

A winter scene featuring a lit lantern on the left, casting a warm glow. The background is filled with evergreen trees and snow-covered branches. The text "Put on the New Self" is overlaid in the center-right. The words "Put on" are in a yellow sans-serif font, "the" is in a smaller blue sans-serif font, and "New Self" is in a large, elegant white script font.

Put on  
the  
New Self

Put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. *Colossians 3:10*

# 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 2, 2022

Second Sunday after Christmas

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 Great is Our God"*

see insert

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

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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#### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy and Gracious God, we bring all of who we are into your presence; our hopes, our afflictions, our regrets. We yearn to know your powerful love and to know that wholeness is possible. Renew our spirits and open our minds to hear when you call. Give us eyes to see where you lead. Help us respond to your prophets when they appear, and empower us to stand with courage in the face of uncertainty, that the world may know that you live in us. 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:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"How Many Kings" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-18

SERMON

**An Inheritance in the Stars**

\* HYMN

*"With the Body That Was Broken"*

#691

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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**

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

**Kretzschmar**

\* **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

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 and share grace upon grace over all the earth, and over every person you encounter. And may our Sovereign God, our Incarnate Christ and our Watchful Spirit be our guide.

All: Amen.

\* **HYMN**

*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

#233

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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

**POSTLUDE**

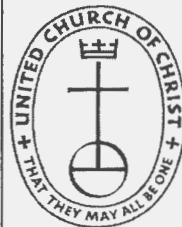
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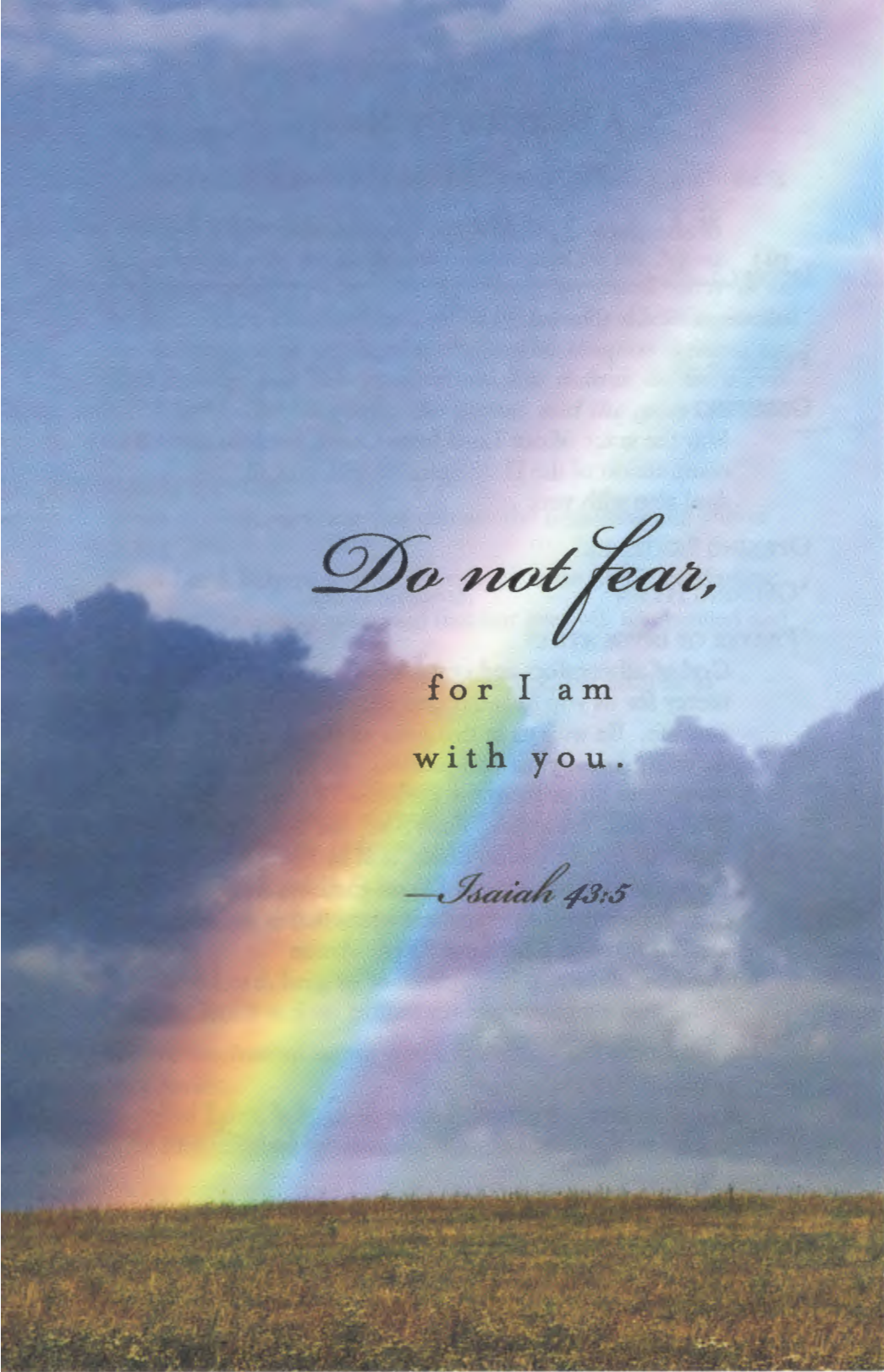
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*Do not fear,*

for I am  
with you.

*—Isaiah 43:5*

## A SERVICE OF MEMORIAL

Stephen Calvin Savage, Jr

February 7, 1934 – November 20, 2021

January 8, 2022

1:00 p.m.

\*Indicates to stand as able

### PRELUDE

### GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

### OPENING SENTENCE

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*"Amazing Grace"*

#422

#### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of all comfort and consolation, in your unending love and mercy for us you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Be with us in this hour of prayer that in our sorrow we might know your compassion. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us conquered death, and by rising again restored life. Reassure us that after our life on earth we will be reunited with our brothers and sisters where every tear is wiped away. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### WELCOME

### CENTERING PRAYER OF SILENCE

#### FIRST READING

Psalm 23

#### SECOND READING

1st Corinthians 13:4-8a,13

#### GOSPEL READING

John 14

### MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #473

PRAYER - 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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

\*LITANY OF DEPARTURE

Word of God, we affirm that you are the beginning and end of all life.

**Risen Lord, help us to trust in your promise of life everlasting.**

Lord God, you have promised that our lives will be changed and transformed.

**Gentle Shepherd, death is hard to accept, but help us to understand that life's journey leads to you.**

Source of all goodness, we give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed on Stephen in this life.

**Gracious God, help us to recall the joy and warmth of our times together as we prepare to unbind Stephen and let him go free.**

Lord Jesus, we recall your command to love and care for one another.

**Crucified Lord, help us to understand that while we love, our love has limits and we cannot do everything we want.**

God of all creation, strengthen us as we release Stephen into your hands.

**Merciful Lord, help us to accept this parting and hold us in your love until we meet again.**

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord: let them rest from their labors, for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

**And let perpetual light shine upon him.**

May he rest in peace.

**Amen.**

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*PARTING HYMN**

*"Peace in the Valley"*

**Insert**

**CLOSING OF SERVICE†**

† (Please be seated pausing for a moment of silent communion with God, as the bells toll in acknowledgement of a saint.)

**POSTLUDE**



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# BAPTISM OF FIRE

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

CLOSED  
FREEZING  
RAIN

## 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 9, 2022**

**First Sunday after Epiphany**

**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

*"Arise, Your Light is Come*

see insert

*"Holy Spirit, Rain Down"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

#### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Creator of the stars of night, you have given us light that is internal and eternal through Jesus Christ. Help us to hold on to the light that guides our way. When the ways of the world pull on us to call us to hate, to fear, to dismiss and to distrust, bring us back to your ways. Help us to know that in you there is no fear, there is no hate, there is a love that surpasses all understanding. Help us to live into that love, and to share that love with one another. May we be transformed by the light of your love found in Christ Jesus, and help transform the world together. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 43:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

#### SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Way Maker" The Worship Team

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON

Baptism of Fire

\* HYMN

"Be Not Afraid"

#430

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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

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

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 from here knowing that no waters you will encounter in this life can overwhelm you; and no fire can consume you, for you belong to the Lord your God, who calls you by name. And may the love of God, the peace of Christ and the fire of the Holy Spirit carry you from this place.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

#241

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

"To Jordan Came Our Lord the Christ"

