

*Then the Lord called...*

*--1 Samuel 3:4*



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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

**January 17, 2021**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**10:00 am**

\* Indicates to stand as able--please feel free to sit at any time if need be.

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

#### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"How Can I Keep From Singing?"*

**see insert**

*"He Knows My Name"*

**see insert**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Holy One, you have called us by name. You were there when we were knit in our mother's womb. You know when we lie down and when we rise up. Come, O God, come and search us. Make us ready to do your will. Mend our brokenness, silence our pride, remove our sin, make us new, make us whole. Speak to us, O God, and open our hearts to your mercy and justice. Guide us into thoughtful action to change our ways and the world in which we live. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

#### **FIRST READING:**

**1 Samuel 3:1-20**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

#### **SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"Lord, Here I Am"*

Beck

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD****\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go from this place, to be healing hands, embracing hearts and playful workers for God. And may the God of Wonders, the Christ of Callings and the Spirit of Wisdom go with us.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN***"Here I Am, Lord"*

#559

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Postlude in C"*

Couperin

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When God saw how the people of Ninevah  
turned from their evil ways,  
God did not bring about the calamity that  
God had said he would bring upon them.

—Jonah 3:10

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**January 24, 2021**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"I Will Follow"*

see insert

*"Show Me Your Ways"*

see insert

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## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Holy One, we know it is a blessing and privilege to be here in this sacred space and among this loving community. We gather because we have heard your call and are thankful that someone shared the good news of your love with us. We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience. May we open our doors, open our hearts and welcome those near and far to know your love. God in this hour of prayer be more and more in us that we might live more and more for you. In Christ we pray. Amen.

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## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING:**

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Follow You Anywhere" The Choir*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

SERMON

**Making Friends of Enemies**

\* HYMN

*"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"*

**#347**

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**#474**

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH**

**Call for the Offering**

**Musical Reflection**

*"Fugue on Lord of the Dance"*

**arr. Naughtin**

\* **Doxology**

**#47**

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

\* **SENDING FORTH**

One: Go to be a blessing to every place you go, until we gather again. And may the One who is faithful to all, Creator, Christ and Spirit, be with us all as we depart this blessed place.

**All: Amen.**

\* **HYMN**

*"Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"*

**#345**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Rondo in G"*

**Bull**

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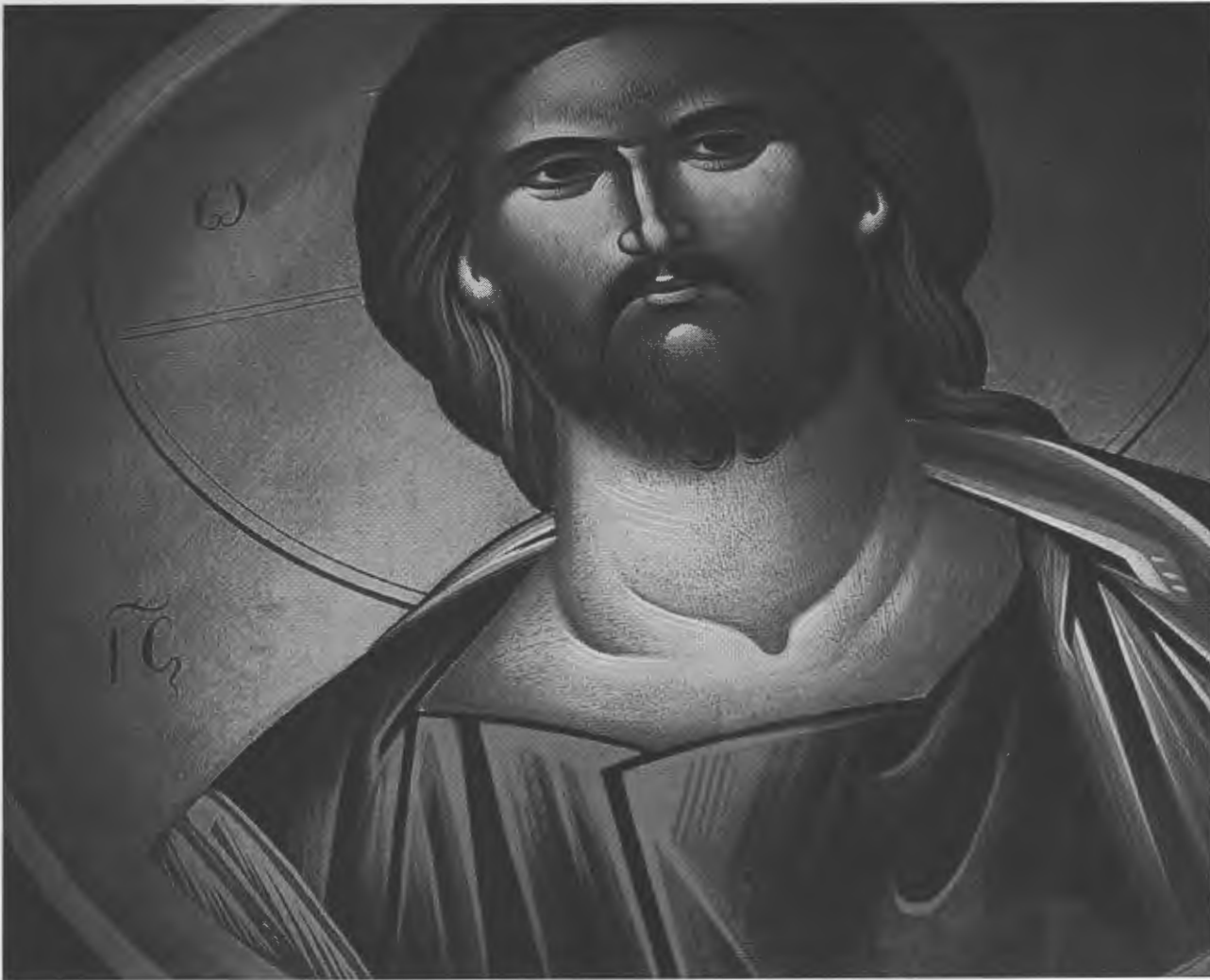
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When the disciples found him, they said to him,  
"Everyone is searching for you."

--Mark 1:37

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Holy Spirit"*

see insert

*"The Way"*

see insert

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Almighty God, your power is amazing. You are beyond our understanding. And even so, you are a Tender Friend, the One who speaks to us in the stillness of our hearts. Like a friend, we bring you our hopes, our joys and our struggles. We yearn to know your powerful love that makes wholeness and healing possible, and turns hopes into reality. Speak to us that we might hear your words of wisdom. Open our eyes to recognize the teachings and tools you have given us to be your workers in this world. Call us into your deeper ways of understanding, so we may truly show love for one another and love for you. In the name of Wisdom, in the name of Jesus, in the name of the Spirit among us, we pray all things. Amen.

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## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 40:21-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**MUSICAL OFFERING***"Mighty to Save" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 1:29-39

**SERMON**

Everyone is Searching

**\* HYMN***"Find Us Faithful"*

#497

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.***SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"Great is the Lord"*

Smith

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****COMMISSIONING AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL**

see insert

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

see insert

†(All are welcome to the table. In lieu of elements,  
a blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: And now in the wholeness and the goodness of God, go forth to laugh with your friends, to be reconciled with those who have hurt you, and to be kind to strangers. And may the Divine One, who is Liberator, Friend and Wisdom, go with us now and forevermore.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN***"O Christ, the Healer"*

#638

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Festival Toccata"*

Fletcher

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Six days  
later, Jesus  
took with  
him Peter  
and James  
and John,  
and led  
them up  
a high  
mountain  
apart, by  
themselves.

--Mark 9:2a



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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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**February 14, 2021**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"Power of Your Love"*

**#467**

*"How Great is Our God"*

**see insert**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: O Holy One, gathered in this sacred place we anticipate your wonders. Our hearts desire to bask in the amazing glory of your Divine presence. Whether on mountaintops or valley floors you reveal to us the light of your love; and with each encounter we are changed and transformed. Draw us nearer, O God, that we might live our lives as a reflection of Divine glory. May we walk among our siblings and friends as a blessing, bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING:**

**2 Kings 2:1-12**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Go Light Your World" The Choir*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

SERMON

The Faith Walk

\* HYMN

*"The Gift of Love"*

#397

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

see insert

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH**

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

arr. Innes

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Now may the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness" give us light to bear to the world, that all may see and know that God is love. And may the blessing of God, who is Power, Light and Mystery, be upon us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"*  
*(Use tune: HYFRYDOL)*

#245

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Vision"*

Rheinberger

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Turn  
unto the  
**LORD**  
your God:  
for he is **gracious**  
and **merciful.** JOEL 2:13

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## OUR MISSION

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February 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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**PRELUDE**

*"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*

Bach

**GREETING**

One: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* LITANY OF JOURNEYING TO THE CROSS**

One: Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. Rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Many: **Let us return to the Lord, our God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

**\* GATHERING HYMN**

*"Amazing Grace"*

#422

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## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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**PRAYER OF REPENTANCE**

One: Have mercy, tender God, forget that I defied you. Wash away my sin, cleanse me from my guilt.

Many: **I know my evil well, it stares me in the face. Evil done to you alone before your very eyes.**

One: How right your condemnation! Your verdict is clearly just. You see me for what I am: frail, a sinner.

Many: **You love those centered in truth; teach me your hidden wisdom. Wash me with fresh water, wash me bright and clean.**

One: Fill me with happy songs! Let the bones you bruised now dance. Shut your eyes to my sin, make my guilt disappear.

Many: **Creator, reshape my heart, God, steady my spirit. Do not cast me aside stripped of your holy spirit.**

One: Save me, bring back my joy, support me, strengthen my will. Then I will teach your way and sinners will turn to you.

**Many: Help me, stop my tears, and I will sing your goodness. Lord, give me words and I will shout your praise.**

*(moment of silent reflection)*

### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(All who wish are invited to come forward to receive ashes as a sign of repentance. Ashes can be placed on your forehead or the back of your hand.)

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Turn toward God in the confidence that, through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

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### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

##### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 58:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God**

##### SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God**

##### GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

##### MESSAGE

##### \* HYMN

*"Change My Heart, O God"*

#373

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### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

#### LENTEN PRAYERS – LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

##### PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH**

**Musical Reflection**

*"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

arr. Johnson

**\* Doxology**

**#47**

*We exalt thee,  
We exalt thee,  
We exalt thee, O Lord.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

**Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

(Single serve communion elements are available in the narthex. We will take communion together seated in our pews. All will be directed when to partake of the elements.)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**We give you thanks, Compassionate God, for this bread that makes us whole and this cup that fills us with hope. As we rise from this place to follow you to the cross, may we go in joy to serve you, and by our lives may your love overflow to others. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

**\* PARTING HYMN**

*"The Old Rugged Cross"*

**#260**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"O Savior Blest"*

**Bach**

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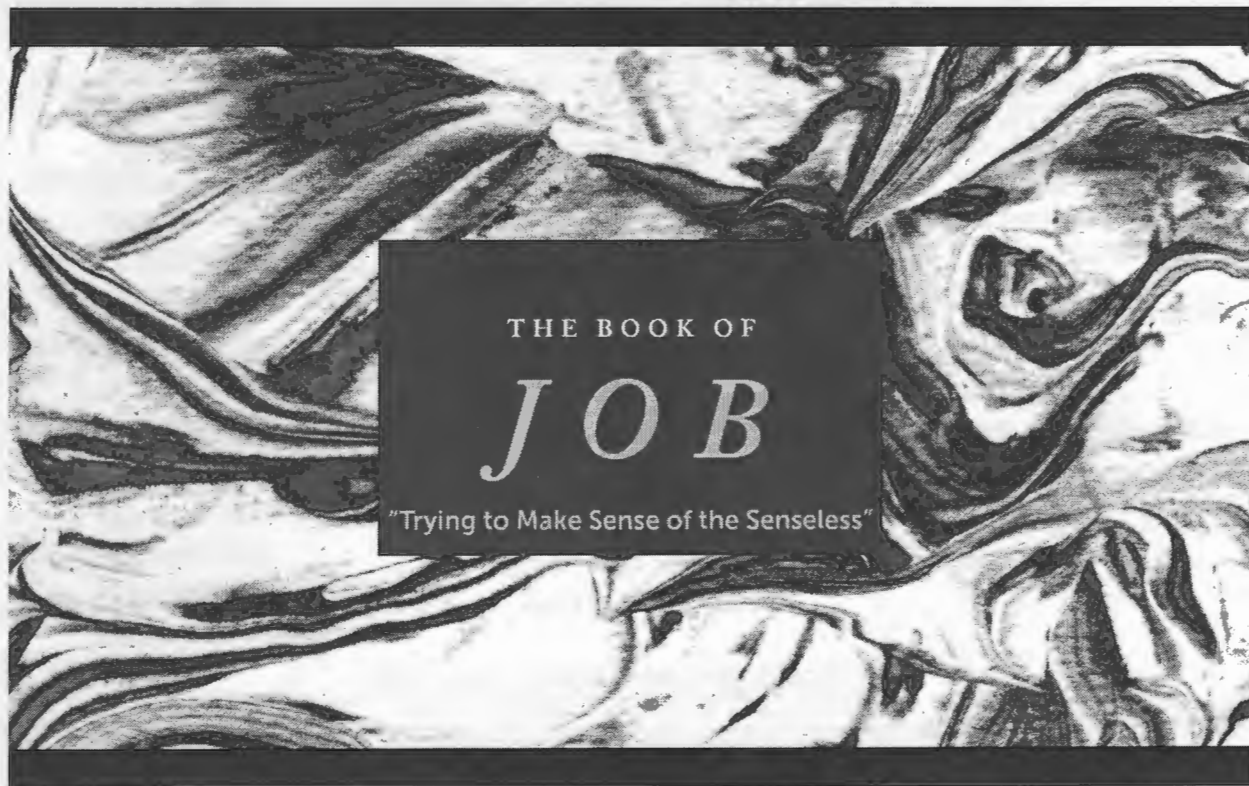
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THE BOOK OF

