

PRELUDE *In the Midst of Earthly Life*, Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)
Come, Now, Almighty God, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796)
arr. Healey Willan (1880-1968); Concordia Publishing House

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

The Peace of Christ be with you.... **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come all who are weary

of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division

Come all who are heavy-laden

with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger

Come all who have hope

for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kin-dom

Hear these words

“See, I am making all things new.”

HYMN NCH 8 *Praise to the Living God*

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 148 (Inclusive Bible); Revelation 21:1-6*

MUSICAL REFLECTION PH 50 *Sun of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear*

SERMON *Acts 11:1-18*

SILENT REFLECTION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

We pray for health and strength for Pasha Buck, Molly Campe, George Drake, Betty Anne Francis, Ross Haenfler, Laird Kever, Gene McCaw, and Gayle Strickler.

We pray for comfort and peace for Orlan Mitchell and family. Verlene died on April 10th.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Holy God, may we hear your voice

In the stillness of night, in clatter of day.

You call us, and we respond, Here I am!

May we follow you and may we love as you love.

Holy One, through trials and turbulence
Make us steady, your hands
Holding strong the fragile and weak
May we love as you love.

Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives
be food for the hungry, bread
clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word
May we love as you love.

God of justice, remove the barriers
Of our lives that keep us from
One another, barriers we construct
Based on skin color, religion, or gender
May we hear, and follow, graciously.
May we love as you love.

Loving God, take this day our fears our
Worries, distractions, and all
Turn them into grace and mercy,
And, following the example of Martin Luther King, Jr. and all your Saints,
May we love as you love and pray in your Spirit saying...

LORD'S PRAYER *(Inclusive Version)*

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother

Holy is your name.

May your love be enacted in the world.

May your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For all that we do in your love,

and all that your love brings to birth,

and the fullness of love that will be

are yours, now and forever. Amen.

GRATITUDE FOR OFFERING / DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

HYMN PH 228 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BENEDICTION

Christ has given us a new commandment:
that we love one another, as Christ has loved us.
By this, everyone will know that we are Christ's disciples,
if we share that love with the world.
And through this love, all things will be made new.
Go now and do as Christ commands. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Fugue in A-flat Major* Gottlieb Muffat (1690-1770)

Worship Resources

Call to Worship and Benediction ~ from *Making All Things New: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Easter*, written by the Rev. Mary Nelson Abbott. Posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways Archive.

<http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

Pastoral Prayer ~ written by Terri, and posted on the RevGalBlogPals blog. <http://revgalblogpals.blogspot.com/>

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

To Grow in Love of God and Neighbor

Worship Participants

Pastor	Rev. Jessica Margrave Schirm
Liturgist	Nancy E. Brown
Musicians	Handbell Ensemble: Jo Becker, David Eberbach, Jo Entwisle, Russ Leggett, Liz Rodrigues, Mary Smith; Kelly Sandquist, pianist
Organist	Kenneth Davis
Artist	Edd Scheer
Worship Hosts	JoAnn Britton, Nancy Brown, Jeananne Schild
Tech Team	Barbara and John Ashby, Dave Eberbach, Josh Sandquist
Sunday Drivers	Rick Ramsey, George Britton, Denny Conway, Shane Estes, John Noer
Chancel Care	Sarah White, Glenyce Conway, Karen Edwards, Sue Ramsey, Oliva Wright