Bach

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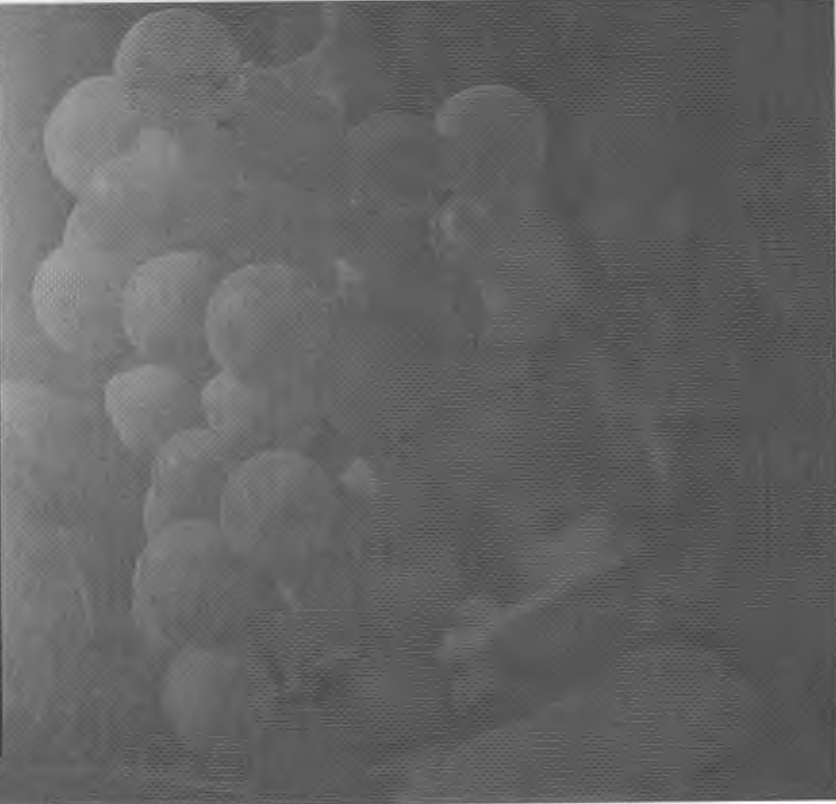
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**DO  
YOU  
SEE  
WHAT  
I SEE?**



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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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**January 16, 2022**

**Second 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**

*"Arise, Your Light is Come*

**see insert**

*"Holy Spirit, Rain Down"*

**see insert**

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

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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 62:1-5**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God

#### **SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Way Maker" The Worship Team

GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11

SERMON

Do You See What I See?

\* HYMN

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

#243

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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

"He Turned the Water Into Wine"

Stearman

\* 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 from here knowing that no waters you will encounter in this life can overwhelm you; and no fire can consume you, for you belong to the Lord your God, who calls you by name. And may the love of God, the peace of Christ and the fire of the Holy Spirit carry you from this place.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Jesus, Come, For We Invite You"

#669

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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POSTLUDE

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

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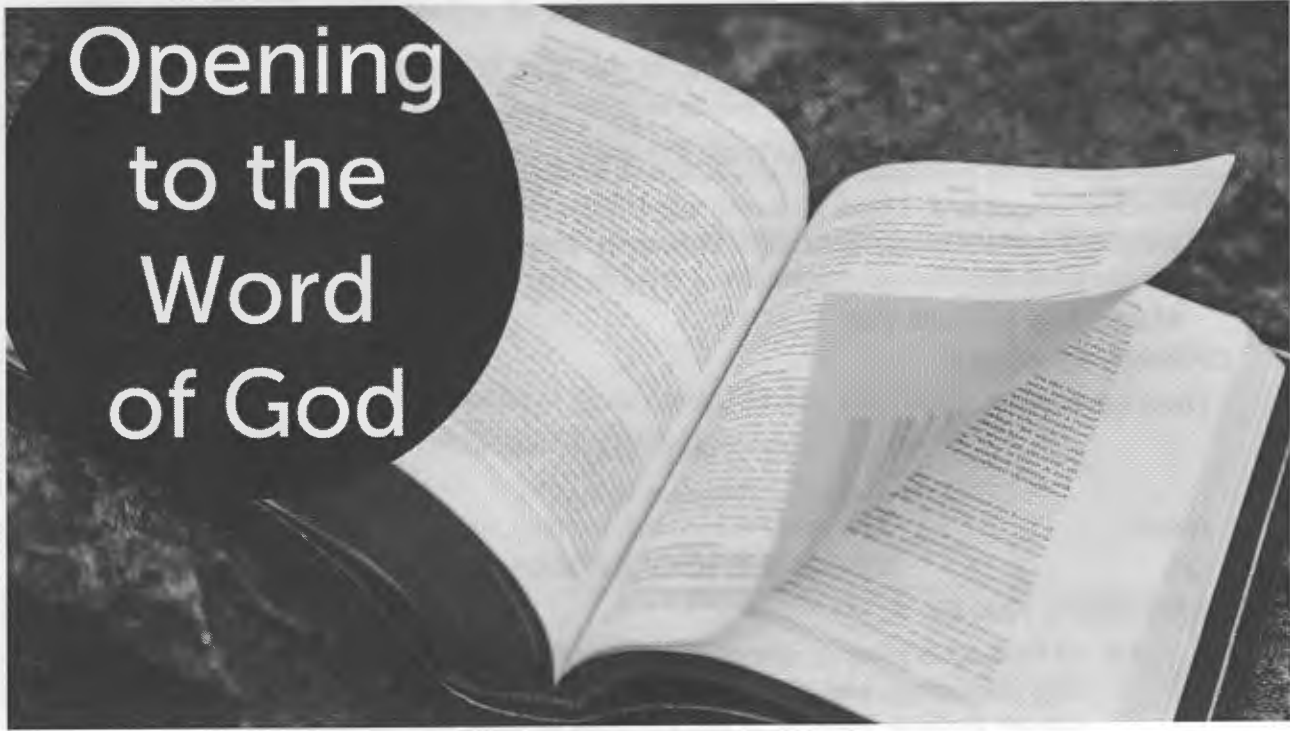
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# Opening to the Word of God



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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January 23, 2022

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

*"Way Maker"*

see insert

*"Ancient Words"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O God, who gives us strength when we feel weak, we gather to hear your Word, sing your songs, and give you praise. We know that you are always with us, and we are grateful. Help us to live our lives in ways that show you are near. Help us to show others that our strength comes from the joy found in you. Fill us with your Word that we might carry your Good News to all who feel abandoned and alone. Empower us to bring your joy to all who are sad and broken hearted. May our gratitude for your presence and constant care for us in each day of our lives be known by others. In the name of Jesus 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:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Hear Us From Heaven" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

SERMON

Opening to the Word of God

\* HYMN

*"Thy Word"*

#664

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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

*"The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me"*

Talbot

\* 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** *(Attributed to St. Teresa of Avila)*

One: Christ has no body but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.

Many: **Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.**

One: Christ has no body now on earth but yours. So go, and may our loving God, our power-filled Christ and our guiding Holy Spirit go with us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Christ, You Call Us All to Service"*

#571

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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POSTLUDE

*"Fanfare"*

Lemmens

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*Known,  
Consecrated,  
And  
Unafraid*

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## OUR MISSION

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**January 30, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**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**

*"How Great is Our God"*

see insert

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

see insert

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

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Gracious God, you are the alpha and omega. You are the one true God, creator of Heaven and Earth. You have called each one of us by name. You have given us all that we are and all that we have through Jesus Christ. Everything belongs to you, including each one of us. Help us to hold onto the truth of our belonging in You. When the world is scary, when we feel rejected, when we are afraid; Help us to remember that you are all we need. You are God Almighty; you are our rock and our fortress. You give us the strength we need to go on. We praise you for the gifts of faith, hope, and love. Help us to live out our call to be all you have created us to be. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING:**

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Faith, Hope and Love" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:21-30

SERMON

Known, Consecrated and Unafraid

\* HYMN

*"The Gift of Love"*

#397

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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

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

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 forth from this place knowing that you are Known, Loved and Consecrated by God. Go forth, celebrating faith, celebrating hope and celebrating the love that surpasses all understanding. Go forth to be the transformed people that God has called you to be. And may the love of God, the peace of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit carry you from this place.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Here I Am Lord"*

#559

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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POSTLUDE

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

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# *Radical Amazement And Mission*



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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February 6, 2022

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

*"I See the Lord"*

see insert

*"Grace Alone"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: This is the day that God has made, and let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is a day of adventure, amazement, a day in which God's inspiration can come to us at any moment, and we can launch out into the deep, discovering a way where we say no way forward, and resources beyond our imagine. For we can do all things with Christ who strengthens us.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 6:1-13

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

*"Just as I Am" The Worship Team*

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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

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

Kretzschmar

## \* 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

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: **There is a great adventure ahead, when you say "yes" to God's vision. You are God's hands and feet, and heart, and voice. You are God's companion in healing the world. Go forth with the lively restless, adventurous peace, that passes all understanding, knowing that God is with you, and when you launch out into the deep waters, God will buoy you up. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, the Mother of Us All.**

All: Amen.

