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**Third Sunday after Pentecost Year B – Relational Dislocation**  
**Live Stream**  
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# Community UCC

*We're worth our words*  
Welcoming Progressive Community  
*Vibrant Messengers of Hope*



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## Gathering Music

*Take, O Take Me as I AM*

CUCC Choir  
NCH #42

## Welcome

Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser

Good morning and welcome to Community United Church of Christ. Today, we continue our 5-part worship series based on article written by American theologian and writer, Diana Butler Bass, called, "Religion After Pandemic: Lost means gone - it also means dislocated." To review, Bass asserts that we have experienced an incredible sense of dislocation as a people amid the pandemic in four distinct ways: temporal, physical, historical, relational, and, we add a fifth, spiritual. Throughout this series, we are going to do a deep dive into each kind of dislocation and do so in comparison to scripture that explores each. Last week, we explored what it means to be dislocated physically and not able to embody space with others. This week, we think about relational dislocation and what it means that *we've lost our daily habits of interactions with other human. We'll be looking at the story of Jesus and Lazarus' sisters, and the awkwardness that ensues when Jesus delays coming to their aid.* As we settle into worship, as we begin, we welcome you. And who are we? We are young and old and middle age. Gay and straight and in between. We are single and partnered. Happy and sad, confused and inspired. We are street smart and college educated. Some of us can't pay our bills and others of us have more than enough to share. Who are we? We are God's people. We are the Body of Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here and we really mean it. Welcome to worship.

## Prelude

*Prelude from Partita no. 1*

Aaron Ames  
J. S. Bach

## Ringling of the Singing Bowl

Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser

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*We welcome you to our service this morning. Celebrating the diversity of creation, Community United Church welcomes persons of any age, ability, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, or life condition. May the Divine Presence become real to you through this time of worship. We hope you come back!*

## Call to Worship

David Willcox, Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser

What day is it? What time is it? It is Sunday – the day our community of faith sets aside to gather together for worship and connection.

Where are we? We are here, together: you, and me, and God. All of us. Near or far, the Spirit weaves us together as One Body.

And how are we? We...we are not quite sure. What does it mean to be in the same place with one another again after so much time apart?

**We give you thanks, Holy one, that you have anchored us in time, through space and as One Body during these pandemic days. We give thanks that you have come to be with us and, in the man of Jesus, know what it is to be human in all its glory and awkwardness. Holy One, help us, as we seek to relocate ourselves, to always remember that in you we are already found, and in you there is a time for everything under heaven, and that you draw us together as One. Be with us now as we worship in your name. Amen and amen.**

## Song

*Gather Us In*

Songbook #55 v1, 4

Led by Jon Ebel

Text and Music by Marty Haugen

*Here in this place, the new light is streaming,  
shadows of doubt are vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in; our spirits inflame.  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*Not just in buildings, small and confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is God present, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

## Passing of the Peace

Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser

## Children's Moment

Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser

## Prelude to Scripture

Whether we take what is written in the Bible as fact, metaphor, myth, or story, let us listen now for the meaning it might hold for us on this day.

### Sacred Reading from the Original Testament

Psalm 38:9-11

<sup>9</sup> O Lord, all my longing is known to you;  
my sighing is not hidden from you.  
<sup>10</sup> My heart throbs, my strength fails me;  
as for the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.  
<sup>11</sup> My friends and companions stand aloof from my affliction,  
and my neighbors stand far off.

### Sacred Reading from the New Testament

John 11:1-44

<sup>11</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Judeans were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Judeans had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Judeans who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Judeans who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Judeans said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.” <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>

knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

### Postlude to Scripture

Together, let us say:

**May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.**

### Song

*When Minds and Bodies Meet as One*

NCH #399 v 1-3

Led Elena Negruta

Words Brian Wren, Music Peter Cutts

*When minds and bodies meet as one  
and find their true affinity,  
we join the dance in God begun  
and move within the Trinity,  
so praise the good that's seen and done  
in loving, giving unity, revealing God,  
forever One, whose nature is Community.*

*When leaders meet with angry sound,  
yet bridle their hostility,  
to bargain for a common ground,  
and end with unanimity,  
be glad for all the hope that's won  
in every gleam of unity, revealing God,  
forever One, whose nature is Community.*

*When teamwork serves a common aim,  
and players move in sympathy,  
the flowing rhythm of the game  
is beauty in simplicity,  
so praise the good that's seen and done  
in swiftly moving unity, revealing God,  
forever One, whose nature is Community.*

### Message

Relational Dislocation – Embodying the Body of Christ Again

Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser

### Congregational Response

Go to [menti.com](https://www.menti.com), put in today's code and participate in today's congregational response

## Offering

David Willcox

At this time, you are invited to put your prayer concerns in the comments or the chat – they will be read aloud in a few moments. Although we have been dislocated in these many ways, we continue to be relocated in the Body of Christ. Though lost, we are found. Though scattered, we are gathered together in One Body. The mission and ministry of Community United Church of Christ is made possible through the generosity of you, Community UCC's members and friends, and your gift of time, expertise, talent, and treasure. Together, we give thanks for the generosity of our Community and ask God to bless and multiply all that is offered in God's name. To make a financial gift to CUCC, you can go to our website [www.community-ucc.org](http://www.community-ucc.org) where you can click "donate" and give. May God bless the gifts and the givers.

