Oct. 31, 2021

OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

SONG: “Let Everything (Praise the Lord)”[[1]](#footnote-1)

***Chorus: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord; Let everything that has breath praise the Lord; Praise the Lord; With all of my heart; With all of my strength; With all that I have; I will sing; Let everything that has breath praise the Lord***

Verse 1***:*** *There is a river; That flows unrestrained from Your heart; Canyons of mercy; So deep I could never depart*

Pre-Chorus***:*** *Father Your wonders are endless; Open my eyes to believe; Awake my soul*

Verse 2***:*** *Morning by morning; Your faithfulness shines like the sun; Heaven's on fire; Alive with the brilliance of love*

Bridge***:*** *With thanksgiving on our lips; We enter Your courts today; All our lives we freely give; Awaken my soul to praise*

SONG: “Wind” by Cat Stevens (For original version and lyrics click [HERE](https://youtu.be/pyA7rdaK74Q))

SONG: “I Love You Lord”

***I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice. Take joy, my king, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.[[2]](#footnote-2)***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, PARDON, AND PEACE

**We ask, O God, for the inspiration of your Holy Spirit moving within us, kindling our love by rooting it in your love. Free us from the fears that keep us from seeing the world through your eyes of grace. Forgive us for those preoccupations with self that keep us from knowing our truest selves with you. And embolden us to find life in the fulfillment of the commandment, which you call “the greatest.” For we pray this in Christ’s name. Amen**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SCRIPTURES

Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. 2The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. 3But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, 5both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband.

6 Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food. 7So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. 8But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, ‘Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.’ Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. 10They said to her, ‘No, we will return with you to your people.’ 11But Naomi said, ‘Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? 12Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, 13would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.’ 14Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

15 So she said, ‘See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.’ 16But Ruth said,

‘Do not press me to leave you

 or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;

 where you lodge, I will lodge;

your people shall be my people,

 and your God my God.

17 Where you die, I will die—

 there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,

 and more as well,

if even death parts me from you!’

18When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ 29Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” 31The second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’ 32Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; 33and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ 34When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

SERMON

HYMN: [New Century Hymnal #42](https://hymnary.org/hymn/NCH1995/42) “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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SONG: “Mountaintops”[[3]](#footnote-3)

Verse 1***:*** *My eyes are fixed on You not what I face; Not what may stand before me; I know You'll lead me through the desert place; The storms that rage around me*

Pre-Chorus***:*** *Savior Redeemer Defender and Healer; Every single step of the way You never change*

***Chorus:******I will bless Your name every breath I take; I will praise You from the valley; To the mountaintops; I will lift my hands I'm not holding back; I will praise You from the valley; To the mountaintops; (From the valley to the mountaintops)***

Verse 2***:*** *Your promise never fails though silence falls; Though darkness tries to hide it; Your faithfulness prevails when chaos calls; Your peace is all around me*

Bridge***:*** *I will build an altar from the ashes; I will shine Your light into the shadows; I will raise a banner in the battle; Lift You high I will lift You high*

BENEDICTION

PRAYER LIST

*To add to our prayer list please email Pastor Tim with a brief description of your prayer. Please indicate if you would like the prayer to be listed on an ongoing basis.* tim.hare@trumbullcc.org.

Rita & Bob Bennett, Pastor Tim’s Aunt & Uncle, experiencing health concerns

Beth Tyler, health concerns

Family of Stacey Tall, friends of the Hills, grieving the loss of Stacey’s husband

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