# JOB

"Trying to Make Sense of the Senseless"

*Shall we receive the good at the hand  
of God, and not receive the bad?*

*--Job 2:9b*

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## OUR MISSION

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February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### OPENING SENTENCE

#### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Blessed Be Your Name"*

see insert

*"I Give You My Heart"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

#### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Creating and Renewing God, as we begin our Lenten journey, we lift up our whole selves to you. We thank you for this opportunity to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy. In this Lenten season may we hear your voice again directing us to places of preparation and transformation in our lives and in our world. Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths. Help us to start over, and to get our minds off distractions, obsessions and self-pity. Re-orient our head and heart so that we may fill our whole selves with life-affirming activities and thoughts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Water, River, Spirit, Grace" The Choir*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Job 1:1-3, 13-22, 2:7-10, 3:1, 26

### SERMON

**Trying to Make Sense of the Senseless**

#### \* HYMN

*"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"*

#252

*(Use tune: St. FLAVIAN*

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

### PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

#### Call for the Offering

#### Musical Reflection

*“Forty Days and Forty Nights”*

Gesambuch

#### \* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

#### \* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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### \* SENDING FORTH

One: Go into the world renewed, refreshed, and full of courage to be God’s people.  
And may the mercy of God, the forgiveness of Christ and the instruction of the Holy Spirit go with us.

Many: **We go in peace to work for justice.**

All: Amen.

### \* HYMN

*“Be Still My Soul”*

#451

### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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### POSTLUDE

*“O Savior Blest”*

Bach

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THE BOOK OF

# JOB

"The Truth About Evil"

*The Lord said to Satan,  
"Where have you come from?"*

*Satan answered the Lord,  
"From going to and fro on the earth,  
and from walking up and down on it."*

*—Job 1:7*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

**February 28, 2021**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

#### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"Glory to God Forever"*

see insert

*"You Never Let Go"*

see insert

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Most Holy God, as we gather to worship, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your love. Through Jesus Christ you bring light and life to a dark and dying world. Holy Light, shine bright in our lives when the shadows threaten. Shine bright in our lives when despair creeps in. Shine bright in our world when the systems of sin threaten to overpower us. Shine bright in our world when evil seems to prevail. Shine bright in us, so we may be beacons of hope for others. Shine bright in us so that nations will be drawn to Your light, as Isaiah spoke long ago. Shine bright in us, Lord Jesus. Amen

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Come and See" The Choir*

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Job 1:1-2:10

### **SERMON**

**The Truth About Evil**

### **\* HYMN**

*"The Battle Belongs to the Lord"*

#511

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

### PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*“Forty Days and Forty Nights”*

Gesabuch

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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### \* SENDING FORTH

One: Go, putting all fears behind you, to share the Good News with each one you meet. And may God go with you, may Christ lead you and may the Spirit surprise you on your journey through Lent.

All: Amen.

### \* HYMN

*“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

#255

### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

†(Please be seated while the candles are extinguished, pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

### POSTLUDE

*“The God of Abraham Praise”*

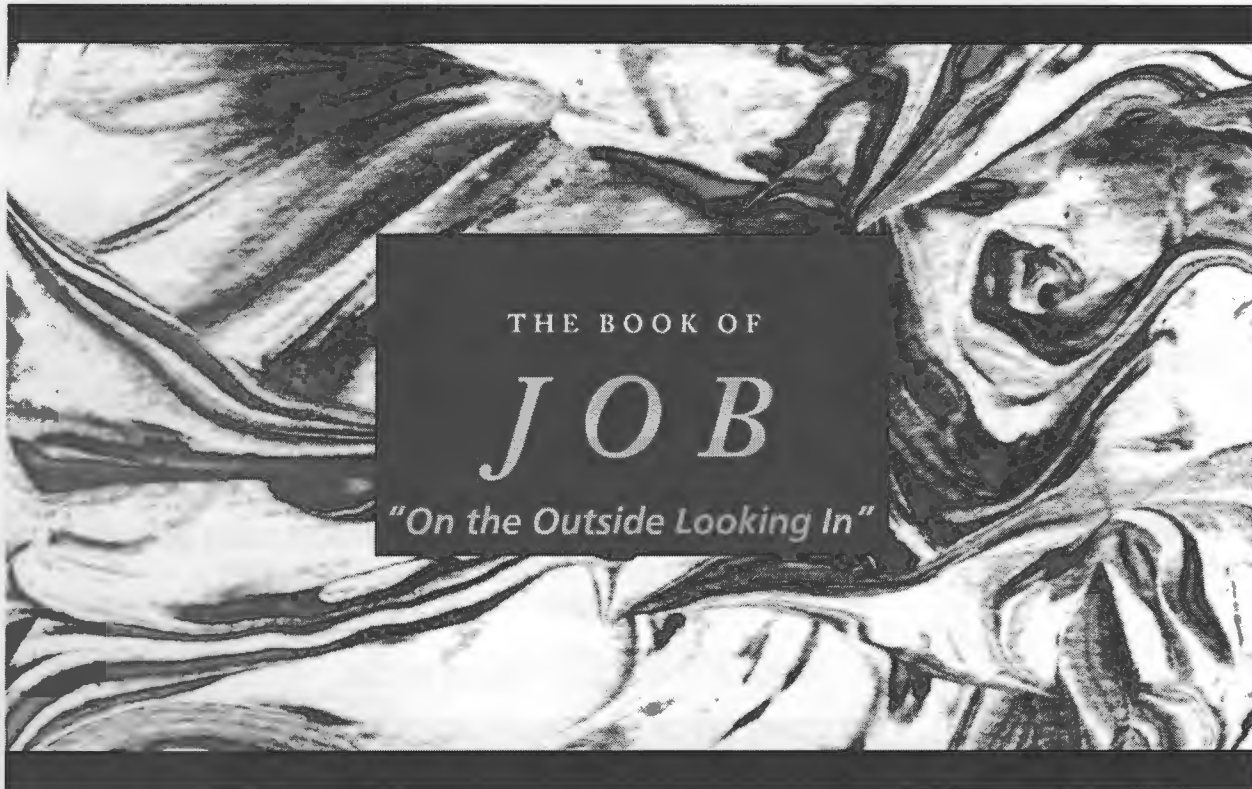
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THE BOOK OF

# JOB

*"On the Outside Looking In"*

Job's three friends sat with him  
on the ground seven days and seven nights,  
and no one spoke a word to him,  
for they saw that his suffering was very great.

--Job 2:13

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**March 7, 2021**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**10:00 am**

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Do It Again"*

see insert

*"At the Cross"*

see insert

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy One, you are the One who has called us forth into being. You have been present from before time began, and you are present with us now. Thank you for all the blessings of this life; for love, freedom, bounty and beauty. During those forty desert days of our Lenten journey, arm us against temptation, alert us to corruption, and teach us to walk in the paths of Jesus. Help us to perceive you at work in the world around us and in our lives, that we may live with hope. Help us to know we are not alone and grant us strength for the journey of life before us. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Forevermore" The Choir*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Job 2:7-8, 11-13

### SERMON

On the Outside Looking In

### \* HYMN

*"As We Gather at Your Table"*

#695

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**#474**

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH**

**Call for the Offering**

**Musical Reflection**

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

**arr. Innes**

**\* Doxology**

**#47**

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**see insert**

†(All are welcome to the table. In lieu of elements,  
a blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go into the world without fear, to live free; knowing that the weakness of God is stronger than every other power. And may the strength of God, the freedom of Christ and the joy of the Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

**#264**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

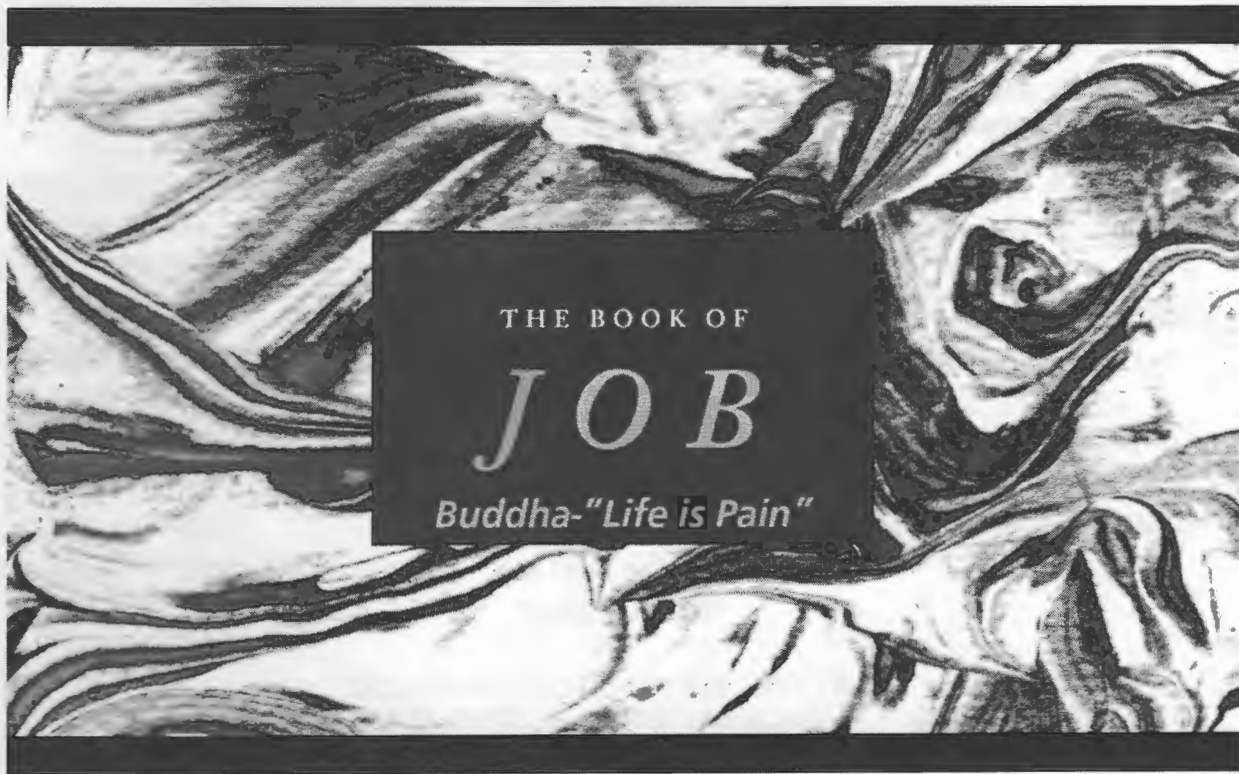
*"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

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Buddha-*"Life is Pain"*

*Days of affliction come to meet me.*

*--Job 30:27b*

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## OUR MISSION

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**March 14, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"Great Are You Lord"*

see insert

*"Give Me Jesus"*

see insert

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: O God of Comfort and God of Challenge, we come to you this morning grateful for your many blessing at work in lives day after day. We also come aware of the oppression, injustice, and inequality around us. Merciful God, you taught your disciples love for one another, love that manifests itself in selflessness and servanthood. Guide us on our Lenten journeys that this season might be a time of renewal in faith and mission on your behalf, and that together we may learn the path of servanthood toward all humanity. Helps us to open our eyes until we see what you see in our world. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Amazing Love" The Choir*

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Job 30:24-27

### **SERMON**

Buddha – "Life is Pain"

### **\* HYMN**

*"Because He Lives"*

#447

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

### PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

#### \* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

#### \* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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### \* SENDING FORTH

One: Go in peace. And may God your Maker send you back into the world with creative energies refreshed. May Christ the Light illuminate your fearful moments. And may the Holy Spirit of steadfast love guide you this day and forevermore.

All: Amen!

