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## "The Persistent Widow"

by Fr. Jim Hasse S.J., 2007

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a just world for all

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*“And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray  
and not lose heart.’ The Lord wants us to know that he actually understands  
that our lives can sometimes seem hopeless.”*  
*-Pastor David Nehrenz*

## **WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prelude – Betty Funk**

### **\*Call to Worship**

One: Righteous One, you are ever listening.

**Many: We come boldly, lifting our praise to you, because we know you hear us.**

One: Bringer of Justice, you reveal truth to us.

**Many: You help us to see how things are and how they can be.**

One: Eternal God, you persist in love and justice.

**Many: We want to persist in love and justice too.**

### **\*Gathering Prayer**

**Righteous One, we are thankful  
that justice flows from you like a stream.**

**You bid us to come and experience  
the equity of your love.**

**We rejoice in knowing that justice  
is an aspect of your love and is without end.  
Enable us to be steadfast in our hope in you  
as we work alongside you  
to ensure those who need justice  
receive it. Amen**

**\*Hymn – Pilgrim Hymnal (Blue) 38 Morning Has Broken**

**Morning Has Broken**

Author: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965

Tune: BUNESSAN 5.4.5.4.D.

Gaelic Melody

Harm: David Evans, 1874-1948

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**1 Morning has broken  
like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!**

**2 Sweet the rain's new fall  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where God's feet pass.**

**3 Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's recreation  
of the new day!**

**A READING OF THE WORD**

**First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31**

*The Hebrew Scripture reading tells the story of Jacob's encounter with the angel in these verses of chapter 32. Jacob and his family were on their way to encounter his brother Esau, whom he fled from as a youth. The night before, Jacob and his family crossed the Jabbok River, but Jacob decided to sleep away from them. A stranger wrestled with him until dawn, knocking Jacob's hip out of socket, but Jacob managed to overpower him anyway, and would not let the stranger go until the stranger blessed him. The stranger called him Israel, one who wrestles with God, though the stranger refused*

to tell Jacob his name. Jacob named the place Peniel, the face of God, for he had wrestled with God face-to-face and prevailed. Throughout the book of Genesis, places and people are given names of importance in their encounters with God.

**32** 22 In the course of the night, Jacob arose, took the entire caravan, and crossed the ford of the Yabbok River. 23 After Jacob had crossed with all his possessions, he returned to the camp, 24 and he was completely alone. And there, someone† wrestled with Jacob until the first light of dawn. 25 Seeing that Jacob could not be overpowered, the other struck Jacob at the socket of the hip‡, and the hip was dislocated as they wrestled. 26 Then Jacob’s contender said, “Let me go, for day is breaking.” Jacob answered, “I will not let you go until you bless me.” 27 “What is your name?” the other asked. “Jacob,” he answered. 28 The other said, “Your name will no longer be called ‘Jacob,’ or ‘Heel-Grabber,’ but ‘Israel’—‘Overcomer of God’§—because you have wrestled with both God and mortals, and you have prevailed.” 29 Then Jacob asked, “Now tell me your name, I beg you.” The other said, “Why do you ask me my name?”—and blessed Jacob there. 30 Jacob named the place Peniel—“Face of God”—“because I have seen God face to face, yet my life was spared.” 31 At sunrise, Jacob left Peniel, limping along from the injured hip.

**Psalm Response: Psalm 121 (Responsively)**

*Psalm 121 is an ancient song of knowing God’s presence and help. Hills and mountains were seen in the ancient world as where the gods dwelled, but the psalmist knows that their help is in God, who made heaven and earth. God is the protector and defender, the one who keeps our lives and knows every movement we make, protecting us from birth until death, forever.*

