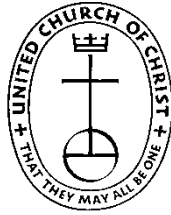


April 23, 2017 – 10:00 am
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
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WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: “Jesus Shall Reign” Dorothy Wells

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We come again to celebrate resurrection.
God gives us new birth into a living hope.

**MANY: Death has no power over us.
Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.**

One: Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ!
Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

**MANY: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.
God shows us the path of life.**

One: Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you.
Come to receive life in Christ’s name.

**MANY: We rejoice in God’s amazing good news.
In God’s presence, we find fullness of joy.**

*OPENING HYMN: **NCH #243**

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**Your Easter people gather to praise you, amazing God.
Continue to make your ways known to us. Fill us with your
presence. We cannot live apart from you. Your counsel and
instruction are with us day and night. We have only to open
ourselves to your direction. Inspire in us fullness of joy, we
pray, as we respond in faith to the risen Christ and embrace
the tasks you set before us. Build up our sense of
community that we may truly care for one another through all
life’s trials. Amen.**

*GLORIA: #759

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

SECOND TESTAMENT READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 22-32
and 1 Peter 1:3-19

Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31 Pastor Rosemary

*GOSPEL RESPONSE: **NCH #236 “Halle,Halle”**

Halle, halle, halle-lu-ja.

Halle, halle, halle-lu-ja.

Halle, halle, halle-lu-ja. Halleluja, halle-lu-ja.

SERMON: “Resurrection Perspective” Pastor Rosemary

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: **NCH #473 “Blessed Assurance”**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

You are invited to pray each week for a specific family or individual from our Congregation, in addition to those on our prayer list. Today we lift up in prayer these families. Prayers for healing:

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed it be your 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 forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: ##769

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;

Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: “Holy Ground”

Geron Davis

*DOXOLOGY: # 780

**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.**

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

We rejoice in the inheritance you have given us, O God, and delight in sharing it with others. You have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You have touched our lives with eternity, with indescribable and glorious joy. We want others to experience what we have begun to realize in company with one another and with you. To that end, bless all the offerings of this day. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN: **NCH #249**

“Peace I Leave with You, My Friends”

DURING THE HYMN THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.

*BENEDICTION:

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POSTLUDE: “Joyful Recessional” M. Isabelle Ritter

Serving in Christ’s Name:

Ministers – All members of St. John UCC

Participants in Today’s Worship:

Pastor – Pastor Rosemary Captain

Minister of Music – Sharon Banjavcic

Liturgist - Carol Bulva

Ushers – Carol Bulva & Jim Turnbull