### \* HYMN

*“There is a Redeemer”*

#117

### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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### POSTLUDE

*“Trumpet Tune”*

Swan

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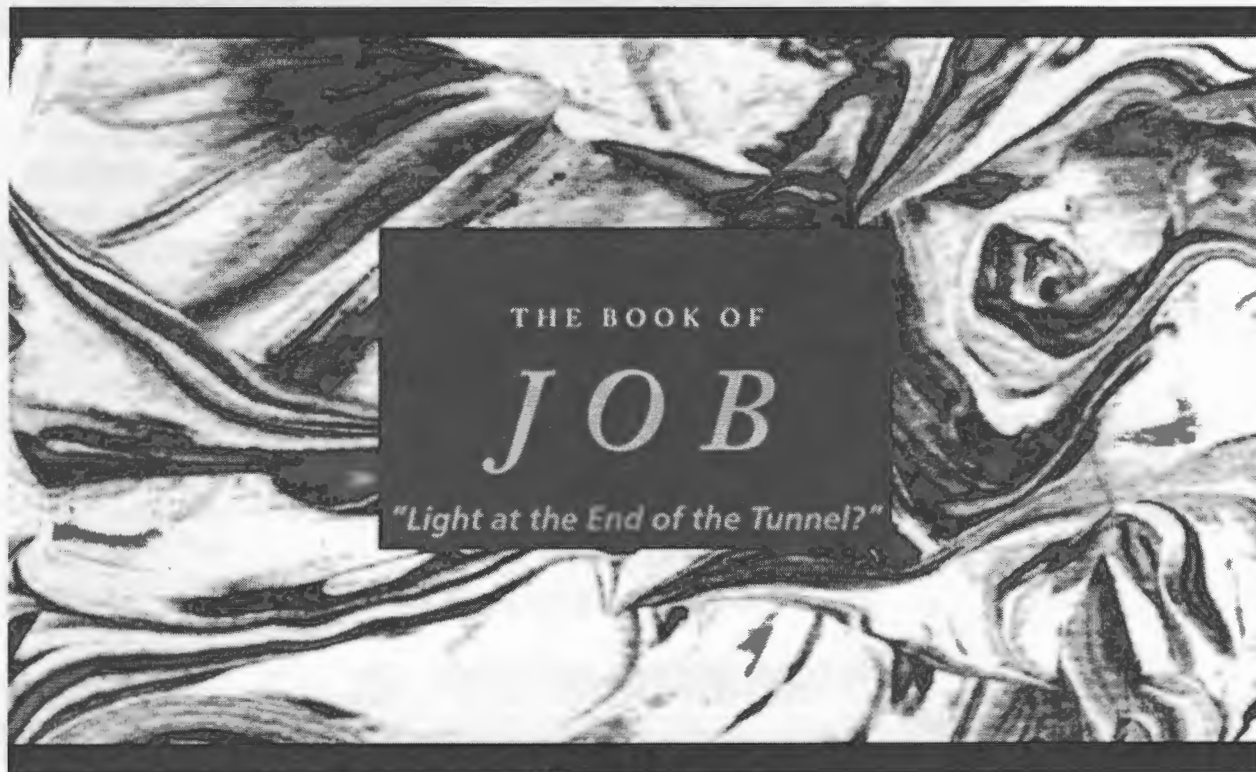
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*"Light at the End of the Tunnel?"*

*And the Lord restored  
the fortunes of Job...*

*--Job 42:10a*

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## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**March 21, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"How Can I Keep From Singing"*

see insert

*"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"*

see insert

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: God of the Lenten journey, we come here to worship you; to pray and learn of you. You invite us, "to accept the cost and joy of discipleship" and "to be your servants in the service of others." May we respond to you in loving faithfulness. May your presence be our guide and Jesus our model, that we may show forth Christ in our lives, in our faith community, and in our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Before the Throne of God Above" The Choir*

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Job 42:10a, 12-17

### **SERMON**

Light at the End of the Tunnel?

### **\* HYMN**

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

#438

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

### PRAYER RESPONSE

**#474**

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

\* Doxology

**#47**

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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### \* SENDING FORTH

One: Go with God’s blessings to bless others. And may the God who restores, the Christ who comforts and the Spirit who empowers, go with you.

All: Amen.

### \* HYMN

*“When Peace Like a River”*

**#428**

### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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### POSTLUDE

*“Postlude”*

**Cappelan**

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# *“Hosanna”*

“BLESSED IS HE  
WHO COMES IN  
THE NAME OF  
THE LORD!”

JOHN 12:13



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March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Hosanna"*

#266

*"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

#265

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Triumphant Jesus, we come on this Palm Sunday to lift up our praise, for you are good and your love endures forever. Come, Reigning Lord, come to us that we might celebrate you in our midst. Open our hearts that we may know your love; open our ears that we may listen to your call. Come and challenge our answers about "why tragedy comes, why poverty increases; why we are afraid." Come and speak to us, Holy One. Fill us with wisdom greater than ours, with love deeper than ours and with change that shows our lives are in your hands. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Comes the King" The Choir*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 2:5-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 11:1-11

**SERMON**

Obedience

**\* HYMN**

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

#267

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH**

**Call for the Offering**

**Musical Reflection**

*"With Palms Before Thee"*

Nordman

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,  
We exalt thee,  
We exalt thee, O Lord.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Hosanna!

Many: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Hosanna in the Highest Heaven!

Many: Hosanna!

One: Go into this Holy Week prepared to walk with Jesus to the cross. And may the love of God, the strength of Christ and the assurance of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Ride On, Ride On In Majesty"

#268

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Hosanna"

Innes

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M A S T E R  
S E R V A N T

*Do as I have done*

If I then, *your Lord and Master,*  
have washed your feet;  
ye also ought to wash *one another's feet*

Let this mind be *in you,*  
which was also in *Christ Jesus*

By love *serve one another*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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April 1, 2021

Maundy Thursday

7:30 pm

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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**PRELUDE**

*"Ah, Dearest Jesus"*

Middleton

**GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

**OPENING SENTENCE**

\* **GATHERING HYMN**

*"My Song is Love Unknown"*

see insert

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## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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\* **PRAYER OF CLEANSING**

All: Jesus, Lamb of God, we gather this night to remember what you have done for us; how you poured out your life to show us the love of God. In ways too numerous to mention, we fail to respond to this love. On this night of fellowship at table with you, pierce our hearts with a conviction of our own betrayals. Replace our arrogance with the humility and caring service you modeled in the washing of feet. Transform us by Your Spirit, O Christ, for truly we are not greater than you, our Teacher and Savior. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

**RITUAL OF CLEANSING**

\* **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Wondrous Love

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss*

*To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,*

*To bear the heavy cross for my soul!*

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## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

Exodus 12:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

**MEDITATION**

**\* HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*"Lamb of God"*

**#281**

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH**

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

**Bach**

**\* Doxology**

**#47**

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(Single serve communion elements are available in the narthex. We will take communion together seated in our pews. All will be directed when to partake of the elements.)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**All: Most Holy God, we thank you for inviting us to share in this supper which your Son, Jesus, gave to his Church. In the mystery of this bread and cup, we are reminded you are always present among us. Nourished by his presence at this table, and united in his love; may we be faithful as we go from here to kneel at his cross, that we may watch with him through the night of suffering. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.**

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* HYMN**

*"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*

**#272**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"O Savior Blest"*

**Bach**

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Father, forgive them;

**for they know not what they do**

Verily I say unto thee,

Today shalt thou be with me in paradise

He saith unto his mother,

Behold thy son.

Then saith he to the disciple,

Behold thy mother.

**E**

that is to say,

**My God, my God,**

why hast thou

**forsaken me?**

I thirst

It is finished!

Father, into thy hands

commend my spirit

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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April 2, 2021

Good Friday

7:30 pm

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

*"Were You There"*

arr. Innes

GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

WELCOME

\* WORDS OF GATHERING

One: The son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Many: **So the soldiers took Jesus, and he went out bearing his cross to the place called Golgotha. There they crucified him.**

One: Surely, he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities.

Many: **We like sheep have all gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all**

One: O come, let us worship and bow down,

Many: **Let us come before the cross of the Lord our Savior.**

\* OPENING HYMN

*"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*

#284

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: Loving God, on this Good Friday night, as we remember the story of Jesus' death, we are mindful that our world remains entangled in the darkness that led to an innocent man's crucifixion. We confess that we want to turn away from this familiar story because it hurts so much to watch your light overtaken by the shadows of the world. But we know we must find our place in this crucifixion story and feel the pain that is there: The pain of the world, of faithless decisions; of betrayal; of injustice. Jesus entered that pain out of faithfulness to you and to us, to witness to the Truth that is Justice, Wholeness and Love. Strengthen us with your courage that

we can enter into this pain with Jesus. Offer us glimpses of hope in the shadows of death; make us reachable and teachable, more responsive to your saving grace and willing captives of the love which frees us. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Nearing his death, Jesus reached out to forgive, comfort and empower those around him. At the foot of his cross, he called his mother and his beloved disciple into a new community. Know that he is reaching and calling out to us tonight. Giving us the grace and courage to join them there, welcoming all who struggle and grieve, into this new covenant of love, grace and forgiveness.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **\*OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE**

**Wondrous Love**

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!*

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **AT THE CROSS—A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE**

*At the end of the readings, all light in the sanctuary will be extinguished and a loud noise is heard symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. The bells will toll 33 times, symbolic of each year of Jesus' life. Afterwards the lights will be raised to allow for safe exit from the sanctuary. Please wait for the return of lights before leaving in silence.*

### **MEDITATION**

**Peter** **John 18:12, 15-18, 25-27**  
*Silence*  
*Hymn #419: My Faith Looks Up to Thee (verses 1-2)*

**The Soldiers and Police** **John 18:13-14, 19-24**  
*Silence*  
*Hymn #262: Ah, Holy Jesus (verses 1-2)*

**Pilate** **John 18:28-40**  
*Silence*  
*Hymn #437: Jesus Loves Me (verse 1)*

**The Crowd** **John 19:1-16a**  
*Silence*  
*Hymn #261: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (verses 1-3)*

**The Brokenhearted**

*Silence*

*Hymn #283: Were You There (verses 1-2)*

John 19:16b-27

**The Cloak of Death**

*Silence*

*Hymn #263: Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed (all verses)*

John 19:28-37

**Burial**

John 19:38-42

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HE IS LORD OF LORDS,  
AND KING OF KINGS.

REVELATION 17:14

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April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Christ Arose*"

Innes

## *The Rising of the Son*

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

\* OPENING HYMN

"*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*"

#288

\* GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God of resurrection grace and power, we come rejoicing in Christ's empty tomb. We come trusting in the good news that Christ is with us. Easter morning offers us glimpses of hope, even in our tears. Holy God, meet us in our suffering, comfort us in our tears, and offer to us new hope as you did to the women who first came to the tomb. Help us to follow our Risen Christ, and rise up, as a brave and holy people, living beyond our pain, despair and fear; remaining hopeful in your steadfast love. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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CHILDREN'S TIME—THE LIVING CROSS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Acts 10:34-43

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God****MUSICAL OFFERING***"Resurrection Day" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 16:1-8

**SERMON****Seized by Terror and Amazement****\* HYMN***"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"*  
*(Tune: HYFRYDOL)*

#289

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.***SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

arr. Hustad

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

see insert

(Single serve communion elements are available in the narthex. We will take communion together seated in our pews. All will be directed when to partake of the elements.)

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Many: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One: As you go from here, may God's abiding love fill your life, may Christ's unmerited grace and mercy fill you with hope. And may the Holy Spirit's power fill you with amazement and awe.

All: **Amen.****\* HYMN***"The Day of Resurrection"*

#298

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Postlude on Easter Hymn"*

Innes

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**April 11, 2021**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble"*

**see insert**

*"Raise A Hallelujah"*

**see insert**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Holy God, you are the Emptier of Tombs. You raised Jesus from the grave so all our fears might be banished, and the locked doors of our hearts could be flung open. Risen Lord, as you stood in the middle of your friends on that first Easter night, come among us now. Strengthen us to whisper your peace to all who fear life. Take our hands in yours, so we may serve all who are broken by grief. Inspire us to share the grace which you have breathed into our very souls, so that our lips might declare what we have seen and heard in this place. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 4:32-35**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING**

**1 John 1:1-2:2**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"I Will Arise" The Choir*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

SERMON

**My Lord and My God**

\* HYMN

*"Thine is the Glory"*

#310

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH**

**Call for the Offering**

**Musical Reflection**

*"Meditation on The Strife is O'er"*

Hustad

\* **Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Peace be with you. Do not be afraid. You have been called and you are being sent into this world to be a force of love, light, hope and joy. And may the God who created you, the Christ who redeems you and the Spirit who guides you, go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Lift High the Cross"*

#287

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Fanfare"*

Lemmens

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You are witnesses of  
these things.