**121** 1 I lift my eyes to the mountains—  
from where will my help come?

**2 My help comes from God,  
who made heaven and earth!**

3 God won’t let our footsteps slip:  
our Guardian never sleeps.

**4 the Guardian of Israel  
will never slumber, never sleep!**

5 God Is our Guardian;  
God is our shade:  
with God by our side,

**6 the sun cannot overpower us by day,  
nor the moon at night.**

7 God guards us from harm,  
guards our lives.

**8 YHWH guards our leaving  
and our coming back,  
now and forever.**

## Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

*The Epistle readings continue in the series of 1-2 Timothy with this passage in 2 Timothy. The apostle Paul encourages Timothy to continue with what he has learned through scripture and what he has been taught. Paul commissions Timothy to preach the word, even when people don't want to hear it. Some in the early churches were drawn to other preachers who said things the people wanted to hear, instead of the gospel of Christ, which called for a transformation of lives. Paul encourages Timothy to be persistent, to cast off what is false and cling to what is true, and to encourage others to believe in Christ.*

**3** 14 You, for your part, must remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know who your teachers were. 15 Likewise, from your infancy you have known the sacred scriptures, the source of wisdom which through faith in Christ Jesus leads to salvation. 16 All scripture is inspired of God, and is useful for teaching—for reprimanding, correcting, and training in justice—17 so that the people of God may be fully competent and equipped for every good work.

**4** 1 In the presence of God and of Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of the appearance and reign of Christ, I charge you 2 to preach the word; to be prepared in season and out of season; to correct, reprimand and encourage with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time is coming when people won't put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers who say what their fickle ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations; endure hardship, perform your work as an evangelist and fulfill your ministry.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

*Jesus tells a parable in which a widow persisted in her demands for justice from a judge. The judge himself didn't care—he had no respect for people or for God—but because the woman wouldn't give up in her pursuit of justice, the judge relented just so she'd stop bothering him. Isn't God much greater than this unjust judge? Jesus assured the disciples that God would grant justice to those who cried out, to those who were desperate enough. However, Jesus wondered if the people would remain faithful to God when the time of judgment comes.*

**18** 1 Jesus told the disciples a parable on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart: 2 "Once there was a judge in a certain city who feared no one—not even God. 3 A woman in that city who had been widowed kept coming to the judge and saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' 4 For a time the judge refused, but finally the judge thought, 'I care little for God or people, 5 but this woman won't leave me alone. I'd better give her the protection she seeks, or she'll keep coming and wear me out!'" 6 Jesus said, "Listen to what this corrupt judge is saying. 7 Won't God then do justice to the chosen who call out day and night? Will God delay long over them? 8 I tell you, God will give them swift justice.

"But when the Promised One comes, will faith be found anywhere on earth?"

## Choral Response – His Name is Wonderful

Music by Audrey Mieir, 1959  
Choir: Keith Konet, Barbara Rossington and Bob Bucklew  
Accompanist: Betty Funk

### Reflection — Striving with God - Rev. Scott Rosenstein

#### WE RESPOND

#### \*Prayer of Response

Sweet Spirit, breathe into us your power to discern the right choices and paths for our lives. Breathe into us your peace and patience in a world that wants us to make decisions fast.

Breathe into us a sense of value and purpose as your children. Breathe into us the possibility of new life now, as part of our eternal life in you.

Sweet Spirit, help us to breathe out the vitriol, the snappy judgments, the condescension that permeates our thinking. May we let go of the negativity that does not shape us for the better but drags us down.

May we breathe in the sweetness of life that you have for us, Sweet Spirit. Amen.

#### \*Hymn - NCH 547 Amazing Grace vv. 1, 2, & 3

#### Amazing Grace

Author: John Newton, 1779; alt.  
Tune: AMAZING GRACE (NEW BRITAIN) C.M.  
Arranger: Edwin O. Excell  
Columbia Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829  
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1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

## **Invitation to Share Our Tithes and Offerings**

God's justice is persistent in affecting change and invites us to be liberal and tenacious in our giving. Let us bring gifts to further justice and peace wherever they are desired and needed. Let these resources be used to facilitate a just peace for all. Amen.

### **The Offertory – *Betty Funk***

#### **\*Presentation of Offerings - Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### **\*Blessing of the Gifts**

**Steadfast One, receive our gifts in the gladness we give them.  
Thank you that we have an abundance of resources to share  
so that every need is met. May we always give from  
wide open hearts, and may what we give, be used to bring  
a balm of justice. Amen.**

### **Choral Hymn - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

*Choir: Keith Konet, Barbara Rossington, and Bob Bucklew  
Accompanist: Betty Funk*

### **The Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer – using “debts” and “debtors”**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom 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 kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## GOING FORTH

### **\*Parting Hymn - NCH 419 Now Thank We All Our God**

#### **Now Thank We All Our God**

Author: Martin Rinkart, 1647

Translator: Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

) Tune: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.

