

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Payson Park Church**

*We are Growing with God, for the Good of the World.*

July 5, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

**Congregational - United Church of Christ**

365 Belmont Street, Belmont, Massachusetts 02478

617/484-1542

Serving Watertown, Waltham, Belmont, Arlington, Cambridge, and beyond.

**Today we welcome the people of Plymouth UCC in our combined Zoom worship.  
Please have Bread & Cup ready for Holy Communion.**

## **Gathering for Worship**

*Payson Park Church  
Building a Community that Transforms People*

### **Prepare for Worship**

As you check in, practice using your Mute button, and finding your Chat Box.  
Our co-host will help you.

### **Invitation for people to listen to Megan's pre-recorded postlude**

"La Follia"

by D. Scarlatti (1685-1757)

### **Greeting**

Pastor Eric

*Welcome to all listening in or watching, whether near or far away.*

We are growing with God. **For the Good of the World.**

For the Good of the World. **We are growing with God.**

**Hymn** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" verses 1 & 2 song leader - Pauline printed below

### **Call to worship**

led by Harry Thidemann

**Leader:** Our Creator is gracious and full of compassion.

**People:** **Always near, listening for all who pray.**

**Leader:** The creatures of the earth sing in praise.

**People:** **Your steadfast loves endures.**

**Leader:** You are the friend of the oppressed.

**People:** **You offer your shoulder to those in need,**

**Leader:** Your hand to those seeking a fresh start,

**People:** **Your life when justice is denied.**

### **Confession and Words of Grace**

**Leader:** Most merciful God,

**People:** **We confess we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not  
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been rescued.  
People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **RECEIVING GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Message**

Pastor Eric

**Scripture** Genesis 24:34-24:67, 25:19-25:23 [The VOICE translation]  
read by Cindy Lou Benson, Tom Best, Will & Lorraine Clifford,  
Ned Gulley, Megan Henderson

**Sermon** "All Happy Families" Katherine Ballas, *Youth & Community Outreach Minister*

**Prayers of the People**

Pastor Eric

People will be invited one at a time to say a one sentence prayer, if you desire.  
Raise your "hand" if you have a prayer. "Hand Raising" is on lower left of your screen.  
Or you may type a prayer into our "Chat" room, from where a Host will read it aloud.

**Peace** May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Announcements - Food Collections & The Outdoor Church**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

**Invitation to Offering**

Pastor Eric

**Call to Generosity and Prayer**

- [www.PaysonPark.org](http://www.PaysonPark.org) (to support the ministry of Payson Park Church)
- Deacon's Fund, emergency fund to help those in need.

**Adult Choir Anthem** "I Heard My Mother Say" African-American spiritual

**Doxology**

*as led by our choir's section leaders*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to join with Jesus in Communion

#### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

#### Remembering Jesus in the Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Today we will invite you to prepare your own Bread and Cup at home.*

*The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.*

*The blood of Christ, the cup of compassion for a broken world.*

#### Unison Prayer after Communion

O God of Abundance, you feed us every day. Rise in us now, make us into your bread, that we may share your gifts with a hungry world, and join in love with all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SENDING

**Hymn** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" verses 1 & 2 song leader - Sam printed below

#### Benediction

#### Postlude: Invitation for people to listen to our Adult Choir's Anthem

"A Parting Blessing"

by J. Jerome Williams

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**After worship, all are invited to our time of Fellowship** - share a snack!

#### Upcoming Dates

Tuesday	July 7, 6:30 pm, Council
Sunday	July 12, Our sandwich-making team serves the hungry of The Outdoor Church
Tuesday	July 21, 7:00 pm, Table Talk on racism
Sunday	July 26, Our sandwich-making team serves the hungry of The Outdoor Church
Tuesday	July 28, Our faithful team serves home-cooked meals to the hungry of Bristol Lodge

**Lost and Found** - an iPad was found in the Sanctuary.

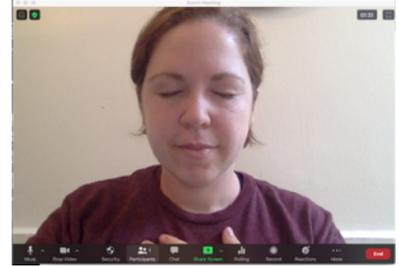
**Upper Room Devotion Booklets** – please contact the office for a booklet mailed to you.

## **SPOTLIGHT: How to Stay Calm and “Be Not Afraid” During Pandemic**

paste into your browser <https://www.sneucc.org/newsdetail/14015667>  
reported 6/16/2020 - by: *Marlene Gasdia-Cochrane - Spotlight.*

*Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ.*

Led by our Youth & Community Outreach Minister, Katherine Ballas,  
at [ycom@paysonpark.org](mailto:ycom@paysonpark.org).