--Luke 24:48

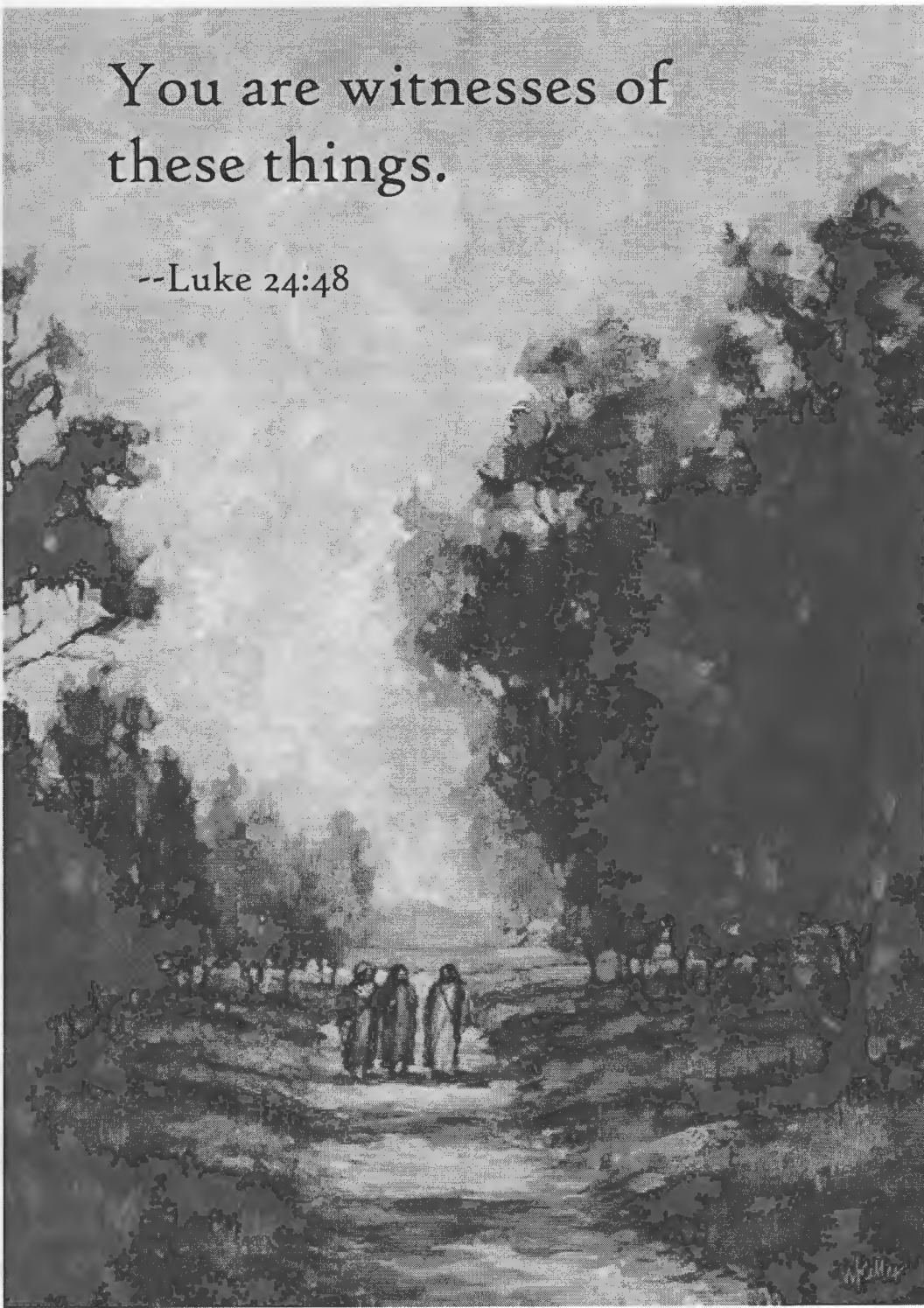


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**April 18, 2021**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

#### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"He is Exalted"*

**#122**

*"How Beautiful"*

**see insert**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: God of Love and Light, we come as witnesses of your glory and faithfulness. You never fail to amaze us with your transformative love, and yet sometimes we struggle with disbelief. When we are overwhelmed with bad news and shut down completely, when our fears outweigh your peace, when we become too busy to pray, when we fail to see our neighbors in need; help us, Abiding God. Awaken within us your call to love one another, in the way it was made real through Jesus the Christ. Renew us in your strength, that your grace may be revealed through us anew each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

#### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 3:12-19**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### **SECOND READING**

**1 John 3:1-7**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Day of Arising" The Choir*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

SERMON

Witnesses

\* HYMN

*"Christ is Alive"*

#312

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH**

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"He Arose"*

arr. Innes

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Having laid down our burdens, let us go forth rich in spirit, knowing God has a plan for our lives. And may the God of justice, the Christ of peace and the Holy Spirit of hope guide us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

#295

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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POSTLUDE

*"Tuba Tune"*

Lang

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*I have other sheep that do not  
belong to this fold.*

*—John 10:16a*

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**April 25, 2021**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**10:00 am**

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Mighty to Save"*

see insert

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

see insert

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Good Shepherd, we come to this time of worship seeking the rest and renewal only you can offer. We know that instead of allowing you to guide us in life, we often forge our own paths only to end up worn out and empty. We ask that you will inspire us today with words, both ancient and new, that will fill us and feed us. Replace our skepticism with holy wonder at the news of resurrection. Shepherd our busy minds back to the here and now, heal our spirits, that we may experience your relentless love and unshakable presence. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

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## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Your Grace is Enough" The Choir*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18

SERMON

The Good Shepherd

\* HYMN

*"The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"*

#73

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH**

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Sheep May Safely Graze"*

Bach

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go from here with courage, trusting in God’s tender leading. And may God the Creator, the Way and Sustainer, fill you with curiosity and wonder.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

#440

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Lord God"*

Pachelbel

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*I am the vine,  
you are the  
branches.  
Those who  
abide in me  
and I in them  
bear much  
fruit.*

*--John 15:5*

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May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### OPENING SENTENCE

#### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Awesome God"*

see insert

*"Above All Powers"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

#### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Cultivating God, we gather to sing your praises and to draw closer to you. We know that you are the One who feeds us, like a vine feeds its branches. In our time of worship, open our hearts to receive the newness of life that you offer. Inspire us by your wisdom that we may grow and learn. Transform our minds as we hear your Word and engage in holy dialogue through prayer, that we may bear good fruit. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Acts 8:26-40

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Taste and See" The Choir*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.***SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"Oh, We Have Found a Lovely Vine"*

arr. Young

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

see insert

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Let us go forth rejoicing in the Good News of Jesus Christ, whose love will never let us go. And may God the Vinedresser, Christ the Vine, and the fruits of the Spirit tend us along our way.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN***"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

#595

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

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*Can anyone withhold the water for  
baptizing these people who have received  
the Holy Spirit just as we have?*

*--Acts 10:47*

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**May 9, 2021**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"Your Love, O Lord"*

**see insert**

*"Build My Life"*

**see insert**

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## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Unwavering God, this morning we join with the chorus of all of creation to celebrate your wondrous deeds. We will hear your greatest commandment today from the scriptures: to love one another as you have loved us. If we are honest, we are filled with hesitation because it means we must change. We know that our love for others is not always what we hope it would be. We are quick to judge and slow to offer grace; we are swift to anger and resistant to make amends. Merciful God train our ears to hear your words of compassion and hope. Strengthen us to live out your commandment. Enliven and awaken our spirits that we might inspire extravagant love in our world. All this we pray in the name of Jesus, who revealed what is possible through love. Amen.

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## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 10:44-48**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING**

1 John 5:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God****MUSICAL OFFERING***"My Mother's Love" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 15:9-17

**SERMON****The Joy of Love****\* HYMN***"Borning Cry"*

#680

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"There is No Greater Love"*

Peterson

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Let us go forth from this place, to transform possibility into reality and to join alongside God in transforming the world through love. And may the God of limitless possibilities, the Christ of unwavering love and the Spirit of impartiality go with us.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN***"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

#393

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

†(Please be seated while the candles are extinguished, pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

**POSTLUDE***"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"*

arr. Jordan

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*Then Jesus led his disciples out, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.*

*While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.*

*And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;*

*--Luke 24:50-53*



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

**May 16, 2021**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

**One:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many:** And also with you.

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"Raise a Hallelujah"*

**see insert**

*"Revelation Song"*

**see insert**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

**All:** Life-giving God, we come into your presence to be refreshed by your Spirit. We come seeking the ways of your wisdom and to find peace. For we know that at times our faith is not equal to our fears; nor is our trust in you enough to live as your faithful witnesses. We ask for your love and light to guide us on the path of courage, compassion, generosity and grace. Lead us by your transformative love that turns sorrow into joy, and despair into hope. O God, strengthen us to carry the Good News of your healing power found in Jesus the Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 1:1-11**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God

### **SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Truth Be Told" The Choir*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

SERMON

Power on High

\* HYMN

*"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"*

#322

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH**

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"At the Name of Jesus"*

Berry

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Renewed in spirit and knowing that we belong to God, let us go forth as witnesses, carrying the light of Jesus Christ. And may the God of Love, the Christ of Light and the Spirit of Power guide our going.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

#317

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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POSTLUDE

*"Toccata on Diademata"*

Smith

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*Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,  
and a tongue rested on each of them.  
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in other languages,  
as the Spirit gave them ability.*

--Acts 2:3-4

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 am

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

#### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"Holy Spirit (You are Welcome Here)"*

see insert

*"Soul on Fire"*

see insert

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: God of wind and flame, we gather in your name to sing songs of praise, and to listen for your Word in scripture. We come seeking comfort and hope; seeking to be inspired as well as challenged. You call us to move outside of our comfort zone, and we are hesitant to follow. You sparked action within the early Church, compelling them all to embrace something completely foreign and new, yet we are unnerved by change. Help us to trust in your ways. Kindle a passion within us that we will be unable to ignore. Rearrange our lives beyond recognition, that we might inspire others to see the Holy Spirit at work in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING**

Acts 2:1-21

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God****MUSICAL OFFERING***"Spirit of God" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

**SERMON****Touched by the Spirit****\* HYMN***"On Pentecost They Gathered"*

#334

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"Holy Spirit, Divine Truth"*

arr. Johnson

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forth into this day, filled with the Spirit, to share your stories of God’s love with the world. And may the God of Creation, the Christ of Resurrection, and the Spirit of Fire be with you.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN***"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

#132

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"*

Bach

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IN THE YEAR THAT KING  
UZZIAH DIED, I SAW THE  
LORD SEATED ON A  
THRONE, HIGH AND  
EXALTED, AND THE TRAIN  
OF HIS ROBE FILLED THE  
TEMPLE. —ISAIAH 6:1

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**May 30, 2021**

**Trinity Sunday**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"I See the Lord"*  
*"Glorify Thy Name"*

**see insert**  
**#146**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: O God of Mystery, within your very self you model the beloved community. You are the Wisdom within our hearts, the Word who dwells among us and the Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves. In this time of worship may we learn to embrace what lies beyond our imagination and understanding. Reclaim our hearts as your own that we might live out the beloved community you desire for all. Let us know your presence here today in a new way, that we might celebrate your love and go forth rejoicing with the Prophet Isaiah, saying: "Here am I. Send me." In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:12-17**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"We Believe" The Choir*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-17

SERMON

The Radical Presence of God

\* HYMN

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

#559

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH**

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Meditation on Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Post

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go to bind yourselves to those who hunger, to those who search for a home, to those who live in the shadows, to those who long for companionship, to the forgotten and those who are pushed aside by hate and anger. And may the Peace of God, which surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

#148

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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POSTLUDE

*"Toccata on Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Post

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*“Appoint for us, then,  
a king to govern us,  
like other nations.”*

*--1 Samuel 8:5b*

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## OUR MISSION

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June 6, 2021

Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### OPENING SENTENCE

#### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Soul on Fire"*

see insert

*"Do It Again"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God, we come with joy and thanksgiving to worship you. Your love and your faithfulness bless our lives. You simply call us to follow in your ways so that others might know your blessings. Help us to be workers for justice and bearers of mercy. Show us how to be protectors of the vulnerable, that all your children will know safety and health. Give us generous hearts, so the abundance of your creation can be enjoyed by all. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20, 11:14-15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

#### SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Who is My Mother, Who is My Brother"* The Choir

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 WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD
 

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

## Call for the Offering

## Musical Reflection

"Grace Alone"

Brown

## \* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

## \* Prayer of Dedication

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

(Single serve communion elements are available in the narthex. We will take communion together seated in our pews. All will be directed when to partake of the elements.)

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 GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD
 

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## \* SENDING FORTH

One: Go, knowing that the One who began a good work in you, will bring it to completion. And may the God of Love, the Christ of Mercy and the Spirit of Power, guide your going.

All: Amen.

## \* HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#560

## CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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## POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Johnson

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With many such parables  
he spoke the word to them

--Mark 4:33a

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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**June 13, 2021**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

*"O Come to the Altar"*

see insert

*"Our God is Greater"*

see insert

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: O God, Maker of all that is beautiful, you are indeed generous. You give us the gifts of the spirit which enable us to have so much. In this time together, touch us and teach us, Gracious God, for we sometimes forget that all we have is yours. Help us to remember that being made in your image, we are called to be as generous as you. Inspire us to sow seeds of your justice and peace through our ministries that all may share in Creation's abundance. Help us to make true the promise that no one will know scarcity and no one will suffer deprivation in this community and beyond. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**1 Samuel 15:34-16:13**

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Dream Small" The Choir*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

SERMON

Mustard Seed

\* HYMN

*"Hymn of Promise"*

#515

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH**

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Adagio"*

Mozart

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go to sow seeds of justice and peace along the paths you will travel. And may God’s love, Christ’s peace and the Spirit’s power be with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Grace Alone"*

#436

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"The Church’s One Foundation"*

arr. Innes

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Jesus said to them, "Why are you afraid?  
Have you still no faith?"

