Order of Worship for June 14, 2020 On-line Worship Service Community Congregational Church United Church of Christ P.O. Box 5574 Chula Vista, CA 91912 www.chulavistachurch.com

Welcome

Call to Worship- Responsively

- One: Friends of God, this is our "faith tremendous." God is not just an idea over which to linger.
- All: God is a Force, a breath to live by.
- One: God is not to be taken for granted.
- All: God is a living Creator to be taken seriously.
- One: God does not draw us <u>away</u> from the world to quiet seclusion.
- All: God pushes us back <u>into the world to face friction</u>, and take risks armed with confidence and peace.

Hymn of Praise Red Hymnal p. 84 v.1-4 "My Faith Looks up to Thee"

- **verse 1** My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine! Now hear my while I pray, Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day, Be wholly thine.
- verse 2 May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee Pure warm, and change-less be, A living fire!
- **Verse 3** While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.
- Verse 4 When ends life's passing dream, When death's cold threatening stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove; O lift me safe above, A ransomed soul. Amen

Prayer of Invocation--Unison:

In faith we imagine that God has acted in the past, in a holy history. In faith we confess that God seeks to rule our lives today. In faith we affirm that God continues to send prophets and speak through willing vessels to guide the course of all history toward its end. In faith we imagine that end to be characterized by the traits we find in Jesus Christ: compassion, justice and

love. In faith we long to be a part of that purpose. Amen.

Hymn of Praise "Faith of our Fathers" (Red #526) v. 1 and 3

to honor Pastor Jim Donahoo

- verse 1 Faith of our fathers, living still In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,O how our hearts beat high with joy When e'er we hear that glorious word!Faith of our Fathers, holy faith, We will be true to thee til death.
- Verse 3 Faith of our fathers, we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife. And preach thee too as love knows how, By kindly words and virtuous life. Faith of our fathers, holy faith, We will be true to thee til death.

Sermon and Scripture readings together "Romans and Faith"

Special Music "I Believe" by Ervin Drake, et, al; sung by Rev. Victoria

Prayers of the people (silence as you say out loud those you are praying for)

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer Our Father who art in Heaven. .

<u>Closing Hymn</u>: Red #685 v1, 3, 4 "In Christ There is No East or West" (to honor the Philippine Independence Day)

- **Verse 1** In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North; But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.
- **Verse 3** Join hands then, brothers of the faith, What e'er your race may be; Who serves my father as a son Is surely kin to me.
- Verse 4 In Christ now meet both East and West; In Him meet South and North.

All Christ-ly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.

Announcements

Offering Before our Benediction I wish to thank all of you who have been faithful in your giving to the church during this difficult time. For those of you who have found it

hard to give, know that God watches over you during this hardship. Tell us how we can be helpful to you. Our offering prayer is this: "Blessed are they who give today the products of their sweat to God so that the poor may also be satisfied, and that God's purpose may flourish on earth as it has been fulfilled in heaven. We offer what we can O God, please match our puny gifts with your generous grace. Amen.

Benediction Romans last chapter and verses: "Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to the gospel and the teachings of Jesus Christ, to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ. Amen."