ's in - vi - ta - tion clear - spo -



1. ing, gath - er us now in your pres - ence, re - fresh - ing, re -
 2. you. May our di - ver - si - ty here be a means to a -
 3. sion. May we dream chal - leng - ing dreams of both depth and pre -
 4. us. Storm clouds, though real and near, are not e - nough to con -
 5. ken. We seek the nour - ish - ment found in fruit crushed and bread



1. deem - ing. Show us a - new life in your breath - tak - ing
 2. dore you. Wom - en and men, young, old, and youth - ful a -
 3. ci - sion. Speak through the dark. Dis - pel by light - ning's bright
 4. found us. Arched in the sky, beau - ty and pro - mise are
 5. bro - ken. Christ for us all! Come, let us an - swer the



1. view, love - ly be - yond all our dream - ing.
 2. gain, make us as one, we im - plore you.
 3. spark what - ev - er clouds dim our vi - sion.
 4. high, giv - ing us hope to as - tound us.
 5. call, of - fering our lives as the to - ken.

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