--Mark 4:40

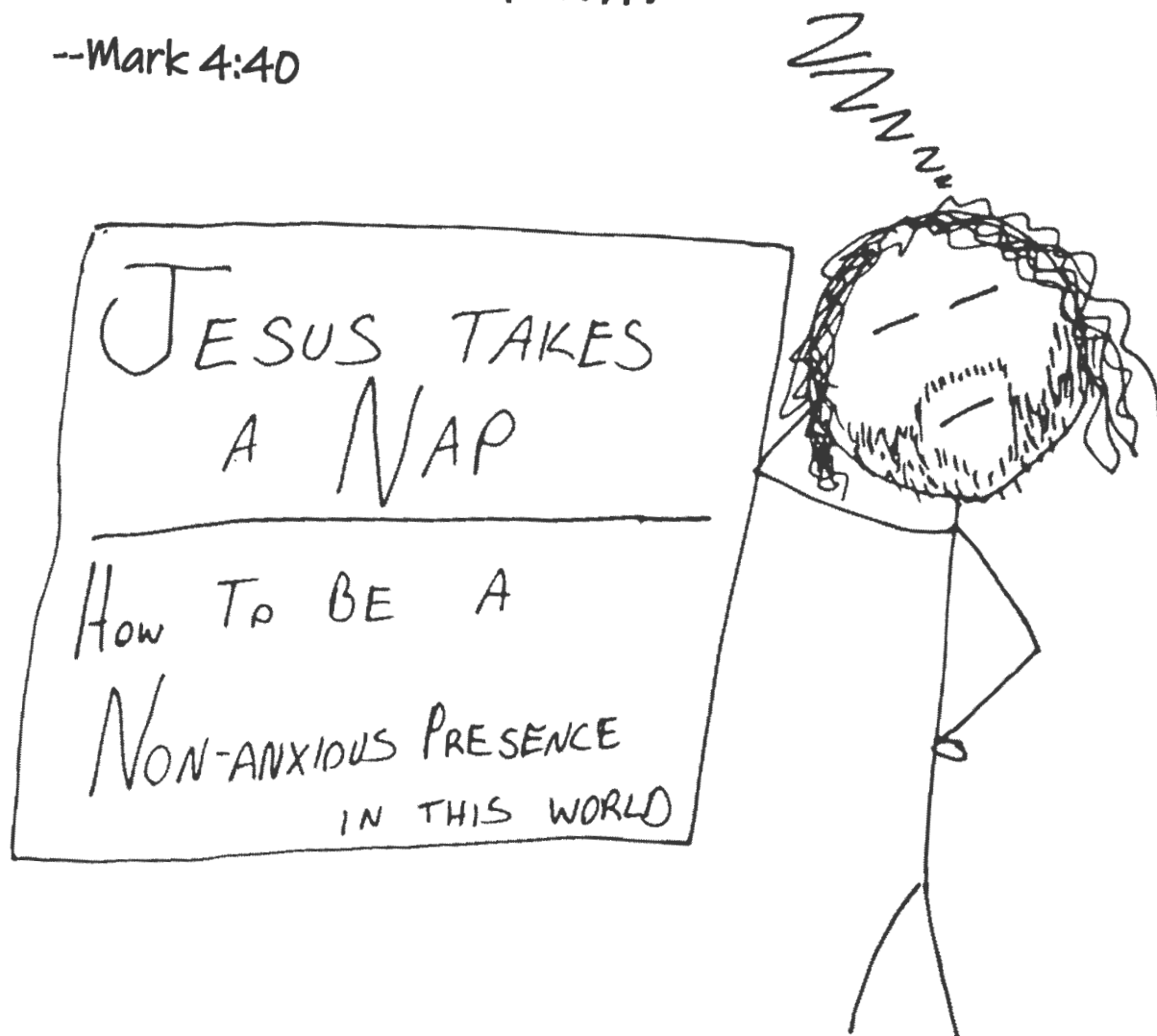


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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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June 20, 2021

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### OPENING SENTENCE

*"Raise a Hallelujah"*

see insert

*"Build My Life"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Awesome God, you are like the sea: powerful and endless, yet soothing and constant. When the waters of life are rough, you hold us tightly. When the waters of life are smooth, we still need you, O God. Let us feel your refreshing presence today as we gather here. Help us to have the courage to wade in the possibilities of life that you offer us this day. Show us how to be one with ourselves and others, with you and creation, so that justice and love may flow freely. In the name of the One who calms wind and waves, we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>"Peace Be Still" The Choir</i>	
GOSPEL LESSON		Mark 4:35-41
SERMON	<b>A Non-Anxious Presence</b>	
* HYMN	<i>"When Peace Like a River"</i>	#428

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE** **#474**

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH**

**Call for the Offering**

**Musical Reflection** *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* **Dykes**

**\* Doxology** **#47**

*We exalt thee,  
We exalt thee,  
We exalt thee, O Lord.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go to face the currents, the crashing waves, and depths of the unknown, knowing that a Holy Presence remains. And may the God who charts new courses, the Christ who commands "Peace! Be still!" and the Spirit who unites creation, be with you.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN** *"Faith of Our Fathers"* **#530**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE** *"Tuba Tune"* **Lange**

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For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.

--2 Corinthians 8:12

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

**June 27, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 am**

\* Indicates to stand as able--please feel free to sit at any time if need be.

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

*"I Will Follow"*

see insert

*"The Way"*

see insert

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: O Faithful God, you yearn to be so close to us that we can know you in every breath, in every hope, in every relationship. Even so, we resist turning to you for the places in our lives that need healing and change. You long for us to trust in your power to bring to life new possibilities where there has been no hope. Even so, we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know, instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice. Meet us here today, and teach us to recognize the ways of life and hope into which you are leading us. Open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter. May our desires become your desires, our work become your work, and our community the place where you are sought and found. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING****2 Corinthians 8:7-15**

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God****MUSICAL OFFERING***"Out of the Depths" The Choir***GOSPEL LESSON****Mark 5:21-43****SERMON****Balancing Need****\* HYMN***"Step By Step"***#494****WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD****LITANY FOR SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION****see insert****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE****#474**

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"***Lemmel****\* Doxology****#47***We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD****\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go to walk in the assurance that God's presence and love are with you always, calling you beyond fear into belief and joy. And may the grace and peace of God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer come upon you this day and remain with you.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN***"God Be With You"***#716****CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"O Praise the Lord"***Croft**

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*He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house,  
stay there until you leave the place.  
If any place will not welcome you and they  
refuse to hear you, as you leave,  
shake off the dust that is on your feet  
as a testimony against them."*

*--Mark 6:10-11*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

**July 4, 2021**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### **HYMN SING**

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## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

**All: Loving God, we come hungry to be blessed by your Word. We come hungry to be filled with the Bread of Heaven. Come among us Loving One, and give us the grace to do what you call us to do. We hear your call to repent where we have gone wrong and to work for healing and restoration. Call us back to your way, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to remind us that we cannot love you without loving others. Come among us and remind us we are not alone. Remind us that your Spirit is within us, already at work in us, and together, we are stronger. We know your love has no limits. Together, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

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## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING:**

**2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

**Mark 6:1-13**

SERMON

Shake Off The Dust

\* HYMN

*"God of Our Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"*

#728

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Three Times I Asked Him"*

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\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

(Single serve communion elements are available in the narthex. We will take communion together seated in our pews. All will be directed when to partake of the elements.)

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go out now with eyes and ears open, to hear and be heard as you share the good news of Jesus Christ with others. And may the God of hope, the Christ of love and the Spirit of power go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"America the Beautiful"*

#727

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on America the Beautiful"*

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“Though her soul requires seeing,  
the culture around her requires sightlessness.  
Though her soul wishes to speak its truth,  
she is pressured to be silent.”

— Clarissa Pinkola Estés

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### HYMN SING

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: We have come to worship you, O God, and to rejoice in your love. You beckon us to draw near and taste the joy which is only found in you. We come seeking to know your faithfulness and wisdom; for we know that we are not always open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. Too often the melodies of the world confuse us, and we are led down paths that are not in accordance with your loving direction. Help us to pay attention with all of our senses so that our steps will be in line with yours. Help us to take the risks that are part of letting you lead. Pull us back into your rhythms. Clean our hearts, purify our hands and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings with others. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:14-29

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 WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD
 

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

## PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Interlude"

Stainer

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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 GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD
 

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## \* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth into the world, taking the song and rhythm of God's Word into the world and invite others to celebrate the joy with you. And may the God of love, the Christ of peace and the Spirit of joy be your dance partner.

All: Amen.

## \* HYMN

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

#711

## CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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## POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

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So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

—Ephesians 2:19-20

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### HYMN SING

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Caring and Gracious God, you are the Shepherd who gathers us together so we may experience your love. With grateful thanksgiving we celebrate our church community and the communities in which we live, work and play. We are nourished by their diversity, brought about by the unique gifts each person contributes. Be with us in this time of worship, for we know we fall short of your vision for our world. Encourage us to never cease welcoming the strangers we meet and accepting the gifts they bring. Grant that we will enrich each other's lives as a reminder of the joy that comes when all will be one in you. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"Come Away"***Shearing****\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go from here to continue the work that Jesus started by welcoming the strangers who cross our paths. And may the protection of God, the healing of Christ and the hope of the Holy Spirit go with us.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN**

*"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*  
*(Regent Square)*

**see insert****CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Now Thank We All Our God"***Karg-Elert**

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**July 18, 2021**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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### **HYMN SING**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **GOSPEL LESSON**

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**


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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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#474

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

"Come Away"

Shearing

\* Doxology

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\* Prayer of Dedication

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**


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**\* SENDING FORTH**

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All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*  
*(Regent Square)*

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**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Karg-Elert

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*"Now to him who  
by the power at work  
within us is able to  
accomplish abundantly  
far more than all  
we can ask or imagine"*

*~Ephesians 3:20*



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**July 25, 2021**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### **HYMN SING**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Bread of Life, Source of All, you are a God of abundant love and grace. Nourish us with the food that only you can offer. For we have grown weak by a world that presses down on us; the blight of oppression that suppresses us. Nourish our souls, Holy One. Feed us with your words, your wisdom, your grace and your peace. Quench our thirst for justice and righteousness. Restore us with your strength, so we can pursue your ways in this world. Guide us to use our resources to care and nourish others, because in you, there is always enough. Feed us, guide us, and lead us on. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**2 Samuel 11:1-15**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

**John 6:1-21**

### **SERMON**

**More Than We Can Ask or Imagine**

### **\* HYMN**

*"Break Now the Bread of Life"*

**#665**

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

### PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*“Jesus Savior, Pilot Me”*

Gould

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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### \* SENDING FORTH

One: As we have been fed by God this day, let us go and offer spiritual food and drink to others. And may the love of God, the steadfastness of Christ, and the infinite power of the Holy Spirit go with us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*“Lord, Speak to Me”*

#593

### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*“Prelude in C”*

Bach

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# BREAD OF LIFE

THAT WE MAY BE MADE WHOLE

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JESUS SAID TO THEM,

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**"I AM THE  
BREAD OF LIFE;**

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WHOEVER COMES TO ME  
SHALL NOT HUNGER, AND  
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME  
SHALL NEVER THIRST."

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JOHN 6:35

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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August 1, 2021

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"O Come to The Altar"*

see insert

*"Amazing Love"*

#259

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of grace, you call us to come away with you for this one hour a week. To spend time in prayer, and to lift up praise as we rejoice in your presence. For you are the Bread of life who sustains us. Give us this day our daily bread; the nutrients we need to remain connected to you. As spiritual beings, we desire to receive food that endures—faith, hope, and love. Grant us wisdom and openness to your Word, that we may use its teachings to energize our bodies and spirits. May we grow into new circles of understanding and being, reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy manna. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 4:1-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 6:24-35

**SERMON****The Bread of Life****\* HYMN***"As We Gather At Your Table"*

#695

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.***SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

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**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Let us go forth in faith in our Nourishing God, who gives us daily what we need. May the grace of the Creator, the sustenance of the Bread of Life and the joy of the Holy Spirit, journey with us.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN***"I Am the Bread of Life"*

#703

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Rondo in G"***Bull**

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**"The angel of the LORD  
came a second time,  
touched him, and said, 'Get  
up and eat, otherwise the  
journey will be too much  
for you.' He got up, and ate  
and drank; then he went in  
the strength of that food."**

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**1 Kings 19: 7 & 8**

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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**August 8, 2021**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

#### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*

see insert

*"Think About His Love"*

#57

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We come to bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy. We come to bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope. We come to bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration. Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us for our journey, that we might find our way and know we are not alone on this journey of faith. Help us to be one with you and one with each other. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING**

**1 Kings 19:4-8**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Nourished by the Bread of Life within us, let us go to grow with God, to learn to do better and strive to do good. And may the kindness of God, the love of Christ and the gentleness of the Spirit provide all we need.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN***"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

#466

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There are moments in our lives when we find ourselves at a crossroads. The choices we make in those moments can define the rest of our days.