## \* HYMN

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

#347

## CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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

## POSTLUDE

*"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

Frescobaldi

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# *Memorial Service*

**Darlene Elizabeth Koch**

**October 19, 1942 – February 5, 2022**



**Oak Crest Village Chapel**

**Date: February 12, 2022**

**9:00 AM Visitation**

**10:00 AM Service**

You shared our lives and troubles  
The laughter and the tears,  
You gave us loving friendship  
Through all our growing years,  
Out of all the many blessings  
Received along life's way,  
There is no gift more treasured,  
Than you and our yesterdays.

*Funeral Service for  
Darlene Elizabeth Koch*

**Prelude - Hymn:** "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" #417

**Invocation**

**Prayer:** Pastor Don Beutel

**Hymn:** "In The Garden" #456

**Old Testament Readings:**

Job 19: 21-27

Olivia Fuchsluger

Psalm 23 (All congregation)

Sierra Sherman

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Hymn:** "The Lord's Prayer" Kim Iwanowski

**Service of Holy Communion:** Pastor Don Beutel

Assisting Mark Fuchsluger, Jr.

**Hymn Communion:** "Nearer My God to Thee" #426

**Reflections**

Remembrance

Kayla Iwanowski

Eulogy

Ken Iwanowski

**New Testament Readings:**

Corinthians 13: 1-13 Kaitlyn Iwanowski

**Gospel Reading:**

John 10: 11-16 Pastor Don Beutel

**Homily: "Priority"**

Pastor Don Beutel

**Prayer**

Kayla Iwanowski

**Commendation**

**Hymn: "Ava Maria"**

Kim Iwanowski

**Benediction**

**Postlude: Hymn: "Now the Day Is Over" #576**

**Officiating Pastor: Pastor Don Beutel**

**Soloist: Mary Strassner**

**Organist: Robert Gundlach**

Oaklawn Cemetery directly after service –

7225 Eastern Ave, Baltimore, MD 21224

Please join the Koch family after the Cemetery at -

Squires Restaurant – 6723 Holabird Ave, Dundalk, MD

*To Our Loved One*

*God looked around his garden  
And he found an empty place  
He then looked down upon this earth and  
Saw your tired face  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best  
He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered "Peace be Thine,"  
It broke our hearts to leave you  
But you didn't go alone.  
Part of us went with you  
THE DAY GOD CALLED YOU HOME.*

*We love you Aunt Darlene - Your Family*



*Like A  
Tree  
Planted  
By The  
Water*

*Jeremiah 17:5-10*



# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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**February 13, 2022**

**Sixth 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**

*"All Who Are Thirsty"*

see insert

*"Your Love O Lord"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

**All:** O God of many blessings, we rejoice in your love. You are the One who feeds us, who fills us, and who blesses us. We come to you with humble hearts, for you know our thoughts and you search our hearts. You know we do not always show your love to others. Nor are we always grateful for your many gifts. Help us to stay rooted in you, like a tree planted by the water, so we may reach out with your love to others. May we not be satisfied until all your children are fed and freed. We pray all this through Jesus Christ, our teacher and our guide. Amen.

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

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

#### **FIRST READING:**

**Jeremiah 17:5-10**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God

#### **SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Good Good Father" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

SERMON

**Like A Tree Planted By The Water**

\* HYMN

*"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"*

#638

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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**

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

arr. DeCou

\* **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 like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit and prospering in the ways of God. And may the God of blessing, the Christ of love and the Spirit of power go with you.

All: Amen.

\* **HYMN**

*"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"*

#414

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Postlude in C"*

Caplan

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# LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

LUKE 6:27-38



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February 20, 2022

Seventh 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 You"*

see insert

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

#473

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy One, you are deep within our world, within our lives; within our souls, calling us to join you in creating abundant life for all. You call us to turn our lives around, to risk repentance and learn forgiveness, to work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign. We admit that we get discouraged and give up too soon, letting fear and anxiety weigh us down. Open our hearts to recognize you and your call. Free us to trust you and follow. Enable us to repent, and forgive, and join in your work to 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:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 15:42-50

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Sing Alleluia to the Lord" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

SERMON

Love Your Enemies

\* HYMN

*"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"*

#273

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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

*"The Gift of Love"*

English Melody

\* 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: Let us go into the world, ready to witness to God’s generosity and forgiveness.  
Ready to shape a world of justice, peace and joy. And may the God forgiveness,  
the Christ of mercy and the Holy Spirit of reconciliation go with us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Hymn of Promise"*

#515

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

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# A SUDDEN TRANSFORMATION

LUKE 9:28-36



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February 27, 2022

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

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

#319

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

#123

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of the mountaintop and God of the Valley. You are the one true God, creator of Heaven and Earth. You have given us all that we are and all that we have through Jesus Christ. Everything belongs to you, including each one of us. Help us to hold onto the truth of our belonging in You. When the world is scary, when we feel rejected, when we are afraid; Help us to remember that you are all we need. You are God Almighty; you are our rock and our fortress. You give us the strength we need to face life's challenges. We praise you for the gifts of faith, hope, and love. Help us to live into all that you have created us to be. In Jesus' name, 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:

Exodus 34:29-35

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING****2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God****MUSICAL OFFERING***"Shine On Us" The Worship Team***GOSPEL LESSON****Luke 9:28-36****SERMON****A Sudden Transformation****\* HYMN***"Holy Ground"***#654****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***"Be Thou My Vision"***arr. Innes****\* 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 this place knowing that you are Known and Loved by God Almighty. Go forth, celebrating faith, celebrating hope and celebrating the love that surpasses all understanding. Go forth to be the transformed people that God has called you to be. And may the love of God, the peace of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit carry you from this place.

**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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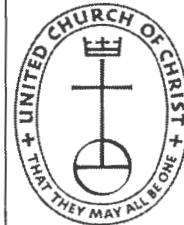
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12 Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me  
with all your hearts, with fasting,  
with weeping, and with sorrow;  
13 tear your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD your God:  
he is merciful and  
patient, full of faithfulness,  
slow to anger,  
readily to forgive.

He will show whether he will have  
blessing behind  
his ear and a drink  
of blessing in his hand.

14 LORD your God,  
the horn in Zion; declare  
a special assembly  
for the people; prepare  
a convocation for the  
elders; gather  
the nursing infants  
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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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March 9, 2022

Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm

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

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**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**

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

**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

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

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

arr. Johnson

\* Doxology

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee,*

*We exalt thee, O Lord.*

#47

\* 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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*The Refiner*  
*Malachi 3:1-4*

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**March 6, 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

*"Amazing Love"*  
*"The Wonderful Cross"*

**#259**  
see insert

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of the Journey, we walk together into the wilderness again. This season of Lent is arid, dry from pain and injustices; yet, we know, O God, that you are the source of water for our spirits. While we may be wandering as we walk, feeling as if we have no direction; we believe that you are guiding us in the time. As we embark, we may be fearful, wondering what we will encounter next; we trust you are surrounding us with peace. In this time filled with spiritual practices and studies, we know our minds will be "tested." Doubts will creep in as we seek you. At times, we will slide away from our responsibilities to care for our neighbors. Call to us to "Keep awake," that we might not snooze on the needs of this world and ignore the pain in our communities. Deliver us from the temptations of this world and the tests that will be imposed upon us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**FIRST READING**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.****SECOND READING**

Romans 10:8b-13

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.****MUSICAL OFFERING***"Scars" The Worship Team***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 4:1-13

**SERMON****The Refiner—Malachi 3:1-4****\* HYMN***"As We Gather at Your Table"*

#695

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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***"Forty Days and Forty Nights"*

arr. Hopson

**\* Doxology**

#261

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.***\* 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: **As Jesus embraced the struggles of the wilderness, may we find strength to abide in the wilderness of our soul. And as we wander on this journey,**Many: **May God the Divine Light open our souls to healing and wisdom.**One: **May Christ the Sojourner lead us into oases of renewal in arid and barren times.**Many: **May the Spirit of Hope fill us with courage to carry on.**All: **Amen.**

\* HYMN

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

#438

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

**Kretchmar**

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*The Breaking*  
*Jeremiah 18:1-6*

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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**March 13, 2022**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

*"You Never Let Go"*

see insert

*"Blessed Be Your Name"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

**All:** O Wounded Healer, Mighty and Merciful, we gather in your presence this morning like chicks under their Mother Hen. Your Word calls us to be patient, to wait upon the work you are doing in our lives in this Lenten season. Lord, you know that we are easily frightened; and tempted to pull away from our Lenten journey. When the shadows grow at the edge of the road, O God, keep us steady, help us move onward. When the path is unclear, and fog settles in, O God, help us to overcome our fears, and live in faith. When it becomes difficult to continue on, O God, make your presence known to us. Despite our weariness and our struggles, O God, be with us, always. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:17-4:1