Composer: Johann Crüger, 1647

Harmonizer: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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**1 Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices,  
Who, from our parents' arms,  
has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**

**2 O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us still in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God  
our Maker now be given,  
To Christ, and Spirit, too,  
our help in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore.  
For thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

### **\*Commissioning and Benediction**

One: Here in this place, God transforms us into disciples,

**Many: so, we may share the grace etched upon our hearts.**

One: Here with these people, compassion is written on our hearts,

**Many: so, we may join Jesus in bringing justice to all.**

One: Now, in these moments, the Spirit is breathed into us,  
**Many: so, we can be as persistent as God in bringing hope to the world. Amen.**

**\*Postlude – Betty Funk**

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Ministers, *All of Us*  
Scott Rosenstein, *Pastor*  
Betty Funk, *Pianist and Music Director*  
Keith Konet, *Council President*



### NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **God is Still Speaking...**

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you will find a spiritual home in this United Church of Christ congregation. WELCOME!

**Tithes and Offerings** - Checks and Money Orders can be made payable to: "Zion United Church of Christ" and mailed to:

**Zion United Church of Christ  
c/o Keith Konet  
1039 Bridlewood Drive  
Copley, OH 44321**

Questions: Contact Keith Konet at 330.604.6939

**Our Church's Website Address is: [zionchurchtremont.org](http://zionchurchtremont.org).**

Check out our website and Facebook page for updates and news!

## **Season after Pentecost - Ordinary Time**

The longest season of the liturgical calendar is filled with Sundays called "Ordinary Time." **The season - called the Season after Pentecost or Ordinary Time - began with Trinity Sunday and ends with Reign of Christ Sunday (the Sunday before the start of Advent).** If you're like me, you might hear "ordinary time" as "boring time." But that's not the case! The word "ordinary" most likely means "numbered" here (think ordinal numbers), because the Sundays of Ordinary Time are numbered. **In this season we move from concentrating on the event of Christ in the world to focusing toward the impact of being in Christ in the world. A life in the unity of the Trinity is one of being shaped and sent daily in the image and in the purpose of Holy Love.** The liturgical color for this season is green. During the Season after Pentecost, we focus on the life of the Church as it grows in the midst of the world.

*"When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall.*

*Think of it—always."  
— Mahatma Gandhi*

## **Please Remember in Prayer**

- The Universal Church, its members and mission,
- The nation and all in authority, the leaders of our nation - federal, state, and local.
- For democracy and our democratic institutions and norms in the United States.
- The welfare of the world and the concerns of the local community,
- The interrelationship of Gospel values and civic engagement
- Our 155th Anniversary as a community of faith of Zion Church on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Ministries of the United Church of Christ and of Zion Church.
- The leaders of our church: local, regional, and national, including our Living Water Association UCC, Association General Minister, The Rev. Nayiri Karjian, and Association Faith in Action Minister, The Rev. Michael Howard.
- The ministers and missionaries of the world.
- Those who are refugees and immigrants.
- For children separated from their parents at detention camps along our southern border.
- For racial and religious justice and reconciliation in the United States and around the world.

