

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
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May 5th, 2024  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our Mission:

To embody God's love for all by living an active faith  
in service to others.

We Gather to Affirm God's Presence in Our Lives.

All are welcome. Bring your whole self here,  
and we will celebrate all that you are with you and before God.

\* Indicates please stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Let us sing to the Lord a new song – for God has done  
marvelous things!

**People:** All the ends of the Earth have seen the glory of our God – and the heavens reveal the wonder of our God.

**Leader:** Let us join heaven and Earth in making a joyful noise unto God.

**People:** Let us all break forth in joyous song and soulful praises.

**ALL:** Let all creation clap their hands, the hills sing forth their joy, the sea roar – the whole world and all who live in it join in the praise of the living God!

**Hymn: #8 NCH “Praise to the Living God”**

**\*UNISON INVOCATION**

**Holy Spirit, you who move among us and inspire us to acts of kindness and compassion, we call upon you at this hour to awaken us to the blessings of our Creator God.**

**Stir within our hearts this morning an appreciation for God’s redemption through Jesus’ love for God’s creation in the world around us.**

**May all that we see remind us of God’s handiwork, as well as God’s love for all that God has made and called good. AMEN**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**NOISY OFFERING**

## **Scripture: Psalm 98**

O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for God has done marvelous things.

God's right hand and holy arm  
have gotten us victory.

The Lord has made known this victory;  
and has revealed our vindication in the sight of the nations.  
God has remembered God's steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the Sovereign, the Lord.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it,  
the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy  
at the presence of the Lord, for God is coming  
to judge the earth.

and will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

SERMON

OFFERTORY

**Hymn: #132 NCH "Joy to the World"**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SILENCE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father (Mother, if preferred), who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom (or kindom) 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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from  
evil. For thine is the kindom (or kingdom), the power, and the  
glory forever. Amen**

**COMMUNION**

**Hymn: #24 NCH "The God of Abraham Praise"**

**\*UNISON BENEDICTION**

**May God the Creator, maker of heaven and Earth;  
May Jesus Christ, redeemer of all that lives and breathes;  
And May their Holy Spirit, sustainer of life and love  
Rest and abide with us all this day and forevermore.**

# POSTLUDE

## SERVING THE CONGREGATION TODAY

Ministers: All of Us                      Liturgist: Nancy Allen  
Pastor: John Dorhauer                  Video: Kurt Thurmaier  
Organist: Travis Erikson  
Co-Moderators: Amy Overton, Courtney Hanna-McNamara

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## Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose  
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose  
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who  
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;  
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;  
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.  
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -  
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till  
 God toils wher-e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And  
 In these tu - mul-tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.  
 hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.  
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.  
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

# Joy to the World!

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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 98:4-9; Luke 2:11-15

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth its  
2 Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 Christ rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

prais - es bring; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Christ room,  
songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
na - tions prove The glo - ries of God's righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
and won - ders of God's love, and won - ders of God's

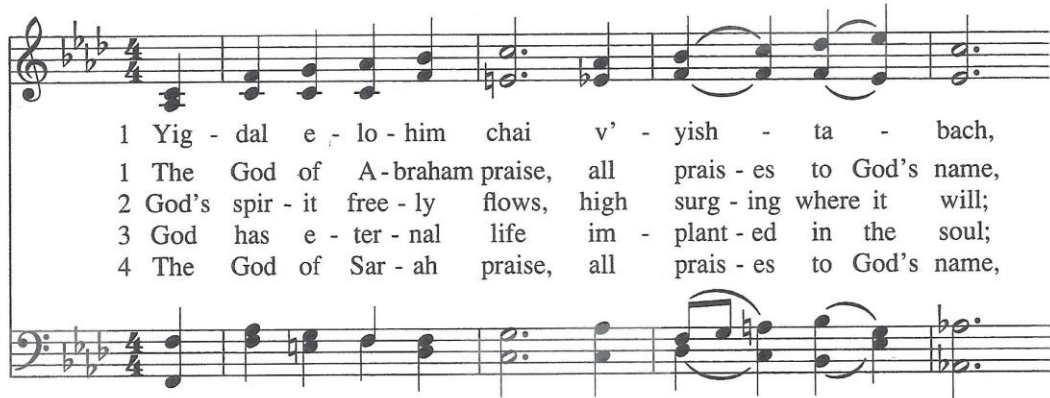
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and won - ders of God's love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of God's love.