*The LORD appeared to Solomon and said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said "O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil.*

*--1Kings 3:5 et. al.*

<https://dailywisdomwords.com/daily-wisdom-words/crossroads/>

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**August 15, 2021**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"Refiner's Fire"*

**#374**

*"Seek Ye First"*

**#349**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: All Wise God, we come into your household to listen for your Word and to discern the wisdom that comes only from you. Help us to discover such wisdom so that we might live according to your will and plan. For we know that we stray away from your path and take the ways that are easy, but are not filled with love and truth. God give to each of us a wise and discerning heart, that we may praise you with the songs of our hearts. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### **SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 5:15-20**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**


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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

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**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection****\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,  
We exalt thee,  
We exalt thee, O Lord.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**


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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**


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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forth into the world to live wisely in God’s name, and to glorify God in all you do. And may the grace of God, the mercy of Christ and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit be your support, guidance and strength from this day forward and for ever more.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"*

#429

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For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

--Ephesians 6:12

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We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**August 22, 2021**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"Shout to the Lord"*

**#94**

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

**#473**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: O God, we have come to be nourished by you and the love you have for us. No other god cares for us as you do. We know that we have no life apart from you, and yet sometimes we turn our hearts away from you. May the food you offer strengthen our discipleship, for we do not always serve you with sincerity and faithfulness. Grant that the Bread you offer will renew in us our commitment to proclaim the gospel of peace through our ministries of peace and justice. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**1 Kings 8:1-6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 6:10-20**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

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**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection****\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forth from here to share the Bread of Life with those you meet so they may taste the bread that will never let them know hunger. And may God’s blessing be upon you; may Jesus’ love attend to you, and may the Holy Spirit sustain you until we meet again.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN***"Lead On, O King Eternal"*

#508

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**POSTLUDE**

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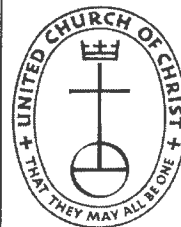
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*...This people honors  
me with their lips,*

*but their hearts  
are far from me.*

*--Mark 7:6*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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**August 29, 2021**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

**#595**

*"Step By Step"*

**#494**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Creator God, thank you for giving us life. We come today seeking your presence. Enter our sanctuary and enter our hearts, for you call us to be doers of the Word, not hearers only. You call us to love the world with your passion, and to let that love be expressed in justice, forgiveness and peace. Open us to the world you cherish when our hearts are constricted with fear. Help us to honor you with our actions and not only with our lips. Open us, body, mind and spirit to your truth. Fill us with your transforming grace so we can fall in love with your world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### **SECOND READING**

**James 1:17-27**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**


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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

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\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**


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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go back into the world assured of God's love for you and for us all. And may the joy of God, the creativity of Christ and the energy of the Holy Spirit be with you wherever you are.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"O Word of God Incarnate"

#670

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# THE WORK OF FAITH



*If a brother or sister  
is naked and lacks  
daily food, and one  
of you says to them,  
"Go in peace; keep  
warm and eat your  
fill," and yet you do  
not supply their  
bodily needs, what is  
the good of that?  
So faith by itself,  
if it has no works,  
is dead.*

*--James 2:15-17*

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## OUR MISSION

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September 5, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Ancient Words"*

see insert

*"I Give You My Heart"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Vulnerable Christ, you who lived in generous love, we come to you, opening our hearts to your loving presence. We see so much suffering in our world that we stop looking at times. Help us to not close ourselves off and instead respond to those in need. Grant us the courage to follow the example you set for us, so all would know we are students of the Living Christ. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

James 2:1-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:24-37

SERMON

The Work of Faith

\* HYMN

*"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"*

#575

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Taste and See"*

Moore

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go now in great expectancy, unafraid to proclaim the Good News of Christ's love. And may the God of justice, the Christ of hope and the Spirit of joy be in our hearts, in our hands and on our lips.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"As Saints of Old Their First-fruits Brought"*

#570

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Fanfare"*

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**From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.**

**--James 3:10**

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September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"I Will Follow"*

see insert

*"Show Me Your Way"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy God, you call to us from the depths of our hearts where we long for connection with you. You call us to create with you; you call challenging us and comforting us. You call to us from busy streets and neighborhoods, where human pain and possibility are most urgent. You call us to "lose our life in order to save it"; to "take up our cross and follow" in the ways of justice and peace. Guide us, we pray, to be bringers of hope. Help us to see with your eyes the ways which lead to a beloved community where Christ Jesus is at the center. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Proverbs 1:20-33

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD****LITANY FOR RELEASE AND BLESSING**

see insert

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

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**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"Thanks Be to God"*

Handel

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD****\* SENDING FORTH**

One: May God's wisdom lead us to recognize and serve our Risen Savior in all our encounters. And may God's blessings, Christ's guidance and the Spirit's power go with us.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN***"Lift High the Cross"*

#287

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Now Thank We All Our God"*

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# Litany of Release and Blessing

## 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

**One:** 4<sup>th</sup> floor Tower room – You are the access to the bells of this church. Bells that ring and call God’s people to worship. Bells that ring at the end of a saint’s life. Bells that let the whole world know that we are praying to our God. You have faithfully been the keeper of these bells.

**All:** Tower room: We release you to hold the heads that will lay down to rest within you. Be a place of comfort; be a place of love and rejuvenation.

**One:** Lower Junior Department – You hold a million dollar view of this city and yet for 85 years you never knew it. You only did what was asked of you, to be the space where young people would learn of Jesus. You have touched countless lives and we rejoice in the learning that has happened within your walls.

**All:** Lower Junior room: We release you to touch the lives of those who will call your walls home. Continue to always be a place of joy and learning.

**One:** Kindergarten and Junior Departments – You not only housed two Sunday school classes but you were where Boy Scout Troop 19 called home. You were a safe and inviting place for young boys to grow and explore and learn how to be good men. Just as you housed three groups you will now be home to three families.

**All:** Kindergarten, Junior and Boy Scout room: We release you to be filled again with the excitement of young people. May the homes that you will become, always be inviting, and a place of safety and refuge.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**One:** Primary department – you were the room that awaited the children after their first promotion. The uncertainty they felt as they entered their new department quickly gave way to the love they encountered within your walls. We celebrate the teachers who greeted those children and taught them of Christ's love by the way they loved them.

**All:** **Primary room: We release you to hold the lives of God's children who will live within you. May you always be a place of achievement, celebration and love.**

**One:** Sunday School Office – You were the heart of the hive of activity that Sunday mornings brought to this building. You made sure every teacher had the supplies they needed. You kept attendance records and made sure every child was recognized for their achievements of promotion or perfect attendance. You were home to the Superintendents of the Sunday School; beloved saints like Paul Bauersfeld, Ed Myers and Clarence Rowell.

**All:** **Sunday School office: We release you to become the heart of another home. May you always be a hive of activity filled with beloved men and women.**

**One:** Nursery department – All the children who passed through the Sunday School, started in your room. Your teachers laid the foundation of faith for generation after generation of Batz's church. We give thanks for those teachers who stood on the rock of Christ and showed others how to as well.

**All:** **Nursery department: We release you to be a home that will bless generation after generation of people in Southeast Baltimore. May those who will live here know the strong foundation of faith within your walls.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**One:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – You began your service to this church as the Fellowship Hall and kitchen. You fed the community with the dinners that were prepared and then enjoyed in this room. Over the years you housed the Senior High Department, the Young Adults Class, the Men’s Library and the confirmation class. The Ladies Department also called you home.

When the new church was being built, the choir met within you. Most recently you were our PACT preschool floor where the minds and hearts of neighborhood children were fed.

**All: 2nd floor: We release you to feed the hearts, minds and bodies of those who will live within you. May you continue to faithfully serve all who cross your threshold.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**One:** Auditorium – You have held mother-daughter banquets, musical shows, youth group meetings, youth dances, Vacation Bible School and even an Oktoberfest. You were the waiting area for Sour Beef and Dumpling dinners, and a fallout shelter for civil defense during the Cold War Era. The list of things you held within these walls goes on and on. So much joy and laughter has happened in this room. Life-long friendships and memories have been made in you.

**All: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium: We release you to be something you have never been, four homes for families. May life-long friendships and memories continue to be made in your space.**

**One:** Sunday School Building – We give thanks for the countless teachers that served within you. We give thanks for the countless children that learned of God's love within you.

**All:** Sunday School Building: We give you thanks for the many ways you have blessed United Evangelical Church. We release you now to be a blessing to all who will call you home. Amen.



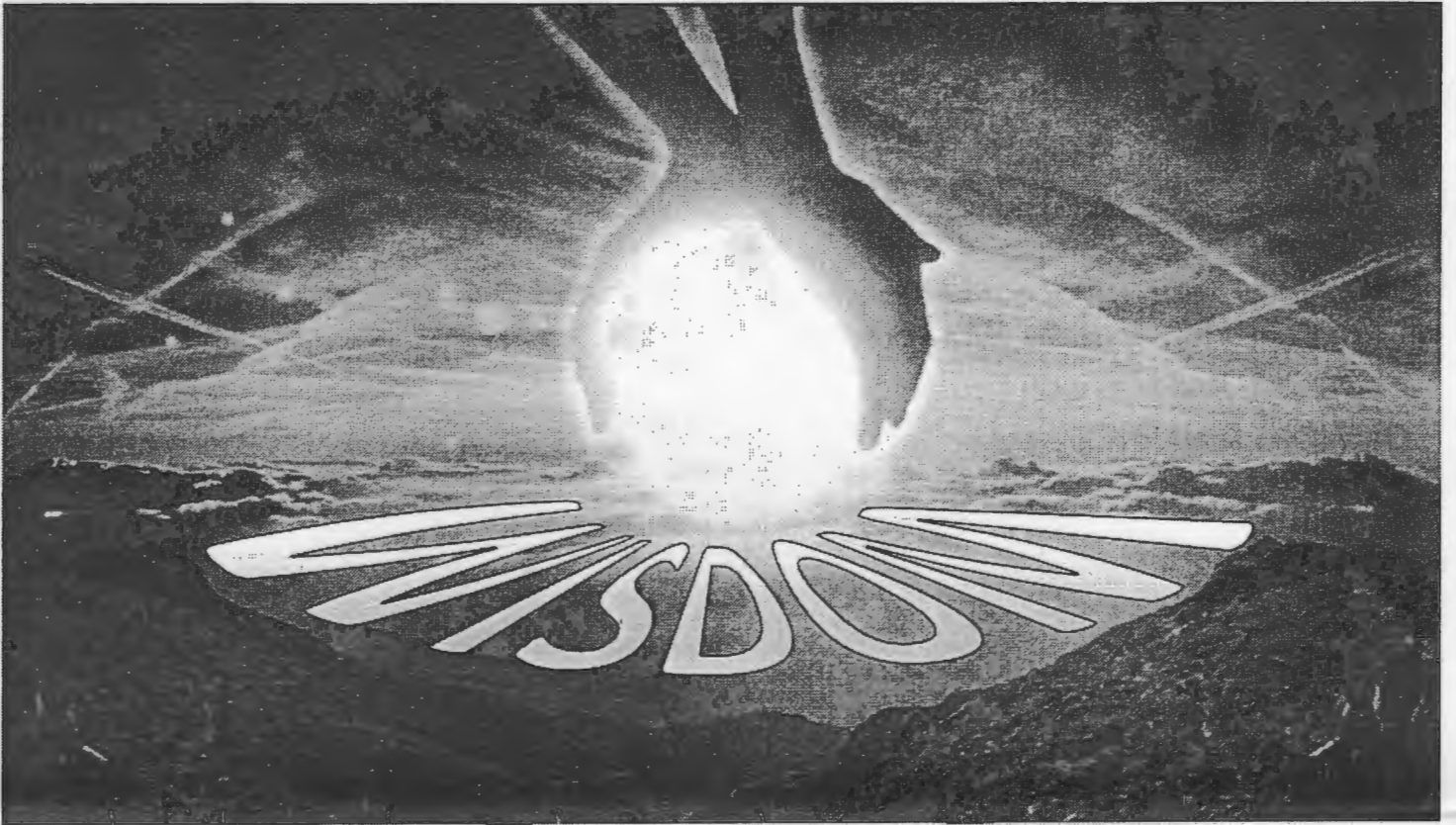
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Sunday worship 10 am

Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month.



*Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?*

*--James 4:1*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**September 19, 2021**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 am**

\* Indicates to stand as able--please feel free to sit at any time if need be.

