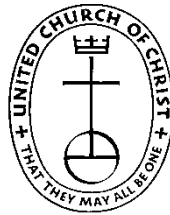


May 14, 2017 – 10:00 am  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
MOTHER'S DAY  
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OF CHRIST**

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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: "You Are My All in All" Dennis Jernigan

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on Psalm 31  
and 1 Peter, written by Lavon Bayler

One: Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God.  
Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.

**MANY: God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress.  
Christ leads us and guides us every day.**

One: Indeed, you have tasted the goodness of God.  
You have known the presence of Christ, God's chosen  
one.

**MANY: Every day we long for pure spiritual milk.  
Each day, we are inspired by the living Christ.**

One: Then let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet.  
Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.

**ALL: We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life.  
We are here to ask and to receive and to serve.**

\*OPENING HYMN: NCH #400

**"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**Open your heavens to us, God of all worlds. We long  
for the pure spiritual milk you provide so we may grow into  
salvation. We are your people, sisters and brothers of your  
Chosen One. Let us this day be built into a spiritual house, a  
community of your faithful people. Keep us from judging  
those whose views differ from our own, or from throwing  
stones at those with whom we disagree. Incline your ear to  
us and rescue us from ourselves, we pray in Jesus' name.  
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 7:55-60  
and 1 Peter 2:2-10 Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

SPECIAL MUSIC: "We're in This Thing Together"  
David Huntsinger Anne Brown & Nancy Eisenhauer

\*GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:1-14 Pastor Rosemary

SERMON: Pastor Rosemary  
"Thomas asked if he could use his GPS to follow Jesus"

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: **NCH #331** sung to a familiar tune  
**"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"**

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: "Walking with the Master" Louise E. Stairs

\*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 commit ourselves to you, gracious God, as we dedicate material gifts that represent our labor. When we ponder the amazing wonder of life, we are filled with awe. When we remember Jesus as the cornerstone of the spiritual house you are seeking to build in our midst, we are eager to help. Let your face shine on us and on this offering that your mighty acts may be proclaimed to all the world. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: NCH #469 “O Grant Us Light”**

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

**\*BENEDICTION:**

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

**POSTLUDE: “Chorus of Praise”      Randolph Johnston  
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**PRAYER LIST:** *Today we lift up in prayer the family.*

*And prayers for healing:* Warren Crews, Clay Harris, Bonnie Lam, Georgia White,

*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** - Ginny Ganschinietz  
**Ushers** – Ginny Ganschinietz and Carol Bulva