- Mother Earth and the global reflection on climate disruption
- For peace, justice, and freedom throughout the world and particularly for the peoples of Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, and the United States.
- The people of Afghanistan, Venezuela, Syria, Yemen, Armenia and Azerbaijan, the Kurdish people and the Christians of northern Syria - for peace, nutrition, and justice.
- **The people of Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, western Cuba, eastern Canada-along with the people of Florida and the Carolinas profoundly impacted by the recent hurricanes. Be with all who grieve and mourn the loss of loved ones, homes, businesses, and infrastructure. Please help the survivors to process and move through the trauma, and to rebuild their lives and communities.**
- According to data from the Gun Violence Archive, a total of 530 mass shooting incidents have occurred in the US as of October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. In 2021 a total of 693 mass shooting incidents occurred across the US, in 2020 a total of 611, in 2019 a total of 417, with 337 incidents in 2018. While we pray for the families and friends of those whose lives have been taken in violent acts – and we pray for those injured in body, mind, soul, and spirit – and for their neighborhoods and communities across the United States - We know that our words and prayers are not enough. We must repent for our collective inaction and commit to tirelessly working toward meaningful gun violence prevention.
- For those affected by the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and the omicron variant surge: for all those who are infected and/or sick, and those who are grieving, for all who are affected, all around the world, for essential workers and frontline workers...we pray for comfort, for safety, for health, and for wholeness.
- The residents and management of the San Sofia Apartments who share a campus with us.
- Those anticipating surgery, recovering from surgery, or undergoing medical procedures, tests, or treatments
- Those living in assisted living or in a nursing home
- Those who are homebound and those who are caregivers
- Those who suffer or are in any trouble, and the departed.
- Those on our church prayer list:
  - Patti Augustine and family
  - Robert O. Bucklew (*Bob Bucklew's Dad*) in Alliance, Ohio
  - Betty Funk (*our Minister of Music*)
  - Marian Heffernan (*neighbor to Scott and Bob; friend of Elaine – health concerns*)
  - Ken Kauffman & friends: Nim Bryant, Isadora Almaro, Joe & Janelle Reardon, Barbara, and Michael Reed.
  - Jocelyn Paulette and her parents, Kevin & Jacqui Konet
  - Keith Konet
  - Marcia Leslie (*neighbor and friend – health concerns*)
  - Elaine Lukacs (has been moved to: *Altenheim Skilled Nursing Facility: 18627 Shurmer Road, Room 408 Strongsville, Oh 44136*) 440-238-3361 ext. 5071—**Received word today she has been admitted to Southwest Hospital.**
  - Linda and James Mortach (*Elaine Lukacs' sister & brother-in-law*) & Linda's daughter
  - Patricia Matheny (prayers also for her Cousin Paul Kevin McCray)
  - Lee Matsos and family
  - Barbara Rossington (*move to a new senior housing community*)

- Henry Senyak (*resident community leader – cancer*)
- The family of Michael O’Brien particularly his wife, Debbie Webb (*following Michael’s death last Fall. Our love and sympathy to Debbie and Michael’s family*).
- Beverly Wurm’s great grandson, Orion (4 yrs.) - *has undergone tests and referred to Children’s hospital to meet with a surgeon for further tests .*

## **Zion’s Administrative Assistant, Beverly Wurm**

Beverly began a part-time position with us. She will be keeping some limited Office Hours at church/home. The days and hours are:

Monday – 9am – 1pm

Wednesday – 10am-2pm

Thursday – 9am – 1pm

**Beverly can be reached at: [zionchurchtremont@gmail.com](mailto:zionchurchtremont@gmail.com) or by phone at: 216-273-7561 (church) or 216-310-6810 (mobile).**

## **Help for Ukraine**

Gifts made to UCC **Ukraine Emergency Appeal** will provide shelter, food, and other care to war refugees and internally displaced people.

Donate online with the link below:

<https://support.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal>

Or designate a check for Ukraine Relief and mail to:

United Church of Christ,  
P.O. Box 71957  
Cleveland, OH 44194.

Gifts made to **Sharing America's Resources Abroad (S.A.R.A)** provide food, clothing, and sanitary items for refugees fleeing to Hungary.

**Donate online with the link:**

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=QC5P9F6Z9LT32](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=QC5P9F6Z9LT32)

Or designate a check for **S.A.R.A. - Donations for Ukraine Emergency Fund** and mail to:

SARA  
c/o Heartland Conference UCC  
P.O. Box 1230  
Worthington, OH 43085.

**Please know that your gifts of any size make a difference in this critical time.**

## **Pakistan's 'dire' flood crisis is subject of UCC emergency appeal**

The United Church of Christ has issued an emergency appeal for relief-and-recovery gifts in response to what it called "massive flooding" across most of Pakistan.

Wider Church Ministries launched the **UCC Pakistan Response Fund** Sept. 16.