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"This is the Day"*

**#652**

*"This is My Father's World"*

**#21**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: God of compassion and justice, just as you welcomed children into your midst, so we welcome you into our hearts this morning. Your teaching that greatness is achieved by being last and servant of all, challenges us. We know that to change the world we must change the way we love. Guide us in your way of humility and service. Show us how to become disciples of Jesus Christ, who make the last first and are servants of all, so that your reign of justice and peace may come forth. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Proverbs 31:10-31**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### **SECOND READING**

**James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

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 WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD
 

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

## PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

## SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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 GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD
 

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## \* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth to change the world as Jesus has commanded by offering welcome, justice and compassion to all. And may the love of God, the compassion of Christ and the gentleness of the Spirit guide us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

#426

## CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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## POSTLUDE

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*Are any among you suffering?*

*They should pray.*

*Are any cheerful?*

*They should sing songs of praise.*

*--James 5:13*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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September 26, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"O Come to the Altar"*

see insert

*"Give Me Jesus"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Creator of us all, sometimes we forget: forget that we are not alone, forget that you made us, forget that we have had help along the way, forget to ask for what we need. Here in this place remind us that we are surrounded by the people you have created, and by the many gifts you have given them to share. Remind us of our own gifts, and the ways we can use them in community. In our own struggle to survive, we know that we have ignored others, forgetting that all your children have the right to survive. Make us mindful. Make us compassionate. Help us to see you in one another. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"When the Poor Ones" The Choir*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

SERMON

Prayer and Songs of Praise

\* HYMN

*"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

#489

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH**

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

arr. Johnson

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go to take care of one another, today and every day, knowing that each of you is God’s gift to this community and to the world. And may the God of love, the Christ of promise and the Spirit of empowerment go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

#478

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Trumpet Tune"*

Johnson

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*Blessed are those...  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven*

*--Matthew 5:3-10*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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October 3, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"I See the Lord"*

see insert

*"At the Cross"*

see insert

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of Love, there is so much pain and suffering around us. So much injustice in this world. So much hardship and sacrifice for nothing, it seems. Sometimes we want to throw in the towel. Help us to not give up. Renew our hearts; restore our spirits in this hour. Help us to remember that every act of kindness and compassion helps to build Your reign on earth as it is in heaven. Keep us kind-hearted. Help us to stay hopeful. Guide us in ways that encourage and uplift others, so our own spirits may be raised. In the name of Christ, who suffered with us and whose love endures forever, we pray. Amen.

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## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING:

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

<b>MUSICAL OFFERING</b>	<i>"Remembrance (Communion Song)" The Choir</i>	
<b>GOSPEL LESSON</b>		<b>Matthew 5:1-12</b>
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>Catching a Glimpse</b>	
<b>* HYMN</b>	<i>"One Bread, One Body"</i>	<b>#689</b>

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>		
<b>PRAYER RESPONSE</b>		<b>#474</b>

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH**

**Call for the Offering**

**Musical Reflection**

*"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"*

**Kretchzmar**

**\* Doxology**

**#47**

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

<b>SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>		<b>see insert</b>
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(Single serve communion elements are available in the narthex. We will take communion together seated in our pews. All will be directed when to partake of the elements.)

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go to practice kindness and mercy, and to live into God's ways of justice and peace. And may the God of love, the Christ of forgiveness and the Spirit of perseverance go with you.

**All: Amen.**

<b>* HYMN</b>	<i>"Blessed are They"</i>	<b>#666</b>
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**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<i>"Christ the Lamb of God"</i>	<b>Bach</b>
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“For God all things are possible”

--Mark 10:27

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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October 10, 2021

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Blessed Be Your Name"*

see insert

*"Mighty to Save"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Almighty and Holy One, we approach your throne of grace with boldness this morning, knowing we will find mercy. For we cannot hide from you; we are laid bare before you. We come to hear your Word which is alive and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, that judges our thoughts and intentions of our hearts. We know that though your bountiful creation has enough for everyone, it is hardly divided fairly. There are those who struggle to get their daily bread each day and then there are those who have more than they can use in their lifetime. Help us confront our attachment to possessions and things more honestly so we can share our own abundance more equitably. May we take your commandments to heart so we can do as Jesus asks of us. Help us count our days that we may gain a wise heart, and use this hour to work in our ministries to end the disparities of this world. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**FIRST READING**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 4:12-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**MUSICAL OFFERING***"Word of God Speak" The Worship Team***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 10:17-31

**SERMON****A Treasure Hunt****\* HYMN***"Take Time to Be Holy"*

#483

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH**

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Prayer"*

Boellman

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Having been satisfied by God's steadfast love, let us go in peace and rejoicing.  
And may the favor of God, wisdom of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit  
be upon us to prosper the work of our hands.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN***"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

#458

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Prelude in C"*

**Bach**

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They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid.

--Mark 10:32a

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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**October 17, 2021**

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"Raise a Hallelujah"*

see insert

*"Revelation Song"*

see insert

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Holy One, you are our dwelling place. Your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek you, food for all who hunger, and healing for all who suffer. Meet us here today, and fill us with your presence. Help us to risk sharing in Jesus' cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Teach us how we may best serve one another so that the world may be healed. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING**

Hebrews 5:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Servant of All" The Worship Team*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"Make Me a Servant"*

Willard

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Let us go to help one another along the way of life, knowing that God is with us in every moment, in every struggle. And may the love of God, the peace of Christ and the comfort of the Holy Spirit enfold us.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN***"Are Ye Able, Said the Master"*

see insert

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Trumpet Voluntary"*

Stanley

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***They came to Jericho.  
As Jesus and his disciples and  
a large crowd were leaving Jericho,  
Bartimaeus son of Timaeus,  
a blind beggar,  
was sitting by the roadside.***

***--Mark 10:46***



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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October 24, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### OPENING SENTENCE

#### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

see insert

*"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

#### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Ever-calling God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into this place and graced us with your faithful presence. We ponder the history of your church, ancient and still developing, and marvel at its many expressions. Grant us the vision to be a part of this new moment in your Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. Help us to be a church open to your transforming love, willing to let go of comfortable ways. May we be unafraid of insights which challenge old assumptions, that we might honor your "still speaking voice". Teach us to listen to voices of difference that we might live into Jesus' dream of oneness. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 7:23-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "I Know My Redeemer Lives" The Worship Team**GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 10:46-52

**SERMON**

Sitting By the Roadside

**\* HYMN***"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

#480

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER***Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.***SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"*

Crosby/Doanne

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Let us go to be God's blessings in the world. And may the love of God, the peace of Christ and the healing of the Holy Spirit go with us.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN***"Be Thou My Vision"*

#502

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Postlude in C"*

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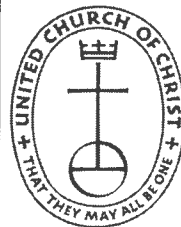
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**GETTING CLOSER TO THE  
KINGDOM OF GOD**

*When Jesus saw that  
he answered wisely,  
he said to him,  
“You are not far from  
the kingdom of God.”*

*--Mark 12:34a*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

October 31, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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\* Indicates to stand as able--please feel free to sit at any time if need be.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"I Will Follow"*

see insert

*"Show Me Your Ways"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O Holy One, Source of all life, we thank you for your love that never lets us go. We come today not merely to open the doors of the church, but we come praying that our hearts might be opened to you and to one another. You call us to care for widows and orphans, to advocate for those in prison, to welcome the strangers. We know that such love demands that we seek justice for those who are oppressed, poor, and forgotten. Help us to respond to this call of love – to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. Help us to lean not on our own understanding but to trust in your guidance. May we be transformed from individuals to members of your one body, following you along the path of love. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Ruth 1:1-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 9:11-14

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God****MUSICAL OFFERING***"There Will I Be" The Worship Team***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 12:28-34

**SERMON****Getting Closer to the Kingdom of God****\* HYMN***"I Love You, Lord"*

#85

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"More Love, More Power"*

Hierro

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Let us go forth, moving in love and compassion; pursuing justice and mercy.  
And may the God of peace, the Christ of challenge, and the Holy Spirit of  
power, lead us.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN***"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

#507

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

†(Please be seated while the candles are extinguished, pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

**POSTLUDE***"Postlude on Ein’ Feste Burg"*

Hustad

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**Watching...**

**The  
Ways  
of God**

*Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury.*

*--Mark 12:41a*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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November 7, 2021

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Your Love O Lord"*

see insert

*"Do It Again"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Eternal God, we come into this house to celebrate and worship you. Teach us again during this time together that you are always with us. Instill in us, we pray, the trust and self-giving that your Word imparts to us. Remind us that all we have is a gift from you and is meant to be shared. May we hear your call and respond even if we do not understand. Send your Holy Spirit, that we might be overcome with your liberating courage and sustenance. In the name of Christ we pray.  
Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING:

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Just as I Am" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

SERMON

Watching...the Ways of God

\* HYMN

*"Come Share the Lord"*

#696

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"More Precious than Silver"*

DeShazo

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

(Single serve communion elements are available in the narthex. We will take communion together seated in our pews. All will be directed when to partake of the elements.)

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth into the world to be gentle and bold, courageous and trusting, as you share the gifts of God with the people of God. And may the God of Ruth and Naomi, the Christ of the poor widow and the Holy Spirit of gentleness and boldness go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*

#589

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Allegro—Symphonie VI"*

Widor

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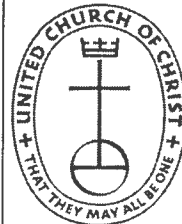
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# Render Unto God

1 Samuel 1:4-20



*In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."*

*--1 Samuel 1:20*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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November 14, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Great Are You Lord"*

see insert

*"Build My Life"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of life, we come into this time of worship with joyful expectation. We gather in full confidence of the gospel's promise and the power of the Holy Spirit. In you, O God, we find refuge from our turbulent world. Many of the challenges we have faced have evoked fear in us. We have let these fears at times overwhelm our faith and trust in you. We see injustices all around: in the papers, on television, on the web, or walking through our community. Yet we often cannot bring ourselves to speak out or take action against them. Renew in us the strength, faith, and courage we need to persevere. Help us to encourage and support each other to love our neighbors as ourselves and to be your instruments of grace, until the promised day when your will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

1 Samuel 1:4-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 10:11-25

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**MUSICAL OFFERING***"You Are My King" The Worship Team***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 13:1-8

**SERMON**

Render Unto God

**\* HYMN***"Give Thanks"*

#359

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"Consolation"*

Mendelssohn

**\* Doxology**

#47

*We exalt thee,**We exalt thee,**We exalt thee, O Lord.***\* Prayer of Dedication****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Let us go with the understanding that what endures is not the edifices we build but the work of God that we accomplish in the name of Christ Jesus. And may the love of God, the peace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit lead us closer to God’s reign.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN***"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

#72

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"O God Our Help in Ages Past"*

Croft

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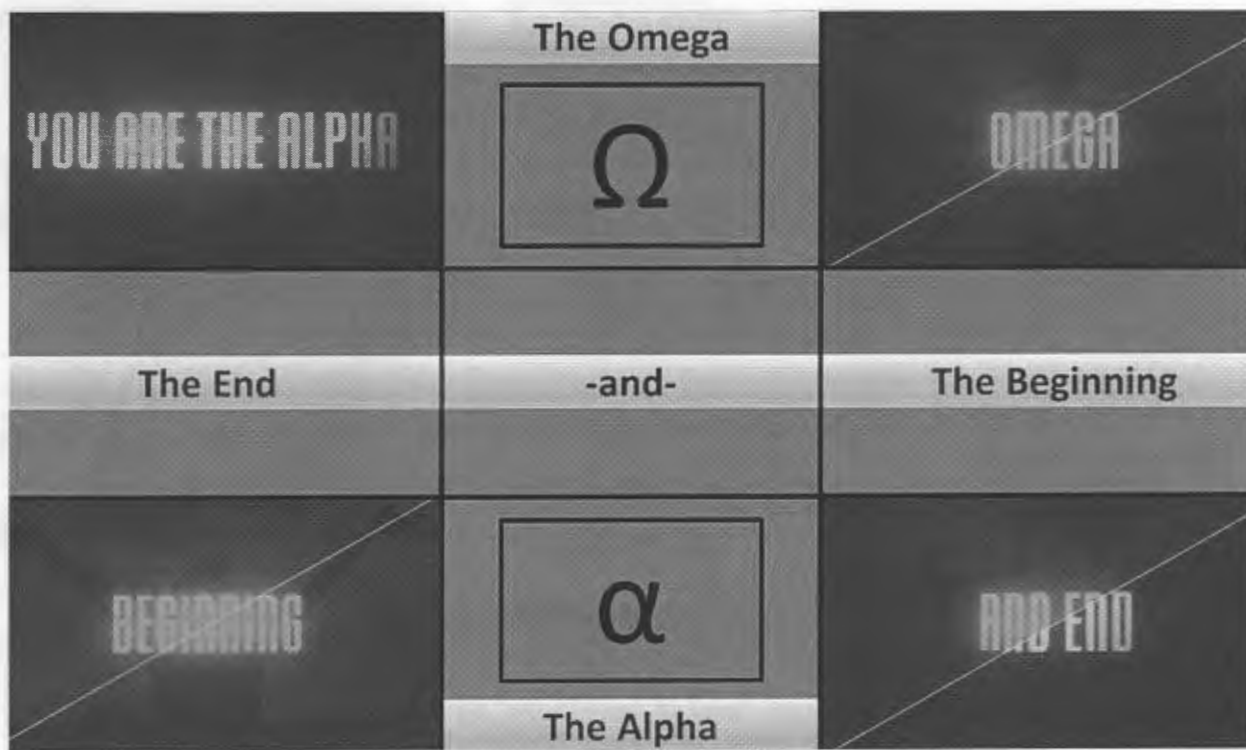
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Jesus answered,  
"You say that I am a king.  
For this I was born, and  
for this I came into the world..."

--John 18:37b

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**November 21, 2021**

**Reign of Christ Sunday**

**10:00 am**

\* Indicates to stand as able--please feel free to sit at any time if need be.

