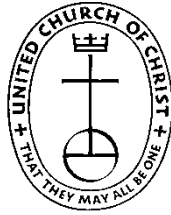


April 30, 2017 – 10:00 am
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
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OF CHRIST

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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: "Open Our Eyes with Be Thou My Vision" Cull

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God has called us together for this time of worship,
God is listening to our thoughts and to our speaking.

**MANY: God inclines an ear to us and hears us.
God knows us better than we know ourselves.**

One: Let us open our hearts to the One who gives us life.
Let us set our faith and hope in God.

**MANY: In one another's presence, we renew our vows,
Together we offer our thanksgiving sacrifice.**

One: God's promises to us are ancient and ever new.
God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

**MANY: Together we lift our voices in songs of praise.
Together we recognize we are precious in God's
sight.**

OPENING HYMN: NCH #49

"Ask Me What Great Things I Know"

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**Wondrous God, present with us when we do not know
it, valuing us when we do not care for ourselves, planting in
us the seed of your word even when the soil of our hearts is
hard and unyielding, open our eyes to recognize you here.
May we sense your presence next to us. May we hear your
voice. May we know your touch. May we see you in one
another and in the beauty all around us. May your reality
emerge deep inside each life, transforming our thoughts and
deeds and our relationship with one another. 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, 36-41
and 1 Peter 1:17-23

Lay Liturgist

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

Pastor Rosemary

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:13-35

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*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: “Made Known to Them in the Breaking of the Bread”
Pastor Rosemary

*HYMN OF RESPONSE:

NCH #241 “Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”

PASTORAL PRAYER ENDING WITH 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: **NCH #774**

**Shepherd, lead, lead me in your righteousness,
make your way plain before my face. For it is you, God,
you, God only, who makes me to lie down in safety.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: "The Road to Emmaus" Roy E. Nolte

*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 #257 "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus"**

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

*BENEDICTION:

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: **NCH #812 Threefold Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen**

POSTLUDE: "Spring Recessional" Chester Nordman

PRAYER LIST: *Today we lift up in prayer these families.*

And prayers for healing: Warren Crews, Luz Captain,

Serving in Christ's Name:

Ministers – All members of St. John UCC

Participants in Today's Worship:

Pastor – Rev. Rosemary Captain

Minister of Music – Sharon Banjavcic

Liturgist - Jane Cohlmeier