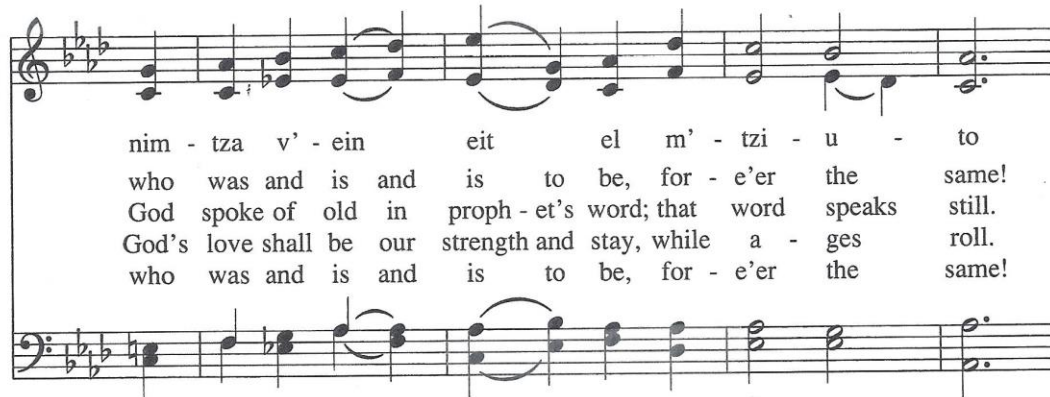
heaven and na - ture sing,  
peat the sound - ing joy,  
won - ders of God's love,

# Yigdal Elohim Chai

(The God of Abraham Praise)



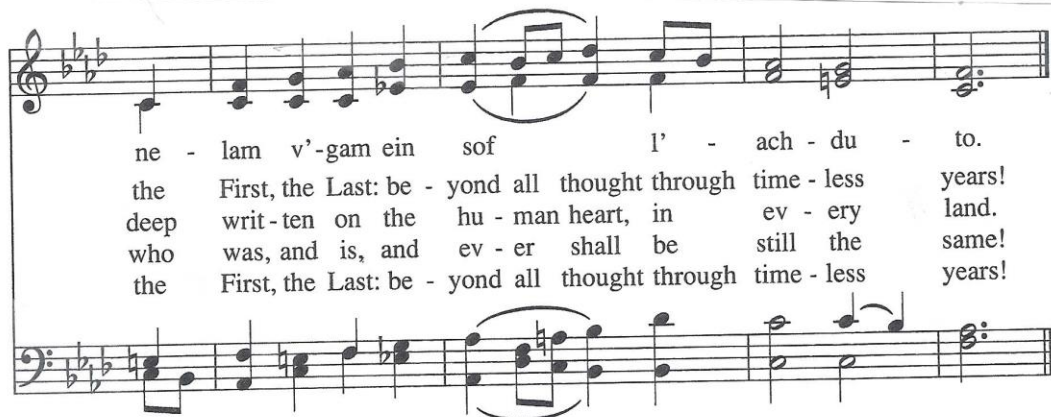
1 Yig - dal e - lo - him chai v' - yish - ta - bach,  
 1 The God of A - braham praise, all prais - es to God's name,  
 2 God's spir - it free - ly flows, high surg - ing where it will;  
 3 God has e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;  
 4 The God of Sar - ah praise, all prais - es to God's name,



nim - tza v' - ein eit el m' - tzi - u - to  
 who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!  
 God spoke of old in proph - et's word; that word speaks still.  
 God's love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.  
 who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!



E - chad v' - ein ya - chid k' - yi - chu - do,  
 The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;  
 Es - tab - lished is God's law, and change - less it shall stand,  
 All praise the liv - ing God! Ex - tol that hal - lowed name,  
 The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;



ne - lam v' - gam ein sof l' - ach - du - to.  
 the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!  
 deep writ - ten on the hu - man heart, in ev - ery land.  
 who was, and is, and ev - er shall be still the same!  
 the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!