

May 26, 2019 – 10:00 am

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION**

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- CCLI LICENSE #11164431
- LITURGY WRITTEN BY REV LAVON BAYLER
- PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT.
- SCRIPTURE TEXTS FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE.
- \*PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.
- **NCH** IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

**GUEST MUSICIANS – Tammy and Kate Hughes  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE:

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us.  
Come, all who are burdened;  
there is healing here.

**MANY: We have come to hear the Word of God.  
We have brought with us all that  
weighs us down.**

One: Let voices of praise greet the one who calls us.  
Be glad together and sing for joy.

**MANY: Our hearts respond with hope for a new day.  
Our voices join in thankful prayers and praise.**

One: God reigns among us and fills the world with  
light. We are invited to make our home with  
the living God.

**MANY: May God's ways be known within and among  
us. May God guide all nations in  
ways of peace.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: NCH 276**

**"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

**Maker of all things. Ruler of all peoples of the earth,  
we bring our prayers of thanksgiving and praise. You  
have provided the water of life for our baptism. You  
have fed us with the fruits of the earth and nourished  
us through your Word. Meet us again in the joyous  
encounter of worship, lest we forget the source of all**

**we have and all that we are. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Amen.**

**\*GLORIA: NCH 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.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15 Lay Liturgist**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 22:1-5 Lay Liturgist**

**TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:**

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 14:22-29**

**Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON: "Guidance Counseling for the Future"**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 290**

**"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"**

**PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; Your 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 773**

**Remember me, remember me,  
O Jesus, remember me.**

INVITATION TO SHARE:

OFFERTORY:

**\*DOXOLOGY: NCH 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. Amen.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**For the hospitality of your good earth, for the people  
you have given us to love, for the tasks you have called  
us to do, we give thanks, gracious God. Our offerings  
are a measure of our faith and an evidence of our  
gratitude. We dedicate ourselves with our gifts, that  
your reign of light may be realized in the places where  
we live and work and far beyond our personal reach.  
Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: NCH 249**

**“Peace I Leave with You, My Friend”**

**\*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION: Psalm 67:1-7**

**“Let God grant us grace and bless us; let God make his  
face shine on us,  
so that your way becomes known on earth, so that  
your salvation becomes known among all the nations.  
Let the people thank you, God!  
Let all the people thank you.**

**Let the people celebrate and shout with joy because you judge the nations fairly and guide all nations on the earth.**

Let the people thank you, God!

Let all the people thank you!

The earth has yielded its harvest.

**God blesses us – our God blesses us! Let God continue to bless us; let the far ends of the earth honor him.”**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH 812 Three-fold Amen  
“Amen, Amen, Amen”**

**\*POSTLUDE:**



**PRAYER LIST:** *Today we lift up in prayer the family of Jane Cohlmeier.*

*And prayers for healing:* Tom Petroff, Dave Seneczyn, Roger Fox, Eric White, Gary Carr, Ed McLaughlin, Amy Arthur, Lori Riess, Brian Lohman, Trenton Pickens, Wayne Schlosser, Larkin Shay

*Shut-ins:* Darleen Bax, Terry Kissel, Ardella Morris, Alice Stidham & Jacquie Mantle

***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  
**Choir Director** – Nancy Eisenhauer  
**Liturgist** – Sue Williams  
**Ushers** – Judy Hartmann

***Activities of the church:***

**This Week** - ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE,  
**Monday** – Office closed for Memorial Day  
**Tuesday** - Boy Scouts

**Next Sunday, June 2 - ALUMINUM RECYCLING**

**The Evening Circle from Collinsville St. John UCC hosts their annual Luncheon and Fashion show on Thurs, June 20 at 11:30 am in St. John UCC Faith Hall.** Homemade salads made by their ladies plus a style show of summer clothes from Dillard's using St. John UCC models. Luncheon includes door prizes and a raffle for an afghan. Purchase \$12 per person tickets through Judy Brickey 618-345-4889 or Amy 618-344-2526. Tickets not sold at the door. Questions, contact Nancy Fitzgerald 618-920-6302.