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

**MUSICAL OFFERING***"Just Let Me Say" The Worship Team***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 13:31-35

**SERMON**

The Breaking - Jeremiah 18:1-6

**\* HYMN***"Change My Heart, O God"*

#373

**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***"Interlude"*

Haydn

**\* Doxology**

#261

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

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

One: Let us go to carry God’s peace into the world, offering the wholeness and healing we have received. And may God’s unceasing love, Christ’s abundant grace and the Holy Spirit’s strength be with us until the work on earth is finished.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN***"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

#486

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"The God of Abraham Praise"*

arr. Innes

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*The Crucible*  
*Psalm 51*

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**March 20, 2022**

**3rd 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**

*"O Come to the Altar"*

see insert

*"Build My Life"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: O God, who can open up possibilities beyond our imagination, we come to this hour with holy expectations. You call us in this Lenten season to step more deeply into ourselves; to awaken and change into who you desire us to be. In the midst of chaos and frenzy, we have often lost our way. Our feet have strayed from the place where we met you. Our egos have kept us from seeing our missteps. As we travel on our journey of transformation, help us to bear fruit as we walk this road. Remind us that you will never leave us, nor forsakes us. Keep us forever in your path as we worship you in spirit and in truth. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

Isaiah 55:1-9

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Living Waters" The Worship Team*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

## SERMON

The Crucible - Psalm 51

## \* HYMN

*"As the Deer"*

#471

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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**

*"Seek Ye the Lord"*

Roberts

\* **Doxology**

#261

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

\* **Prayer of Dedication**


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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**


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\* **SENDING FORTH**

One: Let us go forth to bear good fruit, providing hungry and thirsty souls with the good news of God's love. And may the God of peace, the Christ of the wilderness and the Holy Spirit of transformative fire, go with us.

All: Amen.

\* **HYMN**

*"Near the Cross"*

#479

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Rondo in G"*

Bull

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*The Heat*  
*Luke 3:15-17*

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**March 27, 2022**

**4th 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**

*"Holy Spirit"*

see insert

*"Way Maker"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Holy God, we come here yearning for restoration and your comforting grace. In this time of wilderness and reflection, we evaluate the relationships between us and our neighbors. After acknowledging the broken relationships, the painful injustices, and the feelings of abandonment, our souls are weary. Fill us with hope through your word today. Lead us on roads of renewal, and focus our minds as we ponder our callings in your realm. Urge us to be life-giving agents of your love. May each of our steps be healing not only to us, but to our siblings on the journey. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

Joshua 5:9-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Softly and Tenderly" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

SERMON

The Heat - Luke 3:15-17

\* HYMN

*"Refiner's Fire"*

#374

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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

*"Turn Your Heart Toward Home"*

Chapman

\* Doxology

#261

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

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GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

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\* SENDING FORTH

One: Happy are those who experience the grace of God

Many: **Who find forgiveness and mercy from the Holy One.**

One: Happy are those who experience the steadfast love of God

Many: **Who find peace even in times of trial.**

One: Happy are those who experience rest in God

Many: **Who find sabbath to renew their spirit.**

One: Having found all these things in this place, let us go with the hopes of peace, and with the hopes of reconciliation. And may God, our Divine Parent, Christ, our Divine Neighbor, and the Spirit, our Divine Encourager, go with us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Softly and Tenderly"*

#348

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Prelude in C"*

**Bach**

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*The Purification*  
*1 Corinthians 13*

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# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

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April 3, 2022

5th 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

*"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"*

see insert

*"The Gift of Love"*

#397

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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#### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Holy One, we rejoice in your presence. We acknowledge that you have done great things in our history; that you are doing great things now; and that you will continue to do great things in our future. Our hope rests in you. Lead us through troubling times and empower us to continue to press toward you and your way. Mend the brokenness within us. Fortify us with your love, hope, and vision. Shield us from stagnation and despair. In our worship, open our hearts in love and quench our spirits. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

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| MUSICAL OFFERING | <i>"More Like You" The Worship Team</i> |             |
| GOSPEL LESSON    |   | John 12:1-8 |
| SERMON           | The Purification - 1 Corinthians 13     |             |
| * HYMN           | <i>"Step by Step"</i>                   | #494        |

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**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**COMMISSIONING AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL** see insert

**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** *"And Can it Be"* Campbell

**\* Doxology** #261

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** see insert

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**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go into the world, open to see yourselves and others as God sees. And may the hope of God, the peace of Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit envelope you, and sustain you on the journey and in the work.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN** *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* #255

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE** *"Christ the Lamb of God"* Bach

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**Hosanna**  
in the Highest

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**April 10, 2022**

**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**

*"He is Exalted"*

**#122**

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: King of Heaven and Earth, we gather here with joy and hope and expectation, waiting for you to enter this place just as you entered Jerusalem. Our hearts and mouths shout "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!" You entered our broken world; you joined us on our journey of pain and pleasure, of sorrow and joy, and showed us the way to life abundant and eternal. You came not with political power or military might, not with glamour or fame or wealth, but in humility and love, gently and with great compassion. And you call us to be as you were in this broken world. You call us to confront the hatred, fear, violence and evil in ourselves before we look at others. You call us to overthrow the tables of greed and injustice in us before we point our fingers at others. Forgive us when we resist your coming. When we reject you and seek to silence your transforming and challenging influence. Help us to embrace the way of the cross that we may live in the power of your death-defying love. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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.

**MUSICAL OFFERING***"Comes the King" The Worship Team***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 19:28-40

**SERMON**

A Perfect Day for a Parade

**\* HYMN***"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

#265

**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

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**SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH****Call for the Offering****Musical Reflection***"With Palms Before Thee"*

Nordman

**\* Doxology**

#261

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

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

One: Hosanna!

**Many: Hosanna!**

One: Hosanna in the Highest Heaven!

**Many: Hosanna in the Highest Heaven!**

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

**Many: Hosanna to the King of kings!**

One: Go from this triumphant celebration empowered to walk with Jesus to the cross.  
And may the grace of God, the peace of Christ and the healing power of the  
Holy Spirit go with us.

**All: Amen.**

**\* HYMN**

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

**#267**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Postlude on Ellacombe"*

**arr. Innes**

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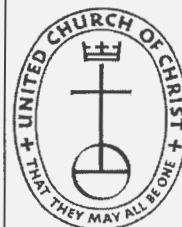
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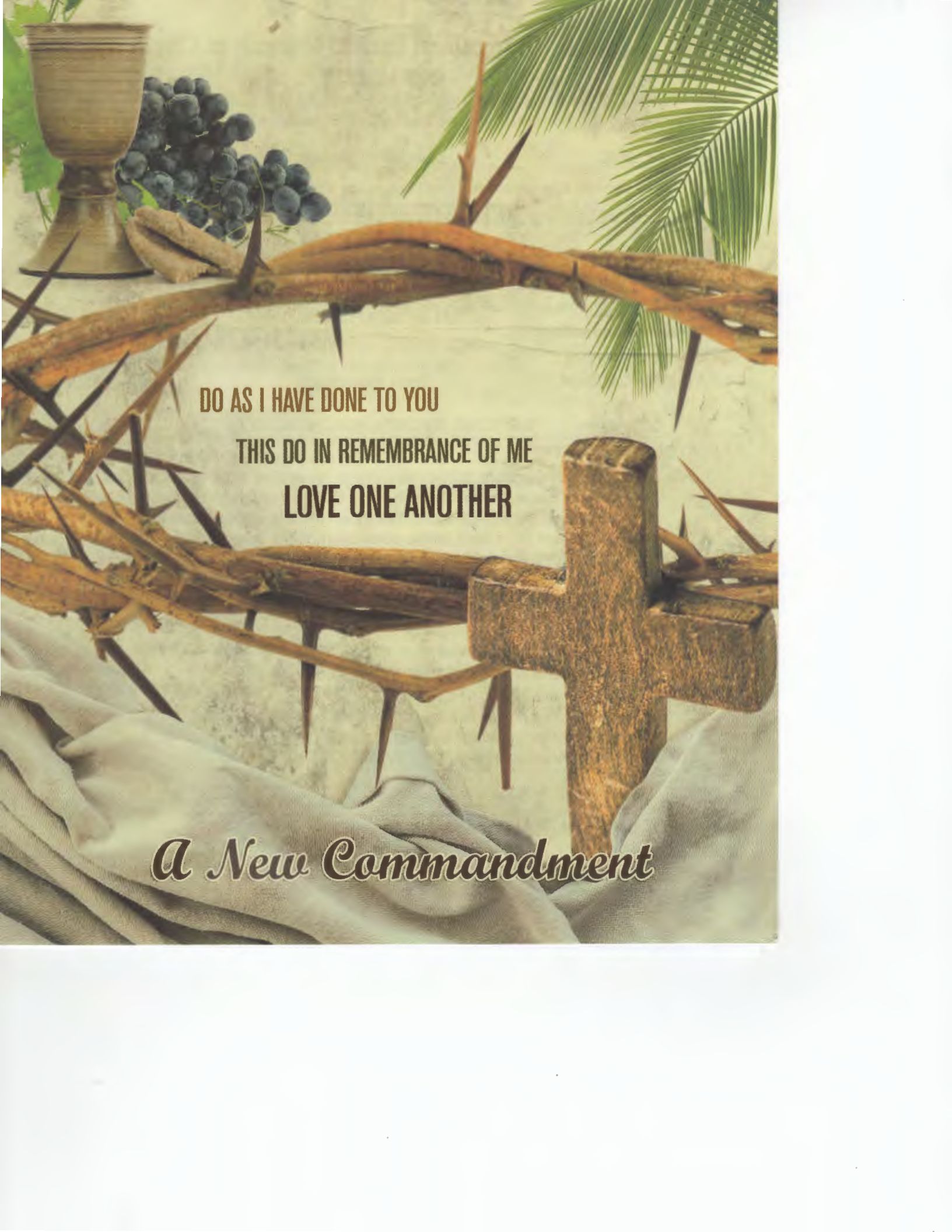
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A still life arrangement of religious symbols. In the upper left, a golden chalice sits on a pedestal next to a bunch of dark purple grapes. A crown of thorns, made of brown, spiky branches, is draped across the center. To the right, a wooden cross stands upright. The background is a light, textured wall, and a palm frond is visible in the upper right. A piece of light-colored fabric is draped in the foreground.

