



Faith

UNITED CHURCH of Christ

May 16, 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Rev. Ted Brelsford | Transitional Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus

PRELUDE *Glorify Thy Name*

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Silent Meditation

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Clap your hands all you peoples; shout to God
with shouts of joy.

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

All: Alleluia, let us worship our God!

INVOCATION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

O Lord, on this day of glory we confess our lack of trust.
While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have
too often acted as though you are powerless in the face
of disaster, evil, and despair in these days. Help us
to live with confidence in your presence today and
with faith in your powerful goodness forever. Amen.

A brief time of silence

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

***THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN *Cry of My Heart*

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.

It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.

*It is the cry of my heart to follow
all of the days of my life.*

1. Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,
so I can walk in your truth.

*Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,
and make me wholly devoted to you.*

2. *Open my eyes so I can see the
wonderful things that you do.
Open my heart up more and more,
and make me wholly devoted to you.*

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:1-11

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:44-53

SERMON “Where is God when God Goes Away?”

HYMN *Shine Jesus Shine*

PRAYERS AND LORD’S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

Pastor: In recognition of all that God has done for us, let us

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Go Ye, Go Ye into the World*

Concerns & Prayers

For peace in our country and the world, for our military, for those whose needs we may not know. For those who have lost loved ones during the pandemic, Dana Aberschein, Alice & Tim Baird, Gloria Blesy, Sue Cook, Eleanor Cornwall, Yves Coulombe, Lorey Delia, Helen Easton, Martha Faulring, Barb Fink, Louise Forney, Sharon Forney, R. David Herren, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Mark Kreib, Lois Lizak, Pete & Carol Mueller, Joe Piecuch, Joy Pfitzinger, Phyllis Potter, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Loretta Rishel, Joe Ryan, Fred Shear, Linda Smerka, Janet Taber, Joyce Whittemore, Bob Winter
Those in the Military: Zachary Braun, Teegan Partridge, Jacob Roy, Cadan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Mary Solak, Aaron Wellman

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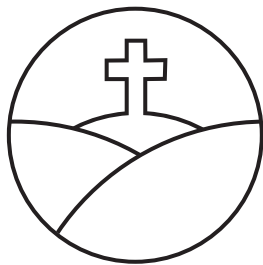
The Fellowship Hall is available during worship for families with small children or others who may need to or wish to not be in the sanctuary. The service is streamed on the large TV monitor, and families may bring whatever they wish to occupy their children.

Confirmation/Pentecost/Communion Sunday, May 23

Next Sunday we will be confirming two of our young people into full membership in the church. It is also Pentecost Sunday and everyone is invited and urged to wear red in celebration and remembrance of the gift of the Holy Spirit in “tongues of fire.” Holy Communion will be served as well and you may, as usual, bring your own elements of use the packets provided at the sanctuary entry.

Upcoming:

Sunday, May 16 – 9 a.m. Sunday school
10:15 a.m. Worship – Pastor Meeting with
Confirmants & their Families after Worship
Sunday, May 23 – **Pentecost Sunday** - 9 a.m. Sunday school
10:15 a.m. Worship – **Confirmation today!**
Sunday, May 30 – Memorial Day Weekend – 10:15 a.m. Worship
Sunday, June 6 – Worship Service 10:15 a.m.



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