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## **Sandwiches for The Outdoor Church**

### **- Thank you for responding!**

Many thanks to the many PPC households who continue to make sandwiches in their homes for those who don't have homes. We hope to provide 40 sandwiches every other week over the summer to the Outdoor Church of Cambridge. We are living into the truth that, especially in these times of crisis, Church doesn't go away! We continue to faithfully serve our community.



**THEOUTDOORCHURCH**

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## **TLC - Theology, Literature, and Coffee**

On Sunday, July 26, at 9:00 AM, TLC will continue our discussion of The Overstory by Richard Powers. All are welcome.

This 2019 Pulitzer Prize winning novel narrates the lives of nine Americans whose unique life experiences with trees bring them together to address the destruction of forests. Ron Charles of The Washington Post writes this commendation: "This ambitious novel soars up through the canopy of American literature and remakes the landscape of environmental fiction." This masterful work will challenge us to face the crisis of global warming with a theology of creation and salvation. Whether you were with last month or not, get a copy of The Overstory or borrow it online from the library as an eBook, begin reading, and join us. Since the book is a bit long, we will break our discussion into several parts. During our July session we will discuss up through the section titled “Olivia Vandergriff” (p.152 in most editions).

Come and experience our “Stillspeaking God” at Theology, Literature and Coffee!

Feel free to contact Bill Ragan at [minassoc@paysonpark.org](mailto:minassoc@paysonpark.org) or on his cell: 484-860-4108 with any questions about this adult education opportunity.

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## **Collections for Watertown & Belmont FOOD PANTRIES:**

Both organizations are in great need of food and household items, with so many out of work at this time. Drop off your items in a bag labeled "food pantry" at any time in Cindy Lou's foyer/hallway, 289 Payson Road in Belmont. Donation suggestions can be found at the links below:

<https://www.watertown-ma.gov/250/Watertown-Food-Pantry>

<https://sites.google.com/site/thebelmontfoodpantry/>

Contact Kate Rodriguez-Clark at [kmrodriguezclark@gmail.com](mailto:kmrodriguezclark@gmail.com) if you need items picked up from your house and delivered to Cindy Lou's.

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Katie & Eliza stop by to drop off items for Cradles to Crayons, 6-18-20.

YCOM Katherine & our teens at Black Lives Matter march & protest in Waltham, 6-13-20.



### **Bristol Lodge Food Kitchen - Meals for the Hungry & Homeless**

Here pictured is what our faithful team made for Bristol Lodge, Tuesday, 6-23-20; rice, bean & tomato casserole, cornbread, apples & water. Thank you Susan Clark, Kay Hudgins, Pam Curtis, Tom Best, Emily Dallman, & Cynthia Lasker.



Although we do not normally serve in the summer, we would like to do so this summer. Please contact our Bristol Lodge leaders Cynthia ([colasker@comcast.net](mailto:colasker@comcast.net)), Kay ([kayhudgins@gmail.com](mailto:kayhudgins@gmail.com)), or Pam ([pambcurtis@gmail.com](mailto:pambcurtis@gmail.com)) if you can help.

# Every Time I Feel the Spirit

2 Sam. 22:9; Ps. 18:8

African-American spiritual

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God  
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -  
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

to Refrain

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.  
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

Among the thousands of spirituals that exist today are songs of gladness and songs of sorrow. This well-known spiritual is a song of joy, captured not only in the words, but in the lively rhythms.

Tune: African-American spiritual  
Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

# O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies

Miriam Therese Winter, 1993; Adapted from  
"America the Beautiful" by Katharine Lee Bates, 1893

1 O beau-ti-ful, for spa-cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain;  
2 In - dig - e-nous and im - mi - grant, our daugh-ters and our sons:  
3 How beau-ti-ful, sin - cere la - ment, the wis - dom born of tears,  
4 How beau-ti-ful, two con - ti - nents, and is - lands in the sea

For pur - ple moun-tains maj - es-ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain.  
O may we nev - er rest con-tent till all are tru - ly one.  
the cour-age called for to re - pent the blood-shed through the years.  
that dream of peace, non - vi - o - lence, all peo - ple liv - ing free.

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed full grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God grant that we may be  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God grant that we may be  
A - mer - i - cas! A - mer - i - cas! God grant that we may be

and crown thy good with ser-vant-hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
a sis - ter - hood and broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
a na - tion blessed with none op-pressed, true land of lib - er - ty.  
a hem - i - sphere where peo - ple here all live in har - mo - ny.

On her first trip west in the summer of 1893 the distinguished  
New England educator Katharine Lee Bates was inspired to  
write "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies." One hundred years later  
Miriam Therese Winter wrote new stanzas to clearly include all  
of the Americas.

Tune: MATERNA C.M.D.  
Samuel A. Ward, 1882