**DO AS I HAVE DONE TO YOU  
THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

*A New Commandment*

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**April 14, 2022**

**Maundy Thursday**

**7:30 pm**

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**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**

*"How Beautiful"*

**see insert**

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

\* **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 the 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!*

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

**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

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD****SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH**

Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

*"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

Bach

**\* Doxology**

#261

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.***\* 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

(All will be invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary to receive communion)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All:** Holy God, you have fed us all out of your own generous and gracious hands. At this table, we have received welcome, nourishment, hope, and consolation. May these things grow in us, alongside the gift of faith, so that we may plant their seeds in the world around us. As we rise from this table to follow Jesus to the cross, may your Holy Spirit guide us and strengthen us to take our place in your great and ongoing story of resurrection, redemption, and restoration. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR****GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD****\* HYMN***"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*

#272

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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

**POSTLUDE***"O Savior Blest"*

Bach

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Christ...

BORE OUR SINS IN HIS  
OWN BODY ON THE TREE.

1 PETER 2:21, 24 (NKJV)

# 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

April 15, 2022

Good Friday

7:30 pm

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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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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: Jesus, you took bread and broke it, and shared it with your friends.

Many: Then you were broken to feed us with the bread of life.

One: Jesus, you took wine and poured it out, grapes crushed and drained of life.

Many: As you were crushed and drained of your life blood.

One: Jesus, you hung upon a tree and were crucified for us, and yet you looked with compassion on your murderers.

Many: Look too with compassion on we who caused your suffering and your death.

One: On this day we gather to remember Jesus our Savior who loved us and gave himself for us.

Many: We give our thanks and praise to you Jesus Christ; you have carried our sorrows, healed our wounds, and redeemed us from sin and death.

\* OPENING HYMN

*"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*

#284

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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\* TIME OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS FOR MERCY

All: God of Passion, last night around a table we were told to remember your faithfulness and love. On this day of betrayal and death, we also remember those times we have been part of the crowd seeking our best interest over what is right and good. On this day of fear and denial, we remember those times when we choose the path of safety over loyalty to your Way. On this day of despair and loss, we remember the ways we have wandered away from your presence, only to complain that we are

abandoned. God of the Cross, for all the ways we have missed the mark, all the ways we have come up short, forgive us. Renew our healing convictions, restore our call to service, rekindle our flame for justice, that we may once again pick up our cross and follow you. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Even in the face of betrayal and rebellion, even in the face of death and denial, even in the face of fear and despair, God's Grace knows no bounds. We are forgiven, we are called back into relationship, we are set back on the path that leads to the Realm of God.

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!*

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

**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**

**The Denial**

John 18:12, 15-18, 25-27

*Silence*

*Hymn #419: My Faith Looks Up to Thee (verses 1-2)*

**The Arrest and Trials**

John 18:13-14, 19-24

*Silence*

*Hymn #262: Ah, Holy Jesus (verses 1-2)*

**Before Pilate**

John 18:28-40

*Silence*

*Hymn #437: Jesus Loves Me (verse 1)*

**A Death Sentence**

John 19:1-16a

*Silence*

*Hymn #261: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (verses 1-3)*

**The Crucifixion**

**John 19:16b-27**

*Silence*

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

**The Cloak of Death**

**John 19:28-37**

*Silence*

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

**The Burial**

**John 19:38-42**

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*Alleluia!*

*Christ*  
is *Risen*

# United Evangelical United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

6:00 & 10:00 am

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

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

"Prelude on *Christ Arose*"

Innes

### *He is not here*

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

\* GATHERING PRAYER

All: O, Redeeming God, you call us to step out of the tombs that aim to consume us and to step more intentionally into the fullness of life that abounds in your presence. In a world where dreams and joy have been entombed, and chaos is normalized, we admit that we have not always turned to you and the power of resurrection to call forth the ways of peace, love, and hope. On this Easter Day, O God, elevate us in Christ and with the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we may awaken others to your good news that out of the doom of death and despair, victory comes, for nothing, not even death, can separate us from you and your love for us. In the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.

## WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD

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***"He is Risen" The Worship Team  
(10:00 am)***GOSPEL LESSON****Mark 16:1-8****SERMON****Believing in Resurrection****\* HYMN***"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"  
(Tune: HYFRYDOL)***#289****WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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

**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: Go from here knowing the possibilities of victory and glory amidst death and despair. And may the renewing energy of God, the amazing grace of Christ and the wondrous peace of the Holy Spirit go with us.

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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# THE CALLING

*Sermon Series*

**PART I**

*~Acts 5:27-42~*



## **"RISKY BUSINESS"**

# United Evangelical Church, 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.

**April 24, 2022**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**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**

*"Raise a Hallelujah"*

see insert

*"Revelation Song"*

see insert

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

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#### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: God of the visible and invisible, we gaze upon the road before us and find comfort knowing that you go ahead of us. Whether in the clouds or on the roads, whether in sanctuaries or outside church buildings, whether in heaven's realm or cyberspace, you are in our midst. When our hearts are hurting, when our minds are hazy, when we encounter heavy fog over our life, allow us to hear your voice. Clear the path before us. In the depths of darkness, help us to open our souls that we may encounter your warm and calming presence. Show us your face that we may face the future with healing and hope. In the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

Acts 5:27-42

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

Revelations 1:4-8

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

**MUSICAL OFFERING***"By Faith" The Worship Team***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 20:19-31

**SERMON****Risky Business****\* HYMN***"Thine Is the Glory"*

#310

**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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***"Know that My Redeemer Liveth"*

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 Divine Serenity be our companion as we build the realm of God on earth.  
And may the guidance of God, the peace of Christ, and the enfolding arms of the Holy Spirit surround us.

**All: Amen!****\* HYMN***"He Lives"*

#302

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"The Strife is O'er"*

arr. Hustad

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# THE CALLING

*Sermon Series*

**PART II**

*~Acts 9:1-20~*



## **"LED BY THE HAND"**

# United Evangelical Church, 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 1, 2022**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**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 Will Follow"*

see insert

*"Build My Life"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Risen One, you are our ever-present help. In our emptiness, you remind us of your presence. With a love that conquers death, you remind us we are yours. You call us into your ways of justice, ways of peace, and ways of love. We know that we do not always follow your call. Reshape our imaginations so that we learn how to love our neighbor as ourself. Engage us and help us to trade our complacency for your courage, our pettiness for your possibility, and our greed for your goodness. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 9:1-20**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**Revelations 5:11-14**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

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| MUSICAL OFFERING | <i>"Worthy is the Lamb" The Worship Team</i> |              |
| GOSPEL LESSON    |  | John 21:1-19 |
| SERMON           | Led by the Hand                              |              |
| * HYMN           | <i>"Come, Share the Lord"</i>                | #696         |

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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**

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| <b>Musical Reflection</b> | <i>"Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power"</i> | La Feillée |
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| <b>* Doxology</b> |  | #47 |
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*We exalt thee,  
We exalt thee,  
We exalt thee, O Lord.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

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| <b>SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION</b> |  | see insert |
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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 love the world as God has loved us. And may the grace of God, the peace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit go with us and be present among us.

All: Amen.

