

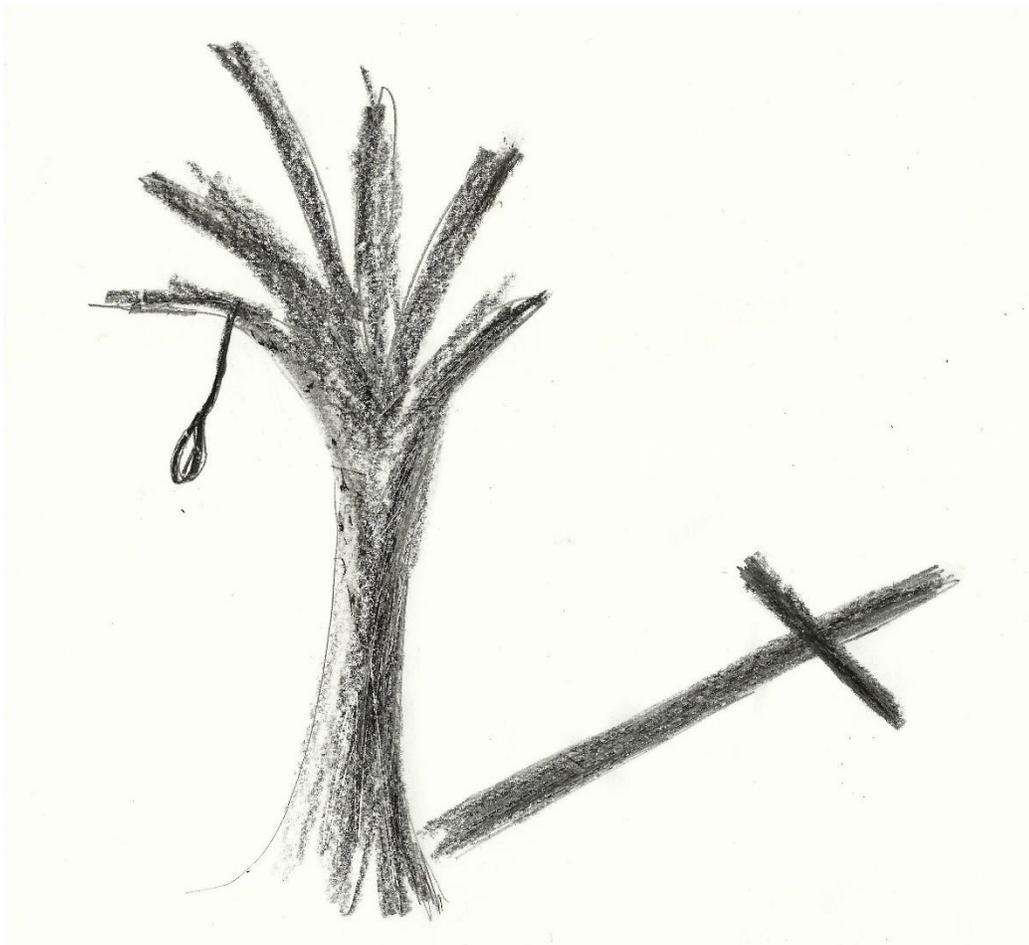


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## **LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP SERVICE**

*Join us as we worship in spirit through our live-streamed worship celebration via Zoom and Facebook Live. Visit our website for connection instructions.*



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**Sunday, June 14, 2020**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Celebration of Divine Worship*

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WELCOME

Rev. Pamela Kurtz, Pastor

MOMENT OF SILENCE *Let us prepare our hearts and minds in silence to worship God.*

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive*]

Joseph Koroma & Jane Sliheet

ONE: Gracious God, mend our brokenness and our sadness.

MANY: **Give us spirits of joy and hope for service to you by serving others, especially the marginalized and the oppressed.**

Lift us and place us on your pathways of peace and justice for all  
**that with our lives we will witness to your redeeming and liberating love.**

**AMEN.**

~ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3986/worship-connection-july-7-2019> (Adapt.)

OPENING SONG

**Saranam, Saranam** (*UMH 523*)

Joan Miller, Song Leader

Refrain:

*Jesus, Savior, Lord, lo, to thee I fly;  
Saranam, Saranam, Saranam;  
thou the Rock, my refuge that's higher than I:  
Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.*

1. In the midst of foes I cry to thee, from the ends of earth wherever I may be;  
my strength in helplessness, O answer me: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam

[Refrain]

2. In thy tent give me a dwelling place, and beneath thy wings may I find sheltering  
grace;  
O lift on me the sunshine of thy face: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.

[Refrain]

3. O that I my vows to thee may pay, and that by thy faithfulness to me each day  
may live, and on thy love my burdens lay: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.

[Refrain]

4. Yesterday, today, fore'er the same, lo, the heritage of all who bear thy name;  
to ransom them from sin the Savior came: Saranam, Saranam, Saranam.

[Refrain]

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 13:1-2 (CEB)

Joseph Koroma

*How long will you forget me, Lord? Forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
How long will I be left to my own wits,  
agony filling my heart? Daily?  
How long will my enemy keep defeating me?*

MESSAGE

**The Cross and the Lynching Tree**

The Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Pastor, *Trinity UCC, Chicago*

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Pam will lift up prayer requests previously sent to her.

*When the pastor says "Lord," the people respond: "Hear Our Prayer."*

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

INVITATION & PRAYER OVER OFFERINGS

*Please prepare your checks for mailing, or cash for drop off at the church office while our  
Music Director leads us in our Thanksgiving Song.*

THANKSGIVING SONG

**We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise** TFWS 2031

***We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.  
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.***

***And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;  
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.***

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Joseph Koroma & Jane Sliheet

**ONE:** Although God has given the church the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus the Christ, we fall short of God's call to be salt of the earth and light of the world:

**MANY:** **God, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometimes we can only see our own point of view. We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying out for justice and true peace. We blame those who are suffering**

**and in need, instead of standing with them. We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those who are different from us. Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Open us to new possibilities of life for all of your people, and use us to enact the new life given in Christ.**

## SILENT PRAYER FOR CONFESSION & HOPE

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's life-giving Word and Spirit conquer the powers of sin and death. Thanks be to God for the Good News.

**In Christ Jesus, we are all forgiven. Amen.**

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[http://oga.pcusa.org/site\\_media/uploads/oga/pdf/worship\\_liturgy\\_web.pdf](http://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/uploads/oga/pdf/worship_liturgy_web.pdf).*

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Go to your windows now, open them, and with joyful noise proclaim,  
*"Peace be with you all!"* then come back!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION & SHARING HOLY COMMUNION

GRATITUDE TIMES *Gratitudes previously sent to Rev. Pam will be shared.*

CLOSING SONG                      **There Is A Balm in Gilead** (UMC 375)  
Joan Miller

### **Refrain:**

***There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.***

*1 Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain.  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

### **(Refrain)**

*2 Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,  
and if you look for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend.*

### **(Refrain)**

*3 If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul,  
just tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all.*

### **(Refrain)**

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Pam

*All raise hand, palm facing outward and wave goodbye.*