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"I Can Only Imagine"*

see insert

*"We Will Glorify"*

#337

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Eternal Lord, Crowned Head of heaven and earth, you watch over all of us with justice and care. We come before you boldly with our prayers and petitions, yet we are saddened to admit that we do not always submit ourselves to your rule. We do not always participate in your reign of equity and integrity. We have not always followed the example you set forth. Help us to recognize and embrace your sovereignty over our lives. Lead us, O Christ our King, and set us on the path to righteous rule in all that we do. In your mighty name we pray. Amen.

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING:**

2 Samuel 23:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING**

Revelation 1:4b-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Crown Him King of Kings" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:33-37

SERMON

The Omega and the Alpha

\* HYMN

*"Christ the Eternal Lord"*

#335

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

arr. Smith

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go, remembering to set before you Christ's reign of justice and compassion. And may the God of beginnings, the Christ of renewal and the Spirit of tomorrows guide your going.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"For All the Saints"*

#529

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

Smith

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# Hope

*See the shepherds lift their eyes,  
see them dancing on the hills  
with hearts on fire,  
as our world  
is filled with hope.  
**Christ is born.***



*I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation:  
my God will hear me. Micah 7:7*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
Becoming living examples. Bonding all with the love of God

**November 28, 2021**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

### **\* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

One: When the world seems scary,

**Many: When we try to escape and hide,**

One: The Holy invites us to confront fear,

**Many: That we may find Hope**

One: For the day is surely coming,

**Many: When we will see God's promised realm of justice and righteousness.**

*The candle of Hope is lit.*

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

**#154**

*"Here I Am to Worship"*

**see insert**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

**All: O God of wholeness, we are watching and waiting for signs of your coming. We are hoping and praying that you will lead us in new paths, that you will show us once again how we ought to love and live in this world. Help us to stay alert, to not give up hope, though the nights are long and our lives are short. Keep us in faith; help us to be hope to one another. In the name of Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"What a Beautiful Name" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

SERMON

The Days are Surely Coming

\* HYMN

*"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

#190

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"A Lovely Branch Breaks Into Bloom"*

Brahms

\* Doxology

Greensleeves

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Go forth with confidence to seek the Coming One where you dwell; in the signs-in-the-moon-and-sun-and-stars, in the turbulence of our lives, and in unexpected Hope.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Blessed Be the God of Israel"*  
*(Tune of Kingsfold)*

#158

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Savior of the Nations Come"*

Bach

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# Peace

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED...

PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

### \* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*The candle of Hope is relit.*

One: When conflict seems never-ending, relationships rocky,

**All: When we want to deny and pretend,**

One: The Holy invites us to make space for truth-telling

**All: That we may find Peace**

One: Like a refiner's fire, the Lord will purify us.

**All: That we may prepare the way for the Coming One.**

*The candle of Peace is lit.*

### OPENING SENTENCE

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

#232

*"Refiner's Fire"*

#374

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God, you have promised to make pathways straight so your people may walk in joyful safety. You promise a way of justice and equity so that all may dwell in peace. We know, O Lord, that your promises come to pass when we respond to your voice. Help us to answer your call. For when we are deaf to you, we create dangerous roads, secret ways based on privilege, which suit human standards, not yours. In our ignorance the valley between rich and poor has become an impassible chasm, where the poor are punished, their illnesses go

untreated, and they go hungry. Come again and make our hearts alive with your truth! Fulfill your promise to bring to completion the good work you have begun in us, so that all may know your joy and peace. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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CHILDREN'S TIME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Malachi 3:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"O Lord Your Tenderness" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

SERMON

Making Preparations

\* HYMN

*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

#181

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"Pastorale"*

Spong

\* Doxology

Greensleeves

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

†(All are welcome to the table. In lieu of elements,  
a blessing will be given to children who are pre-confirmation age.)

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH

One: May our Righteous God, our Refining Christ and our Joy-filled Spirit send us forth with the tools we need to make our paths straight with Hope and Peace; so that all may find a home on God's glorious Way.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"*

#156

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"From Heaven Above I Hither Come"*

Bach

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# Joy

FEAR NOT: FOR, BEHOLD,  
I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY.

LUKE 2:10



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**December 12, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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### **GREETING**

**One:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

### **\* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

*The candles of Hope and Peace are re-lit*

**One:** When confusion claims us

**Many: When we feel unable to do anything right**

**One:** The Holy invites us to be faithful

**Many: That we may find Joy**

**One:** Hear the words of God's prophet, "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."

**Many: Let us rejoice, for the Holy One of Israel has done glorious things for us.**

*The candle of Joy is lit.*

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"Once in Royal David's City"*

**#183**

*"Mary, Did You Know?"*

**#192**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

**All:** God, we come before you humbled and troubled. John, your prophet, said it clearly and plainly: "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." We know that we are awash in excessive belongings. We feel overly deserving of our luxuries, and only give our scraps to the poor. Help us, Compassionate One to see the path that you walk upon. May we hear your call to bear fruit worthy of repentance that we might join

you on that path. May we turn back to you in this season of preparation, to start our lives afresh and to be transformed by your love, just as you have transformed the world through the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Advent Hymn" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:7-18

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

PRAYER RESPONSE

#474

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying"*

Bancroft

\* Doxology

Greensleeves

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forth rejoicing, for the redemption of the Lord is near. And may the God of hope, the Christ of peace, and the Spirit of joy, go with you.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"*

**#198**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

†(Please be seated while the candles are extinguished, pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

**POSTLUDE**

*"Savior of the Nations Come"*

**Bach**

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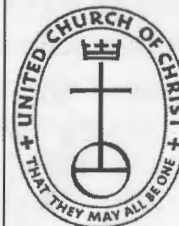
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# Love

IN THIS WAS MANIFESTED THE LOVE OF GOD  
TOWARD US,...GOD SENT HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN  
SON INTO THE WORLD.

1 JOHN 4:9



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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**December 19, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**10:00 am**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

### **GREETING**

**One:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many:** And also with you.

### **\* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

*The candles of Hope, Peace and Joy are re-lit*

**One:** When we feel invisible, ineffective,

**Many:** Too small to make a difference

**One:** The Holy invites us to be God-Bearers

**Many:** And we shall find Love

**One:** Jesus was born into poverty; embracing our human vulnerability that we might see what is possible with love.

**Many:** Come, Lord Jesus, come. Show us your face and save us, that we may fill this world with your good things.

*The candle of Love is lit.*

### **\* TIME OF PRAISE**

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

**#153**

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

**see insert**

## **WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD**

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

**All:** O God of the Heavenly Host, as we decorate our homes and sing carols, we are mindful that for some this is not a joyful season. This is not a time of wonder and awe, but a time of deep pain and sorrow. We hold in our hearts those for whom this is a difficult time. May we have hearts that understand, minds that listen instead of speak, and souls that are content with disquiet. We know that one day all mourning will turn to dancing, and sorrow to joy. Until that time, be present with us, God of all Seasons, as you make all things new. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

**Micah 5:2-5a**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"And the Glory" The Worship Team*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**Luke 1:39-56**

**SERMON**

**And So It Begins**

**\* HYMN**

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

**#180**

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**#474**

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH**

**Call for the Offering**

**Musical Reflection**

*"He Shall Feed His Flock"*

**Handel**

**\* Doxology**

**Greensleeves**

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forth in love to bear God's hope, peace, joy and justice into the world. And may our Mighty God, our Enwombed Christ and our Gentle Spirit go with us.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

**#186**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Now Come the Savior of the Nations"*

**Bach**

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# *Christ*

UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF  
DAVID A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD.

LUKE 2:11



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

7:30 pm

\* indicates to stand as able

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE** *Christmas Selections for Cello and Piano, Katie Chambers, Cello*

### \* LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*The Advent candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love are re-lit.*

One: When the world seems predictable;

**Many: Stuck in patterns of injustice and hurt.**

One: The Holy astonishes us with good news,

**Many: And we find Awe.**

One: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

**Many: And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God,  
Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.**

*The Christ Candle is lit and the baby Jesus is placed in the crèche.*

### \* OPENING HYMN

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

#182

### \* GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

### \* GATHERING PRAYER

**All: The heavens are glad, fields exult, and trees sing out; the whole earth rejoices at your coming, Holy Child of Bethlehem! We stand in awe of your greatest mystery once again: that you would come to us as one of us, full of smiles and tears, strengths and weaknesses, growing pains and**

griefs. In the coldness of this night as we bask in the beauty of your Light, we open our hearts to be a dwelling place for your presence and truth. Bless us, your church, to be food for the hungry and hope for those who are lost and alone. May we, your body, enflesh your goodness and love in our day, that all may know that a child has been given indeed, and that heaven and earth are forever joined. In the Wonderful Name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**\* DECLARATION OF GRACE**

One: Hear these glad tidings of great joy: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all! Forgiveness and newness of life has come to us in Jesus the Christ.

**\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Gloria

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

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**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

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**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 9:2-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Titus 2:11-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Thorns in the Straw*" The Worship Team

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 2:1-20

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

**\* HYMN**

*"Away in a Manger"*

#203

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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### CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER – THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST’S CHURCH

**Call for the Offering**

**Musical Reflection**

*“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”* Katie Chambers - Cello

**\* Doxology**

**Greensleeves**

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this  
is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to  
bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

### ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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*Single serve communion elements are available in the narthex. We will take communion together seated in our pews. All will be directed when to partake of the elements.*

**A Sung Communion Liturgy for Christmas Eve  
(Tune: GREENSLEEVES)**

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table  
Communion Prayer**

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord. Sing unto God your praises.  
We gather on this holy night. We gather at this table.  
Lift, lift your hearts up high! Sing praise to God, and glorify!  
Praise, praise, the Prince of Peace, the Babe, the Son of Mary.



O Holy God of power and might! Hosanna in excelsis!  
Blessed be the one who in your name comes! Hosanna in the highest!  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

### **Words of Institution**

The Word-made-flesh, Emmanuel; God, come to live among us!  
He preached good news: the kingdom come! A light shone in the darkness.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through! The Cross be borne for me for you.  
Hail! Hail, the Word made flesh; the Babe, the Son of Mary.

### **Prayer of Consecration**

Pour out your Spirit, Holy God, upon these gifts, and bless them.  
Make them for us the Bread of Life, the Cup of our Salvation!  
Raise, raise the song on high! The Virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

### **Communion of the People**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Thank God for Holy Mystery; Body of Christ; the gift of life!  
As we depart, let us take heart: God's light will lead us always!  
Raise, raise the song on high! The Virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

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**\* CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHT**

**A prayer in the darkness.  
The coming of the Light into the world.**

**Silent Night, Holy Night**

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright;  
Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild;  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia,  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from thy Holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**Antioch**

**Joy to the World**

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room.  
And heaven and nature sing;  
And heaven and nature sing;  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth! The Savior Reigns;  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains;  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy;  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.*

**POSTLUDE**

*“Postlude on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

**Johnson**

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There's a song in the air!

*There's a star in the sky...*

And the star rains its fire  
while the beautiful sing,  
For the manger of Bethlehem  
cradles a *King!*

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes,  
and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

*Luke 2:7*

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December 26, 2021

First Sunday after Christmas

10:00 am

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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**PRELUDE**

"Pastorale on *Away in a Manger*"

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**GREETING**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* WORDS OF GATHERING**

One: Let us recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of our God.

Many: **The Lord has shown us great favor, according to God's mercy and abundance of steadfast love.**

One: The Lord has become our Savior, the presence of the Lord has saved us.

Many: **By God's love and kindness we have been redeemed.**

**\* OPENING HYMN**

*"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

#185

**\* OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, we sing to you a new song because you have done wonderful things! We give you thanks for the birth of Jesus, child in a manger come to save the world. Even though we love this season and are grateful, we grow weary of all the stimulation and want to go back to "normal." Help us not to go back, but to go forward changed by the birth of Jesus. When we are tempted to leave the Good News of this season aside, forgive us, and help us to take it with us into the world throughout the coming year. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

**\* DECLARATION OF GRACE**

One: Hear these glad tidings of great joy: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all! Forgiveness and newness of life has come to us in Jesus the Christ.

**\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

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Gloria

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### **The Light of Hope**

Scripture—Luke 1:68-79

Meditation

*"Light of the Stable"* The Worship Team

### **The Light of Peace**

Scripture—Isaiah 11:1-9

Meditation

Hymn—*"O Holy Night"* (#187)

### **The Light of Joy**

Scripture—Isaiah 55

Meditation

Hymn—*"The First Noel"* (#229)

### **The Light of Love**

Scripture—1 John 4:7-12

Meditation

Hymn—*"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (#188)

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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### **PRAYER RESPONSE**

*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to you my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

**#474**

### **SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH**

#### **Call for the Offering**

#### **Musical Reflection**

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

arr. Johnson

#### **\* Doxology**

Greensleeves

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#### **\* Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

\* SENDING FORTH—The Light of Christ—John 1:14, 16

One: What came into being through God's Word was life, and this life was the light for all people. Go and shine the light of God, proclaiming in word and deed, that God's love has come to live in our midst, and nothing – nothing – can ever overcome it.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"*

#218

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Noel"*

D'Aquin

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