

# Hadwen Park Congregational Church, UCC

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*\*stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOMING STATEMENT

\*GATHERING HYMN

*"God Reigns O're All the Earth" #21*

**God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and valleys low  
The farms and towns in golds and browns, God's grace and beauty show  
God reigns o're all the earth! Stone banks and spreading plains.  
In rainbow hues—reds, yellows, blues...of streams and country lanes.**

**God reigns o're human life! Through youth and aging years  
In death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears  
God reigns o're human life! Our inspiration still.  
Through all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reigning still.**

**God reigns o'er time and space. In history's by gone days  
Christ's faithful folk in reverence spoke, to bring God earnest praise!  
God reigns! O'er time and space! O'er galaxy and sun,  
Though timeless years the cosmos hears the heavenly music run!**

**God reigns! Emmanuel! God with us everyday!  
In all our past and to the last, our comfort and our stay!  
God reigns Emmanuel! Let praise to Christ be sung!  
God's presence here, makes all things dear, Let joyful bells be rung!**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

*Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9*

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.  
Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.  
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers; and upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked comes to ruin.  
The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!  
The Hebrew Scripture for the Christian People. **AMEN**

PRAYER of CONFESSION

*These words come from Psalm 51. The prophet Nathan had confronted King David with his sins of adultery and his desire for power rather than servitude. David is literally hit in the face with his abhorrent sins and pleads to God to forgive him.*

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. I listen in silence to your voice.....**

CHORAL RESPONSE

**1 and 4) Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, I have laid my burdens down  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah, I have laid my burdens down  
2) I am shouting Hallelujah  
3) I am dancing, Merriam's dance now**

NEW TESTAMENT

*from James chapter 2*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

*"Change Me on the Inside" Billye and Roger Auclair*

I long for freedom to live in the truth, I want to be more like You  
But every time I try to bring about change, I only touch the visible me  
There's only one way I'm really gonna change  
Just like King David I cry out to You, Create in me a clean heart  
I've grieved You again, I need Your release, From patterns that keep me from you  
There's only one way I can finally break free  
Change me on the inside, change me on the inside.....

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION      **“One in love, one in friendship true,  
one in hope, one in spirit too, one in faith that God will care  
for you, until we meet together again.”**

POSTLUDE

**Please join us downstairs for fellowship and coffee.**

SERMON

PRAYER REQUESTS, PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY      *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*      *“Summer Singers”*

Please join in singing and dancing with us on the chorus:

**And the people said, Lord, listen to your children praying**

**Lord, send your spirit in this place.**

**Lord, listen to your children praying**

**Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

\*DOXOLOGY

**“Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,**

**Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong.” Let the poor say “I am rich”**

**because of what                      the Lord has done for us.                      Give thanks.”**

COMMUNION

*Rev. Paul Ricard*

\*PARTING HYMN

*“This Little Light of Mine”*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna to let it shine**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine**

**Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!**

**Let it shine down Clover Street, I'm gonna let it shine**

**Let it shine on down Knox, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine all over the world, I'm gonna let it shine**

**Let is shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!**

**Let is shine for peace on earth, I'm gonna let it shine (3X)**

**Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!**

**Let is shine in all the colors of love, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)**