Torrential monsoons since June have dumped nearly five times as much rain as the country usually gets. So far, the resulting floods have:

- Killed more than 1,400 people
- Affected 30 million people and displaced 800,000
- Damaged or destroyed 1 million homes, as well as farms, livestock, roads, bridges, schools and more.

### **One-third of country still submerged**

"The situation in Pakistan remains dire as more than a third of the country is still under water," said the Rev. Josh Baird, who heads the UCC's Global H.O.P.E. team. "The most pressing needs are for food, clean water and sanitation, and emergency housing."

"In areas where the water has not receded, people are forced to construct temporary shelter on whatever dry patch of land they can access — often on the edge of roads."

"At its peak, 73 percent of Pakistan's districts were impacted by flooding," the appeal's web page says. "... More than half of its districts have been declared 'calamity hit' by the government — a number that is expected to rise as the rain continues and floods flow through the Punjab and Sindh provinces."

### **World's churches respond together**

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has called the crisis an "unprecedented natural disaster" caused by "the intensification of climate change." "No country deserves this fate, but particularly not countries like Pakistan that have done almost nothing to contribute to global warming," he said. He called on the international community for "massive financial support," especially from "countries that have contributed more to climate change."

Baird said the UCC is working with ecumenical partners to respond. Community World Service Asia, a partner through the ACT Alliance, is meeting immediate needs "while laying the groundwork for long-term recovery," he said. "Gifts to the Pakistan Appeal will support emergency relief and focus on providing long-term care through the gifting of items such as seed for fields and feed and vaccines for livestock."

"With more than 6.4 million people projected to require humanitarian assistance, we anticipate walking with affected communities for the restoration of homes and livelihoods for many years."

**People can donate electronically at this page: <https://tinyurl.com/ya8msm3n> by selecting "International Emergency" as the option and entering "Pakistan response" as the specific appeal.**

**Gifts by check can be made payable to United Church of Christ, with "Pakistan Response Fund" noted in the memo section, and mailed to P.O. Box 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194.**

## **UCC launches emergency appeal for 2022 hurricanes – Ian, Fiona and those still to come – to read more, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6kpt24>**

### **Hurricanes 2022 Emergency Appeal**

The United Church of Christ is issuing an appeal to support immediate needs for families and communities affected by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian.

While this year's hurricane season started slow, the last two weeks have made it clear just how dangerous and destructive these storms can be. With wind speeds topping out at 130 miles per hour and 155 miles per hour, respectively, Hurricanes Fiona and Ian have left devastation in their wake. More than a week and a half after Fiona's winds left all of Puerto Rico in the dark, hundreds of thousands of people remain without power. Communities remain in crisis mode as the delivery of food, drinking water, and medical needs is challenged in hard-to-reach places cut off by downed trees, mudslides, and washed away bridges.

Millions have lost power and access to clean drinking water. The need for emergency food support, medical care, and temporary shelter is high.

Rev. Edward Rivera-Santiago, Pastor General of Iglesia Evangélica Unida de Puerto Rico shared that congregations across the island are reporting both church and community members whose homes are severely damaged, with some facing total loss. Solidarity grants from Global H.O.P.E. and Global Ministries have been sent to assist with immediate needs while basic infrastructure is repaired and more complete assessments can be made.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Ian still rages, with widespread damage in Cuba, flooding and wind damage across Florida, and coastal flooding threatening Georgia and the Carolinas. It is way too early to know the full extent of damage in Cuba and in Florida, yet early indications point to a recovery that will take many years – perhaps a decade.

Emergency response personnel are active. Relief agencies are meeting immediate needs where they can gain access to communities hard hit by the storm. United Church of Christ partners through National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster who focus on relief are implementing their plans. Global Ministries Area Executive for Latin America Angel Luis Rivera is in touch with bilateral partners. Conference leaders and Conference Disaster Coordinators are making contact, assessing needs, and communicating with the Global H.O.P.E. team so that help can be channeled, now and for the long term.

**Your generous financial support will be used by our partners in the areas of greatest need, for relief and long-term recovery. Donate online: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7bd3e2>**

**If you prefer, you may mail a check payable to the United Church of Christ, PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note "Hurricanes 2022 Fund" in the memo section.**