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| <b>* HYMN</b> | <i>"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"</i> | #295 |
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**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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

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| <b>POSTLUDE</b> | <i>"O Praise the Lord"</i> | Croft |
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# THE CALLING

*Sermon Series*

**PART III**

*~Acts 9:36-43~*



# **"WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP"**

# United Evangelical Church, 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 8, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**10:00 am**

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

## **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.**

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

*"Mighty to Save"*

see insert

*"You Never Let Go"*

see insert

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

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: O God, our Shepherd and Restorer of our souls, we enter into this worshipful gathering trusting you have gathered here with us. We are expectant, O God, that you will guide us by your comforting presence where our worry has weakened our faith. In the face of crisis, in the midst of calamity, in the presence of tribulation, embolden us and revive our spirits. Remind us that your grace is sufficient, so that others will find the unfailing treasure of your love and care through our work and words. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 9:36-43**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**Revelations 7:9-17**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Shepherd Me, O God" The Worship Team*

**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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***"Brother James' Air"*

Bain

**\* 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 knowing that we are led by God, that we are sheltered by God, and that God never leaves nor forsakes us, even in the bleakest valley. And may the sustenance of God, the peace of Christ and the strength of the Holy Spirit abide with us, now and forever more.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN***"Faith of Our Fathers"*

#530

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Trumpet Voluntary"*

Johnson

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# THE CALLING

*Sermon Series*

**PART IV**

*~Acts 11:1-18~*



**"INCLUSION OVER EXCLUSION"**

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## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**May 15, 2022**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**10:00 am**

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

## **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.

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

*"10,000 Reasons"*

see insert

*"Give Me Jesus"*

see insert

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

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Awesome God, basking in your presence, we celebrate your name, your grace, your love in this space with our sisters and brothers. We were given the great commandment to love one another the way you love us. And yet, the way we love becomes conditional. We know that our view of others is distorted at times and we are afraid to love radically. Transform our hearts as we work to understand one another, creating an earth which reflects heaven. May this minute be the start of a new chapter of our love for you and our love for our neighbors. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

Acts 11:1-18

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING**

Revelations 21:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Holy and Anointed One" The Worship Team

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:22-30

SERMON

Inclusion Over Exclusion

\* HYMN

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

#596

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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 Us One"

Paris

**\* 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 dance and sing, celebrating Christ's love. And may the bold grace of God, the radical caring of Christ, and the courageous sharing of the Spirit be with us.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

"Alleluia No. 1"

#291

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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

**POSTLUDE**

"Postlude on *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*"

Jordan

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# THE CALLING

*Sermon Series*

**PART V**

*~Acts 16:9-15~*



**"COLORING OUTSIDE THE LINES"**

# United Evangelical Church, 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 22, 2022**

**Sixth 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.**

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

*"Holy is the Lord"*

see insert

*"Knowing You"*

**#357**

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

**All:** We come to you, welcoming God, for you're our nourishment, our liberation, our wisdom; our home. Even when we turned you away this week, you still choose to make your home among us this morning. Thank you for your grace. As we gather, we know that we have spoken praise with our mouths even if our hearts are far from you. We know we have not yet learned to love as you love. Even in our failings your love has never failed us. God of mercy, shape our every thought. May our actions lead to your justice, may our words be words of life and may your peace dwell within us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

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## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 16:9-15**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"No More Night" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:23-29

SERMON

Coloring Outside the Lines

\* HYMN

*"For the Healing of the Nations"*

#621

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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

*"Shine Jesus Shine"*

Kendrick

\* 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 forth in the love of God, to carry God’s love to the world. And may the peace of God, the healing of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit surround you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Jesus Shall Reign"*

#341

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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POSTLUDE

*"Toccatà in C"*

Bach

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# Discernment of Spirits

## *The Light and The Dark*



*The Light*



*The Dark*

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**May 29, 2022**

**Seventh 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.

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

*"Here I Am to Worship"*

see insert

*"How Great is Our God"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

**All:** Holy Healing One, Righteous Restorer, You have invited us to enter into your presence in order to know you, to bear your justice, and to enter in your truth. We come offering our disconnected lives in return for your unity. In selfishness and insecurity, we have traded your healing for our hatred, your calling for our comfort, your truth for our traditions, your covenant for our conventions, your faithfulness for our fragmentation, your care for our convenience, and your solidarity for our self-righteousness. Speak to us again of your love, that we may know you, and by knowing you, we may once again be made whole. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 16:16-34**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING**

**Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble"  
The Worship Team*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 17:20-26

**SERMON**

**The Light and the Dark: The Discernment of Spirits**

**\* HYMN**

*"Shout for Joy, Loud and Long"*

**#304**

**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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**

*"All Who Are Thirsty"*

**Brown/Robertson**

**\* 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 to make God known. And may the unity of God, the joy of our Healer, and the Spirit of Love go with us.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

**#319**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Postlude on America"*

**Smith**

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# Experiencing The Spirit

*-Senses of the Soul-*

*"Physical Manifestation"*



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## OUR MISSION

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**June 5, 2022**

**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"*

see insert

*"Spirit of God"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Holy Winds of Mystery, as the dawn breaks forth, your Spirit exhales your intentions for our world. As new chapters and eras arise in our lives, we ache for the pains and injustices of this world to cease. Holy Fire, fill our lives with dreams and our hearts with visions, empowering us to create a world of justice and peace. Divine Comforter, encircle us with the peace that comes only from you. Fill our minds with the knowledge that your Spirit will lead us forward, helping us to live as your hope in this world. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

#### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 2:1-21**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:14-17**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Light the Fire" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:8-17, 25-27

SERMON

Physical Manifestation

\* HYMN

*"Gather Us In"*

#649

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD**

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

*"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"*

arr. Johnson

\* 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**

\* SENDING FORTH

One: Let us go with hearts filled with dreams, minds filled with visions, and souls filled with the energy to create the realm of God on earth. May the God of inspiration, the light of Christ and the flame of the Holy Spirit lead us forth.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

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

#480

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"*

Bach

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*Senses  
of  
the  
Soul*



*Hearing  
in  
Spirit*

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June 12, 2022

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.**

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Way Maker"*

see insert

*"Word of God Speak"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Majestic God, Merciful God, Mysterious God, we rejoice at your works. As creation declares your glory, we marvel at your care. Wisdom calls and understanding speaks, and we recognize your voice. We come seeking your guidance, crying out our concerns, needing your peace. Use this time to form us as community. Let our character be shaped toward hope and reflect your peace. Shape us in your Holy Fire, so we are made new. Continue to call us, surprising and delighting us with your magnificence and majesty. May your breath, life, and hope propel us as your body into this world. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

## WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"We Believe" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 16:12-15

SERMON

Hearing in Spirit

\* HYMN

*"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

#136

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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 Nicaea"*

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**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go, in peace and hope, to transform your community and the world to the glory of God. May the God of Life invigorate you. May the God of Peace assure you. May the God of Wind direct you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

#148

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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POSTLUDE

*"Postlude on Nicaea"*

Post

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SEEING THE  
UNSEEN

Psalm 42 & 43

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**June 19, 2022**

**Second 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.

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

*"Blessed Be Your Name"*

see insert

*"Good Good Father"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Holy and Gracious God, as a deer longs for flowing streams of water, our souls reach out to seek you. As deep calls to deep, we call to you, O Living God. We hear you calling us to gather and to hope in your name, for you are aware that fear seeks to be our constant companion. Fear surrounds us and blocks our vision and your path. Too often, we cast off your perfect love in favor of the insidious fear that invites us to believe the easy lie, rather than confront the hard truths necessary for your kin-dom to come. Empower us to reject fear. Ignite sacred courage in us to proclaim the good news of justice from the comfort of the sanctuary to the public witness of the city gates. Inspire and empower us to confront inequities, challenge privilege, and participate in your creative work in our time. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

1 Kings 19:1-15a

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING**

Galatians 3:23-29

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

**MUSICAL OFFERING***"Just as I Am" The Worship Team***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 8:26-39

**SERMON**

Seeing the Unseen

**\* HYMN***"As the Deer"*

#471

**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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***"Rock of Ages"*

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 out into the world encouraged, emboldened and renewed. And may the strength of the Ancient One, the refreshment of the Living Water, and the guiding voice of Wisdom be with you.

All: Amen.

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

#530

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Tuba Tune"*

Lang

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And He will  
raise you up  
on  
eagle's  
wings,



Bear you  
on the  
breath  
of dawn,

Make you to  
shine like the  
sun,

And hold you  
in the  
palm of  
His Hand

# A SERVICE OF MEMORIAL

Diane Lynn Borkman

July 29, 1966 – August 29, 2022

June 23, 2022

5:30 p.m.

\*Indicates to stand as able

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING

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

And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCE

\*OPENING HYMN

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

Insert

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of all comfort and consolation, in your unending love and mercy for us you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Be with us in this hour of prayer that in our sorrow we might know your compassion. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us conquered death, and by rising again restored life. Reassure us that after our life on earth we will be reunited with our brothers and sisters where every tear is wiped away. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

WELCOME

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:13-16

MEDITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

MUSICAL OFFERING  
Thompson

*"Softly and Tenderly"*

Diane Borkman

PRAYER - 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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

\*LITANY OF DEPARTURE

Word of God, we affirm that you are the beginning and end of all life.

