



September 27, 2020

10:30 Worship

"CAIM"

*\* indicates those who are comfortably able may stand*

*"...To you, O God, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in you I trust!"  
-Psalm 25:1*

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Shenandoah"

Lucy Smith  
*Folk Song*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Lillian Smith

\*Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 25)*

Judi Privitt

To You, O God, we lift up our souls.  
O God, we put our trust in You.

**We seek to know God's ways;  
We seek to walk the paths God intends for us!**

Lead us in Your truth, O God;  
Teach us Your ways.

**God is our Strength and our Salvation;  
We seek God in our lives all week long!**

We know that Your mercy is ours, O God;  
Your Steadfast Love has been with us for generations.

**The paths of God are steadfast and faithful  
From generation to generation, God is our Salvation!  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn "God Reigns O'er All the Earth"

*NCH #21*

\*Opening Prayer *(American Indian Three Step Morning Prayer)*

Judi Privitt

**O Great Creator God; Sprit that moves within us and around us; we give thanks for all that we see, for we know that it all speaks of your glory. We hear the sounds of your Creation and marvel at their diversity. We smell the competing scents of life and decay, knowing that you are in the midst of them. We taste your goodness in the varieties of nourishment that feeds our bodies and soothes our souls and we feel the warmth of your summer competing with the coolness of your autumn. In all these things we come to know your spectacular presence in our ordinary lives; your Spirit making the ordinary extraordinary.**

**Sensing your presence in these ways, we let go of the pains, the struggles, the regret, the failures and the baggage of the world. We put our sins of separation, the things we have done and the things we have left undone behind us, knowing that you forgive us.**

**Help us to brush the dust off our feet and step into the new world that you have envisioned for us. We thank you for this new day you have made and your Spirit. Remind us every day to embrace the newness you offer. We ask these prayers in Jesus' name; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God reigns over all of Creation; and calls us to unite with God's creative Spirit. Yet even when we choose separation over unity, God forgives us and gives us new opportunities to choose wisely. We are all God's children, blessed and beloved, forgiven and free! Praise be to God!

\*Prayer Response

"Weave"

**Weave, weave, weave us together!  
Weave us together in unity and love.  
Weave, weave, weave us together!  
Weave us together, together in love!**

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response

"I Have Decided to follow Jesus"

**I have decided to follow Jesus!  
I have decided to follow Jesus!  
I have decided to follow Jesus!  
No turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me  
The world behind me, the cross before me  
The world behind me, the cross before me  
No turning back, no turning back.**

Living our Mission

"Neighbors in Need"

Judi Privitt

Anthem

"Servants of Peace"

Ed Rollins

*K. Lee Scott*

New Testament Lesson:

Philippians 2:1-11

Judi Privitt

*In Paul's letter to the Christian Church in Philippi, he encourages them to act with integrity; to do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility elevate others. He encourages them to be of the same mind as Jesus, acting as a servant unto death.*

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 21:23-32

Judi Privitt

*Jesus, speaking in the Temple, is questioned by the Chief Priests and elders about his authority to preach the Good News and work miracles in their midst. Jesus turns the tables on them, speaking of John the Baptizer and his message of repentance. His parable of integrity that follows sheds light on his authority.*

Sermon:

"Integrity and Dignity"

Pastor Rick

\*Meditation Hymn

"Many and Great, O God Are Your Works"

*NCH #3*

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

The 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response "Grant Us Peace"

**Hear our Prayer, O Lord!  
Hear our prayer, O Lord!  
Hear our Prayer, O Lord!  
And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!**

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts

Amy Crousore

*American Indian Melody*

"Many and Great"

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\*Response "For the Fruit of All Creation"

NCH #425

**For the Fruit of all Creation, Thanks be to God!  
For God's gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God!  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God!**

\*Prayer of Dedication *(adapted from a Chinook Nation prayer)*

Judi Privitt

**As we give these gifts to you, O God, we do so in a spirit of thanksgiving, recognizing that all we have is from you. We give in the spirit of the Chinook Nation, who teaches us how to pray their native prayer: "May all that we say and all that we think be in harmony with you; God within me, God beyond me, Maker of the trees." Amen**

\*Benediction

Pastor Rick

\*Response: "Let There be Peace on Earth"  
**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!  
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!  
With God our Creator, Children all are we!  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!  
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!  
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

\*Postlude

"March in D"

Amy Crousore  
*GF Handel*

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No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;  
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;  
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;  
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*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:  
Welcoming all God's People;  
Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;  
Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;  
Building a supportive church family;  
Transforming both the congregation and community  
through service and outreach*

# God Reigns o'er All the Earth

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

Isa. 52:7-10

1 God reigns o'er all the earth! 'Green hills and val-leys low, the  
 2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in  
 3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his - tory's by-gone days, Christ's  
 4 God reigns! Em-man - u - el! God with us ev-ery day, in

farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau - ty show.  
 death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.  
 faith - ful folk in rev-erence spoke to bring God earn - est praise.  
 all our past and to the last, our com - fort and our stay.

God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread-ing plains, in  
 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Our in - spi - ra - tion still. Through  
 God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal - ax - y and sun, through  
 God reigns! Em-man - u - el! Let praise to Christ be sung! God's

rain-bow hues— reds, yel-lows, blues— of streams and coun-try lanes.  
 all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign-ing will.  
 time-less years the cos-mos hears the heaven - ly mu - sic run.  
 pres-ence here makes all things dear. Let joy - ful bells be rung!

*The author's notes on this text describe it as a progression of awareness of God's reign among us—in physical surroundings, in the various stages of life, in time and space, and supremely in Christ, God with us.*

Tune: TERRA BEATA S.M.D.  
 Traditional English melody  
 Adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

# Wakantanka Taku Nitawa

(Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works)

Dakota hymn, Joseph R. Renville, 1842

Paraphr. by R. Philip Frazier, 1929; alt.

For another translation, see 341

Ps. 104:24-25; Jer. 10:12-13; 2 Esd. 16:56-60

Optional hand-drum rhythm: ♩ ♪ ♪ ♪

1 Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya  
 2 Wo - eh - da - ku ni - ta - wa kin he mi - na - gi  
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, Mak - er of  
 2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O star a -

qa o - ta; Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,  
 kin qu wo; Ma - hpi - ya kin i - wan - kam ya - ti,  
 earth and sky; Your hands have set the heav - ens with stars,  
 bid - ing One; Come un - to us and dwell with us:

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca, Mni - o - wan -  
 wi - co - wa - šte yu - ha nan - ka, Wi - co - ni  
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your  
 with you are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

ca šbe - ya wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.  
 kin he ma - ya - qu nun, o - wi - han - ke wa - nin.  
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.  
 life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with you.

Probably the best-known Native American hymn, "Many and Great" is sung with great reverence by the Dakota people in worship, at communion, and for births, funerals, and burials. Renville helped establish the Lac qui Parle mission in Minnesota. Frazier, a Native American, was a Congregational minister.

Tune: LACQUIPARLE 9.6.9.9.6.  
 Native American melody (Dakota)  
 Adapt. Joseph R. Renville, 1842  
 Harm. James R. Murray, 1877