

CMC Sunday
18 May 2025
Making All Things New
Revelation 21:1-6

Prelude		AV
Welcoming Hymn	"God, We Gather as Your People," CCS 274	Roger Hintzsche
Welcome		Jean Hedrich
Call to Worship	Psalm 148:1-4	
Opening Hymn	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," CCS 101	Roger Hintzsche
Invocation		Jean Hedrich
Response		
Hymn of Peace	"Instruments of your Peace," CCS 364	Roger Hintzsche
<i>Light the peace candle.</i>		
Peace Prayer		
Congregational Hymn	"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise," CCS 13	Roger Hintzsche
Video	"All Things New"	by Elaine Hagenberg
The Spoken Word	Based on Revelation 21:1-6	Linda Stanbridge
Disciples' Generous Response		Linda Meyer
Video	The Gifts of Generosity	AV
Statement		
Receiving of Local and Worldwide Mission Tithes		
Blessing of Local and Worldwide Mission Tithes		
Closing Hymn	"Go Forth," CCS 654	Roger Hintzsche
Benediction		Bill Howard
Postlude		AV

"God, We Gather as Your People," CCS 274

God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,
and we dare to claim the promise of your love.
Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be,
when your children will be free.

*Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for everyone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong. May that welcome be our song.*

Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free;
and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest.
May they, in your love, find rest.

Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame,
so afraid of who they are and whom they love.
May the message now be banished that your love is for the few;
may their faith in you renew.

God, we're working for the future when children far and wide
can live their lives with dignity and pride.
As they grow in strength and stature, may they join us hand in hand,
as against all hate we stand.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," CCS 101

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
shelt'ring you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you:
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

"Instruments of your Peace," CCS 364

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace;
where there is hatred let your love increase.
Lord, make us instruments of your peace;
walls of pride and prejudice shall cease,
when we are your instruments of peace.*

Where there is hatred, we will sow your love;
where there is injury, we will never judge.
Where there is striving, we will speak your peace;
to the people crying for release,
we will be your instruments of peace.

Where there is blindness, we will pray for sight;
where there is darkness, we will shine your light.
Where there is sadness, we will bear their grief;
to the millions crying for release,
we will be your instruments of peace.

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise," CCS 13

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest—to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Thou dwellest in glory, thou reignest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we should render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

"Go Forth," CCS 654

Go forth in joy. You have God's kingdom in your heart.
Go forth in love. Live for the Lord.
Go with hope and forgiveness. The grace of God sustains.
Go forth in peace. Go forth in light.