**Risen Lord, help us to trust in your promise of life everlasting.**

Lord God, you have promised that our lives will be changed and transformed.

**Gentle Shepherd, death is hard to accept, but help us to understand that life's journey leads to you.**

Source of all goodness, we give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed on Diane in this life.

**Gracious God, help us to recall the joy and warmth of our times together as we prepare to unbind Diane and let her go free.**

Lord Jesus, we recall your command to love and care for one another.

**Crucified Lord, help us to understand that while we love, our love has limits and we cannot do everything we want.**

God of all creation, strengthen us as we release Diane into your hands.

**Merciful Lord, help us to accept this parting and hold us in your love until we meet again.**

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord: let them rest from their labors, for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

**And let perpetual light shine upon her.**

May she rest in peace.

**Amen.**

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*PARTING HYMN**

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

**#438**

**CLOSING OF SERVICE†**

† (Please be seated pausing for a moment of silent communion with God.)

**POSTLUDE**



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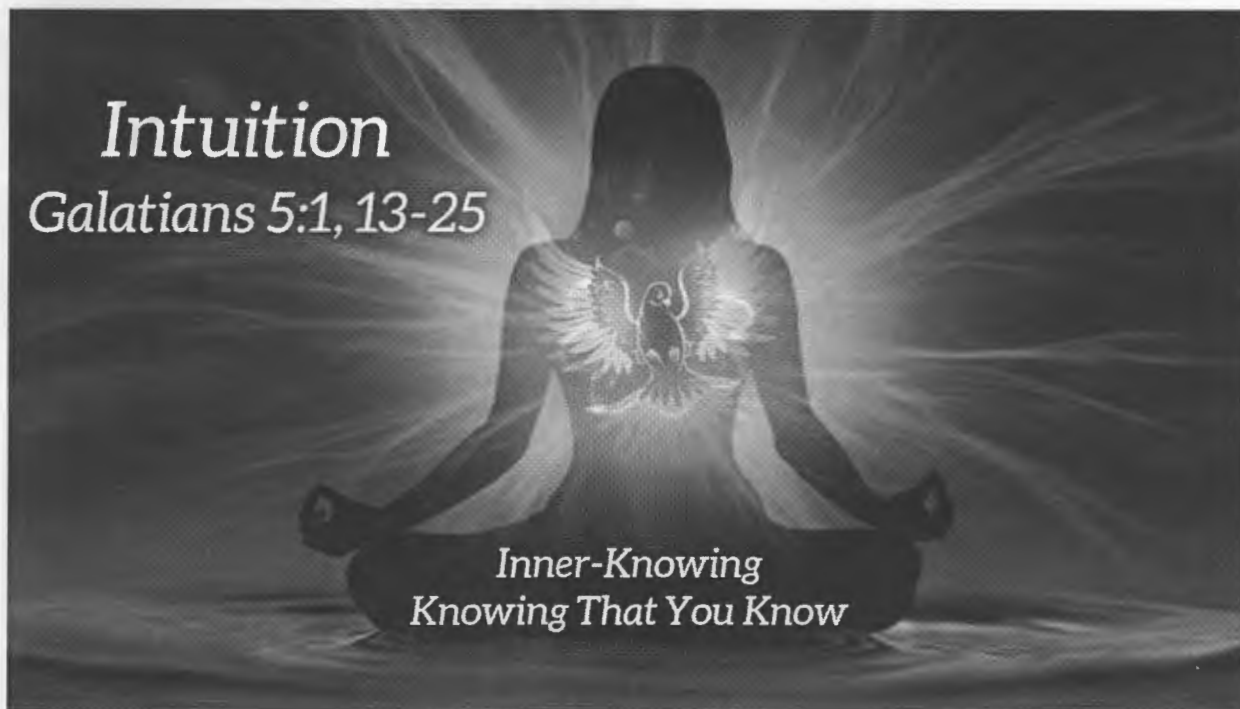
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**Intuition**  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Inner-Knowing  
Knowing That You Know

*If we live by the Spirit,  
let us also be guided by the Spirit.*

*--Galatians 5:25*

# United Evangelical Church, 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 26, 2022**

**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.**

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

*"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

see insert

*"Holy Spirit Rain Down"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Restoring and Freeing God, our souls rejoice and our hearts are gladdened by your presence in our midst. Our very beings find safety and security in you. We approach you with thanksgiving and anticipation of your guidance. For we bind ourselves to societal conventions, norms, and pressure rather than following you and your way. We conform to the values of this world rather than pursue the fruit of the Spirit. Show us the path of life and freedom in you. Enliven us to be your people in the world. Teach us to plant seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Empower us to be your good news. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"In a Servant's Heart" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:51-62

SERMON

Intuition – Feeling with the Spirit

\* HYMN

*"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"*

#132

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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 Calls Us"*

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: As you go into the world, stand firm in the freedom of Christ. Be guided and live by the Spirit. Glorify God by bearing fruit. And may the love, peace and power of the Three in One, go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

#458

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Postlude in C"*

Cappalan

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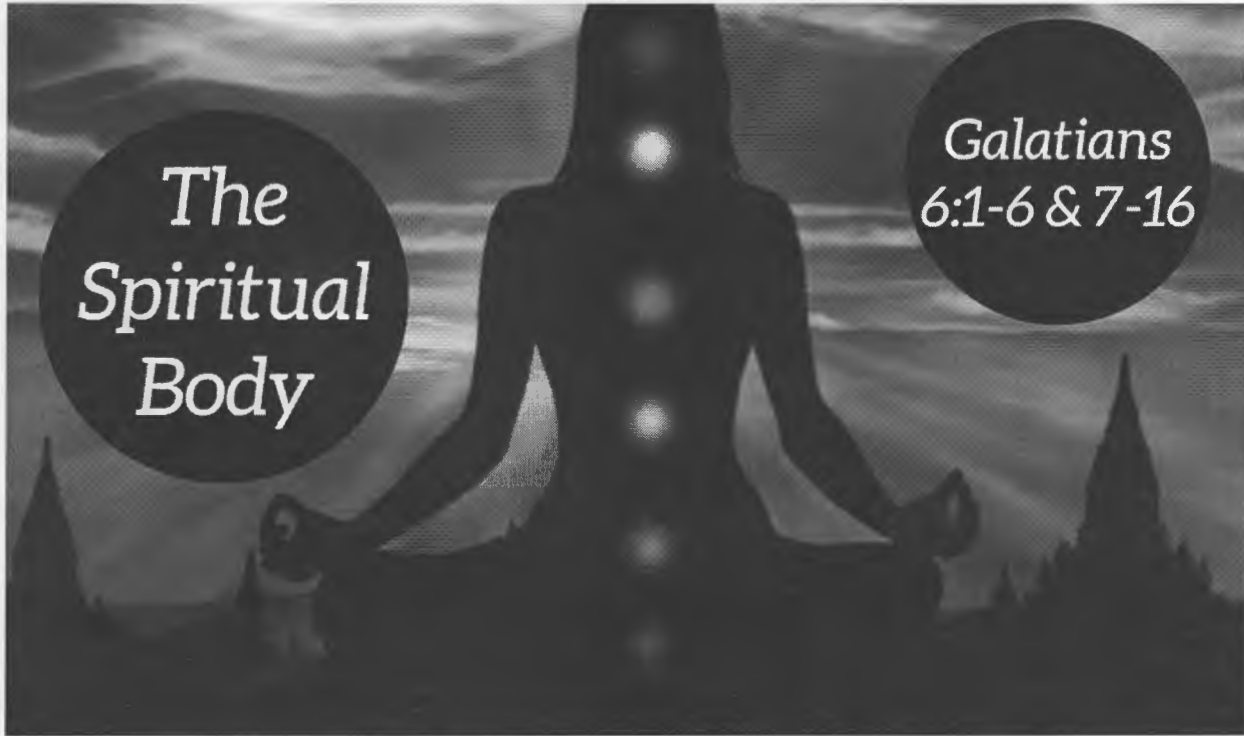
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*If you sow to your own flesh,  
you will reap corruption from the flesh;  
but if you sow to the Spirit,  
you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.*

*--Galatians 6:8*

# United Evangelical Church, 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 3, 2022**

**Fourth 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**

*"O Come to the Altar"*

see insert

*"Holy Spirit"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Spirit of the Living God, we give thanks for your presence among us. The earth rejoices at your awesome works. And creation groans under the pressure of war and environmental abuse. You call us into the world as your agents of restoration and change. You speak to us in the stillness of our rest and the chaos of a frenzied world. You guide us in troubling times. Open all points of receptivity within us as we worship you, Holy and Living God. Stir our souls to action and to rest, that we may walk the path of life, the way of justice and in the hope of peace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

2 Kings 5:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

Galatians 6:1-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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

