

# **WORSHIP GUIDE for AUGUST 15, 2021**

## **SETTING YOUR SPACE**

Well, we're shifting again this week... in response to the increasing covid case counts and the highly contagious nature of the delta variant, the board agreed at our meeting this week to discontinue congregational singing for the time being. It's a decision that makes us sad, but that we think is the responsible thing to do, until case numbers go back down. We'll still have music in our services, we just won't be singing as a congregation in the sanctuary. (Those of you joining in at home can sing - stop by the office for a hymnal and a blue book if you don't have them!)

This week we hear the quintessential story of emergence - Lazarus coming forth from the grave. If you're at home, add to your space anything that reminds you of surprise, of new life, of community, of those who love you deeply. And let's ask: What's happening here? Where has Lazarus been, and what life he is going to now? More importantly - why has this story been passed down to us? What does it say to us about how to live? Let's explore this together.

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude - Geoff Clayton, Pianist**

**Welcome - Rev. Erika Marksbury, Senior Pastor**

**Gathering Song: *We Have Come (Blue Book)***

**-Jesse Cromer, Director of Music Ministries, Dave King,  
Emily Kerrigan, Heidi Reinker**

**Gathering Prayer & Communal Prayer from Central Congregational  
United Church of Christ, Atlanta, Georgia**

**-Malachi Nelson**

Our Mother and Father, our Beloved Parent, in whom we move and breathe and have our being, the hallowing of your name shines forth in the diversity of your children. May your peace and love, justice and equality, inclusion and belonging reign here on earth as in heaven. Grant that all might have their daily needs met – that all might find gainful employment without discrimination; that all might have access to medical care without fear; that all might have their rights and lives protected, and find a loving community to belong to and call their own. Forgive us for the ways that we have fallen short and failed each other. Forgive us of the times we turned away, or did not care; for the times we laughed or judged others' unique expression of your image; for the times we have misspoken, asked too much, or failed to hear – as we forgive those who might have failed us. Lead us away from the temptation to be complacent in the face of injustice. But give us courage to stand up and stand with your beloved children. For your love and justice is to be made manifest, now and forever. Amen.

**Children's Time – Sean P. Williams, Children's & Youth Minister**

**Scripture: John 11:32-44**

*When Mary got to Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "If you had been here, Lazarus never would have died."*

*When Jesus saw her weeping, and the other mourners as well, he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions.*

*"Where have you laid him?" Jesus asked.*

*"Come and see," they said. And Jesus wept. The people in the crowd began to remark, "See how much he loved him!" Others said, "He made*

*the blind person see; why couldn't he have done something to prevent Lazarus' death?"*

*Jesus was again deeply moved. They approached the tomb, which was a cave with a stone in front of it. "Take away the stone," Jesus directed.*

*Martha said, "Rabbi, it has been four days now. By this time there will be a stench."*

*Jesus replied, "Didn't I assure you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took the stone away.*

*Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Abba, thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd, so that they might believe that you sent me." Then Jesus called out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" And Lazarus came out of the tomb, still bound hand and foot with linen strips, his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus told the crowd, "Untie him and let him go free."*

**Sermon: "From Death to an Unbound Life" – Erika**

**Response Song: *Be the Centre (Blue Book)***

**–Jesse Cromer, Dave King, Emily Kerrigan, Heidi Reinker**

**Closing Words**

**Going Forth Song: *Sim Shalom (Blue Book)***

**–Jesse Cromer, Dave King, Emily Kerrigan, Heidi Reinker**

**Benediction – Rev. Erika Marksbury**

**One: Friends, ... may the peace of Christ be with you.**

**All: And also with you.**

## Postlude – Geoff Clayton

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To join in congregational fellowship, head to the courtyard after the service or join with others on Zoom:

Join by COMPUTER:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84167771310?pwd=ZXFpUFpoV2ZiYUdlQ3IvRXdiRkYyQT09>

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Meeting ID: 841 6777 1310 Password: 297765

Find your local number: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/kyWYCGcHN>

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