



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



Champaign, Illinois

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C

May 15, 2022

Thoughts Before Worship— We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

-from They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love, Peter Scholtes

If you have requests to add to the prayer list (a public document), go to community-ucc.org/pray (a Google Form), or scan the QR code found in the bulletin or there are prayer cards on the table at the back of the sanctuary that you may fill out and hand to the usher.

Prelude

Aaron Ames

Welcome, a Word About Worship, and an Invitation to Check-In

Call to Worship

A new commandment we are given:

To love one another just as Christ loved us

A new identity we receive:

To be known as Christ's disciples because of how we love

Let us gather for worship now, to love and be loved

To know and be known

***Hymn**

Won't You Let me be Your Servant

NCH 539

Richard Gillard, Arr. Betty Car Pulkingham

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***Passing of the Peace**

Today, you are invited to remain in your space, turn and greet those around you, make eye contact across the room and flash a peace sign, or say "Peace" in the comments on Zoom or Facebook Live broadcast.

Call to Prayer

Susan Pawlicki



After the sermon, we will offer up our joys and concerns. Your prayer requests will be offered aloud. Whether you are sitting here in the sanctuary, or worshipping with us remotely, you are invited to add your joys and concerns to the prayer list: go to community-ucc.org/pray (a Google Form), or scan the QR code found here or there are prayer cards on the table at the back of the sanctuary that you may fill out and hand to the usher.

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!

Note: *Our worship services are live streamed. If you prefer not to have the back of your head seen on the live stream worship please do not sit in the first seven pews on the left side (organ/piano) of the sanctuary.*

Note 2: *The congregation responds to the liturgy parts in **BOLD***

*Everyone is invited to stand in body or in spirit.

Order for Rite of Passage

Explanation

Emalynn's Statement of Faith

Congregational Affirmation

Together we say:

We wish that we could promise you a world without fear, a world without pain, a world without suffering. We cannot make that promise, but we do promise that God will love you no matter what life brings and that we as a community will stand as the people of God with you, whatever you may face. May we continue to grow together in your knowledge and love as witnesses for our risen Savior. Amen.

Questions of the Confirmation Candidate

Laying on of hands

Receiving the light

Prayer

Anthem

He, Watching Over Israel from Elijah

CUCC Choir
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

*He watching over Israel,
Slumbers not, nor sleeps.
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish,
He will quicken thee.
He watching over Israel,
Slumbers not, nor sleeps.*

Prelude to Scripture

Susan Pawlicki

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 Gospels

John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Postlude to Scripture

Susan Pawlicki

Together, let us say:

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

Message

New Commandment

Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser

Silence

Call to Prayer and Offering

Susan Pawlicki

In a few moments, we will pray. You still have time to enter your prayer concerns into the Google doc, or hand a prayer card to an usher so your prayer concern can be offered up aloud. Before that, though, we turn our attention to the

offering. The Confirmands spent a good portion of their year learning what it means to be of service and what each of them has to offer in terms of their own spiritual gifts. What do you have to offer the world in the way of Christ Jesus? What does our church have to offer? We are called to be authentically who we are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, and pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. CUCC's ministries of charity, hospitality, and justice, like Jubilee Café, support of Campus Ministry, and advocacy on behalf of the LGBTQ+ community, are only made possible when our generosity, like God's lavish love, overflows. To give in support of the ministry of CUCC, or our RIP Medical Debt Campaign, go to www.community-ucc.org and click "donate". If you are worshipping in the sanctuary, you can also place offerings in the offering plate located at the rear doors.

May God bless what we give, multiply them, and employ them in faithful service. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Johnalene Radek

Prayer

Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser

*Hymn

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

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Francis Albert Rollo Russell
Public Domain

Commissioning of the Community

Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser

Benediction

Rev. Leah Robberts-Mosser

Postlude

Aaron Ames

Special Notes:

Pastoral Care:

Pastor Connie is on call for pastoral emergencies from **May 16-20** while Pastor Leah is at Festival of Homiletics

All Congregation Conversation

Just a reminder that next **Sunday, May 22** is the day for the congregation to gather at Hessel Park for the all Congregation Conversation. We hope you will be there and share your input and suggestions as all ideas are needed. We'll gather from 3:00pm—5:00pm and there will be activities for the children while the adults are in conversation.

June Communigram

Articles for the June Communigram are due **Monday, May 23**. Corrections will be accepted following the CLB meeting for CLB members. We hope to publish on **June 2**.

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