## Special Music

*Bobby McFerrin's The 23rd Psalm*

CUCC Choir  
Arr. Bobby McFerrin

## Sharing our Prayer Requests

- Chris Oberheim Family
- Officer Jeffrey Creel
- Doug Irwin
- Oliver "Ollie" Taylor
- Violence against our black and brown siblings
  - Danika "Danny" Henson, aka Pryynce Daniel, aka and Niia Da Don
  - Serenity Hollis
  - Ronald Green
  - Mikayla Miller
  - Thomas Hardin
  - Poe Black, aka Oliver Jackson, aka Legion
- Residual trauma all black and brown people experience every time there is trauma against black and brown people in this country.
- People of our country

*Many of the names listed under violence against our black and brown siblings come from the National Black Justice Coalition ([www.nbjc.org](http://www.nbjc.org)) and the Human Rights Campaign ([www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org)) websites. Most of the names are of transgender or gender non-conforming persons, with many of the names being women. According to the Human Rights Campaign, "In May alone, we now know of the deaths of at least 9 transgender or gender non-conforming people. This violence is staggering, and if it continues, we will record more cases of fatal violence against trans and gender non-conforming people this year than any prior year."*

## Prayer Requests and Morning Prayer

Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser

## Announcements

Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser

*Oh you prisoners in your cells*

*All you in private hells*

*Kyrie eleison*

*All you hungry and ignored*

*Who thirst for something more*

*Kyrie eleison*

*You who feel so lost but are afraid of being found*

*You who are in chains but are afraid to live unbound*

*Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison*

**Chorus**

*For all us lovely needy people*

*Living in this world that's spinning*

*Round and round and round*

*Round and round and round*

*For all us lovely broken people*

*Living in this world that's spinning*

*Round and round and round*

*Round and round and round*

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy*

*Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison*

*Oh you children ripped and torn*

*Battered, bruised and worn*

*Kyrie eleison*

*All who look hate in the face*

*Locked in hate's embrace*

*Kyrie eleison*

*You who've given up and can't see anywhere but down*

*You who've lost all hope and think it's nowhere to be found*

*Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison (Chorus)*

**Bridge**

*There is mercy enough, there is grace enough.*

*There is love enough for all of us.*

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# Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." John 11:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 11:1-45 (NIV).



L A Z A R U S E S L E E P M P  
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MARY	WAKE	SICK	LAZARUS	BROTHER
JESUS	STONE	DISCIPLES	LIFE	BELIEVE
PRAYED	WEEPING	GLORY	MARTHA	RISE
ENTRANCE	LOVE	DEATH	TOMB	SLEEP

## Flourishing

Look around. What if just *this* was enough?

What if this choir was enough, for example?

Consider the miracle that each week, a group of mostly volunteers gathers to sing together in (occasionally im)perfect harmony. Whether there are three of them, or thirty or three hundred, isn't it some kind of miracle that week after week this group of working folks and retired folks and just plain folks leave their daily occupations and raise their voices together in song?

What if our youth and children were enough? What if instead of worrying about the youth and children we don't have, we started noticing, naming and celebrating the youth and children we do have? If there are no children in this congregation right now, what if we recognized the abundance of children in our neighborhood, or in our nation or in our world? What if we asked ourselves to notice the way we can be in community with THOSE children?

What if this congregation's leadership was enough?

What if God has called to this place and time exactly the people with just the skills, passions and gifts of the spirit that are needed for this moment? What if the church of the future is happening right now, today?

What if our church building was enough?

What if God has granted us this space in this time so that we might recognize it not as a burden or a project, but as a gift that we are privileged to steward?

The farmer in today's scripture throws seeds recklessly on seemingly infertile ground as well as obviously healthy soil. This image invites us to think the same way about our ministries and presence in the world. Rather than being obsessed with scarcity, scanning articles about the church in decline and worrying about the bottom line, what if we looked around at what we do have? What if we allowed ourselves to imagine our church in a new way, as a part of God's kingdom that has not just enough, but more than enough to share?



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