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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHESTER

An Open & Affirming Congregation of
The United Church of Christ
October 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

Daphne Stitt, Deacon

PRELUDE

Hashkivenu

C. Taubman

INTROIT

Over My Head

M. Kemp

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

**This is the place where the prophets cry out for peace, justice and righteousness.
It is the place where God reaches down into the corners of our lives to offer us the
mystery of holy love.**

This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

**We are no ordinary people: we are the people of God come to worship and give
thanks for the mystery. Amen.**

*HYMN

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

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When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go, oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go,

Refrain: Go down, Moses, 'way down in Egypt's land, tell old Pharoah, to let my people go.

Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said, let my people go, if not I'll smite your first born dead, let my people go,

Refrain: Go down, Moses, 'way down in Egypt's land, tell old Pharoah, to let my people go.

The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go, to lead the Hebrew children through, let my people go,

Refrain: Go down, Moses, 'way down in Egypt's land, tell old Pharoah, to let my people go.

Then Miriam danced and sang her song, let my people go, "Our God has triumphed over wrong!" let my people go,

Refrain: Go down, Moses, 'way down in Egypt's land, tell old Pharoah, to let my people go.

Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go, and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go,

Refrain: Go down, Moses, 'way down in Egypt's land, tell old Pharoah, to let my people go.

*INVOCATION

Richard Rohr, 2000

O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our world. Bring peace to shattered lands, heal the wounds and sorrows wrought by human conflict, mend the souls that are torn by violence and hatred and strife. Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all your holy names, Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills / from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, / who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; / he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; / the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, / nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil; / he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

ANTHEM

Bridge Over Troubled Water

P. Simon

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 124

(p. 560)

SERMON

"Tikkun Olam"
(For the Healing of the World)

Rev. W. Alan Froggatt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Psalm 139

A. Pete

*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*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER *Olam Chesed Yibaneh*

Olam Chesed Yibaneh, dai dai dai, dai dai dai, dai dai dai. (4x)

I will build this world from love, dai dai dai, dai dai dai, dai dai dai.

You must build this world from love, (dai dai dai...)

If we build this world from love, (dai, dai, dai...)

God will build this world from love (dai, dai, dai...)

Olam Chesed Yibaneh, dai dai dai, dai dai dai, dai dai dai. (4x)

POEM

Jews in the Land of Israel

Yehuda Amichai (1924-2000)
(translated by Chana Bloch)

*HYMN

Shalom Chaverim

Tellabration 2023 is returning on November 5th at 4:00 pm. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex and Fellowship Hall for this event. Any questions please contact Margie Warner at 860-227-7391.

ALAN'S OFFICE HOURS: Alan will be working remotely this week.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday - Friday 9am-1pm