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: Go as laborers into the harvest, bringing Good News into a world of need. And may the peace of God, the companionship of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit go with you.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN***"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"*

#731

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Postlude on America the Beautiful"*

Smith

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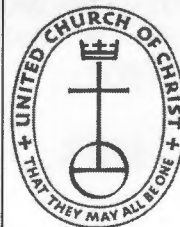
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Luke  
10:25-37



LOVE IN ACTION

See  
Feel  
Respond



*But wanting to justify himself,  
the lawyer asked Jesus,  
"And who is my neighbor?"*

*--Luke 10:29*

# United Evangelical Church, United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**July 10, 2022**

**Fifth 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.**

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

*"Raise a Hallelujah"*

see insert

*"Mighty to Save"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: God of salvation, we lift our souls to you. Make your presence known to us as we gather before you. You are the Foundation upon which we build. And yet too often we measure ourselves not against your precepts, but by the standards of this world. We acknowledge that we embrace complacency and comfort over following your vision of beloved community and liberation. In trust, we wait on you to speak, to reveal and to send. Lead us in your truth with mercy and righteousness. Fortify us with all truth and strengthen us with your abundant love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Amos 7:7-17**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**Colossians 1:1-14**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER**

**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD**

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**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***"Purify My Heart"*

Doerksen

**\* 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 bear fruit in every good work as we grow in the knowledge of God.  
And may the wisdom of God, the peace of Christ and the strength of the Holy Spirit go with us.

**All: Amen.****\* HYMN***"The Summons"*

#350

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Trumpet Tune"*

Swan

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**Spiritual  
Distraction**

**Luke 10:38-42**

*Martha, Martha,  
you are worried and distracted  
by many things;*

*--Luke 10:41b*

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## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**July 17, 2022**

**Sixth 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.**

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

*"How Can I Keep from Singing"*

see insert

*"Give Me Jesus"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: We gather in spirit and truth to worship you, Holy One. We come to give thanks for your abiding and faithful love. Like green olive trees, we need your care and nurture. Prune us of bitterness and resentment, jealousy and comparison, apathy and indifference. Plant seeds of wisdom, inspiration, and discernment today, for more abundance tomorrow. Divine Gardener, fertilize our soil and refresh us with your living water. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Amos 8:1-12**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**Colossians 1:15-28**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER**

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

**Luke 10:38-42**

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD**


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**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

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

**\* 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: Let us go to make known the wonders of God, to share the hope of God, and to spread the love of God. And may the sustenance of the Creator, the grace of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit propel us.

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

#408

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

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# Prayer Life

## Persistence & Consistence

*For everyone who asks receives, and  
everyone who searches finds, and  
for everyone who knocks,  
the door will be opened.*

*Luke 11:10*

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## OUR MISSION

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**July 24, 2022**

**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.

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

*"Good Good Father"*

see insert

*"Way Maker"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

**All:** We rejoice in you, Holy One. We come open to the possibilities made new by your love. We turn toward you for strength and guidance to turn away from the norms of this world and the appeal of comfort over justice. Embolden us to believe that another world is possible and empower us to participate in its creation. Revive us, O God, make us alive in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Hosea 1:2-10**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING**

**Colossians 2:6-19**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

### **SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER**

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

**Luke 11:1-13**

**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD**

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

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**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***"Seek Ye First"*

Lafferty

**\* 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, revived, as ambassadors of compassion in the world. And may the glory of God, the peace of Christ, and the hope of the Holy Spirit, go with us.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN***"Come and Find the Quiet Center"*

#477

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"The Church's One Foundation"*

arr. Innes

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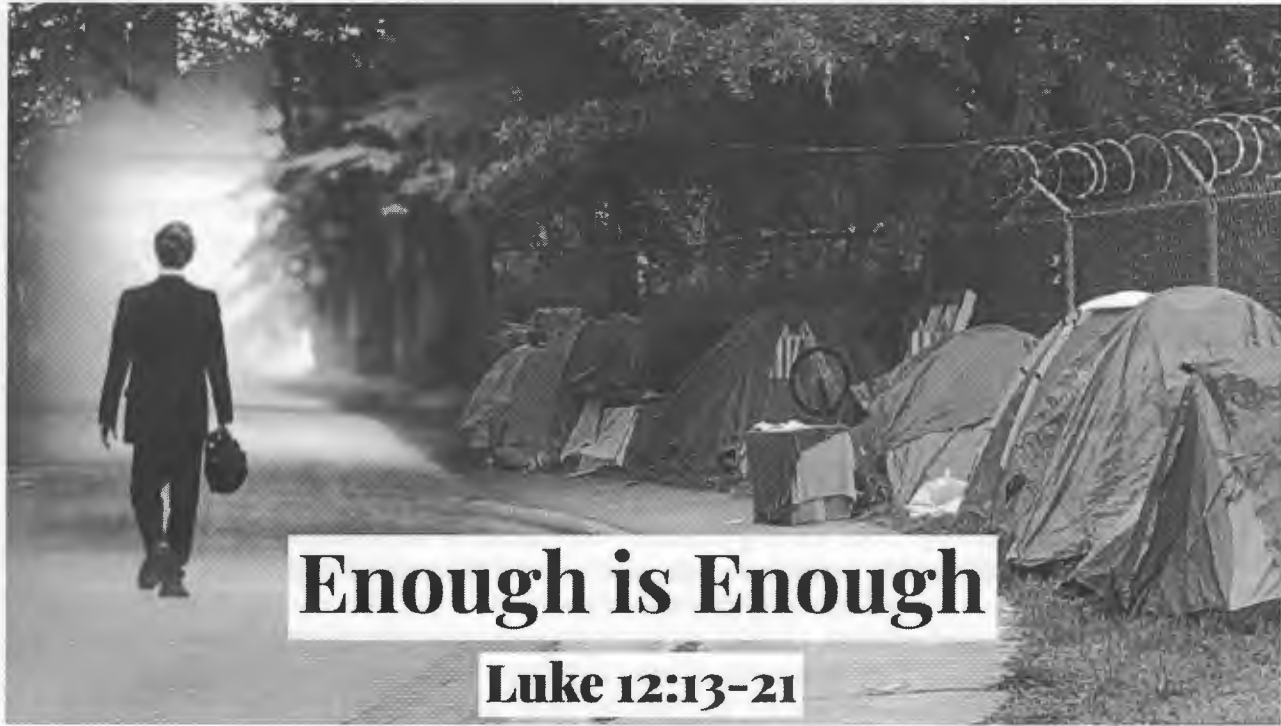
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## **Enough is Enough**

**Luke 12:13-21**

And the things you have prepared,  
whose will they be?

--Luke 12:20b

# United Evangelical Church, United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**July 31, 2022**

**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.**

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

*"How Great is Our God"*

see insert

*"Just As I Am"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: O Loving God, you gather us from the east and the west, from the north and from the south to be in your midst this morning. You have knit us together wonderfully. Your abiding presence has guided us with love. We know we are guilty of turning away from you, and toward the path to destruction and discord. We have judged our neighbor rather than love them. We cry out to you, O God, with contrite hearts. Lead us on the right path. Ease our distress and meet our needs in the time of trouble. Clothe us in love and compassion, and continually fashion us as your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

Hosea 11:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

Colossians 3:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER**

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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**

"Change My Heart, O God"

Espinosa

**\* 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: As we have known God’s gracious love, may we embody God’s abundant love by pursuing liberty for all, and showing kindness to all creation. And may the mystery of God, the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit go with us.

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

"Take My Life, and Let it Be"

#466

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Karg-Elert

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# **SPIRITUAL INVESTMENTS**

**-Faith and Energy-**

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

***By faith we understand...  
that what is seen was made  
from things that are not visible.***

***--Hebrews 11:3***

# United Evangelical Church, United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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**August 7, 2022**

**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.

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

*"Seek Ye First"*

**#349**

*"Do It Again"*

see insert

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

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Abundant God, our souls wait with longing, hope, and anticipation for your fresh winds and new mercies. You are our help and shield in this unjust and violent world. Help us to see the world of abundance you have created; and help us to be generous and creative with what you have bestowed upon us. Reveal our miserly attitudes toward the resources you have entrusted to our care. Sow generosity in us, and enable it to flow through us, that we may be your ambassadors. May your love be our propeller by which we navigate this world. Fill us with the bread of life and nourish our spirits to be your good news in the world. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

SERMON

Spiritual Investments

\* HYMN

*"As We Gather at Your Table"*

#695

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WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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

*"Whiter Than Snow"*

Fischer

\* 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 to live in the abundance of God's Kingdom treasure. And may the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the creativity of the Holy Spirit go with us.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"The Church of Christ in Every Age"*

#623

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

*"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"*

Frescobaldi

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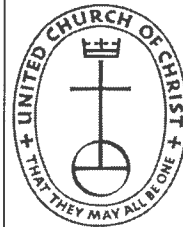
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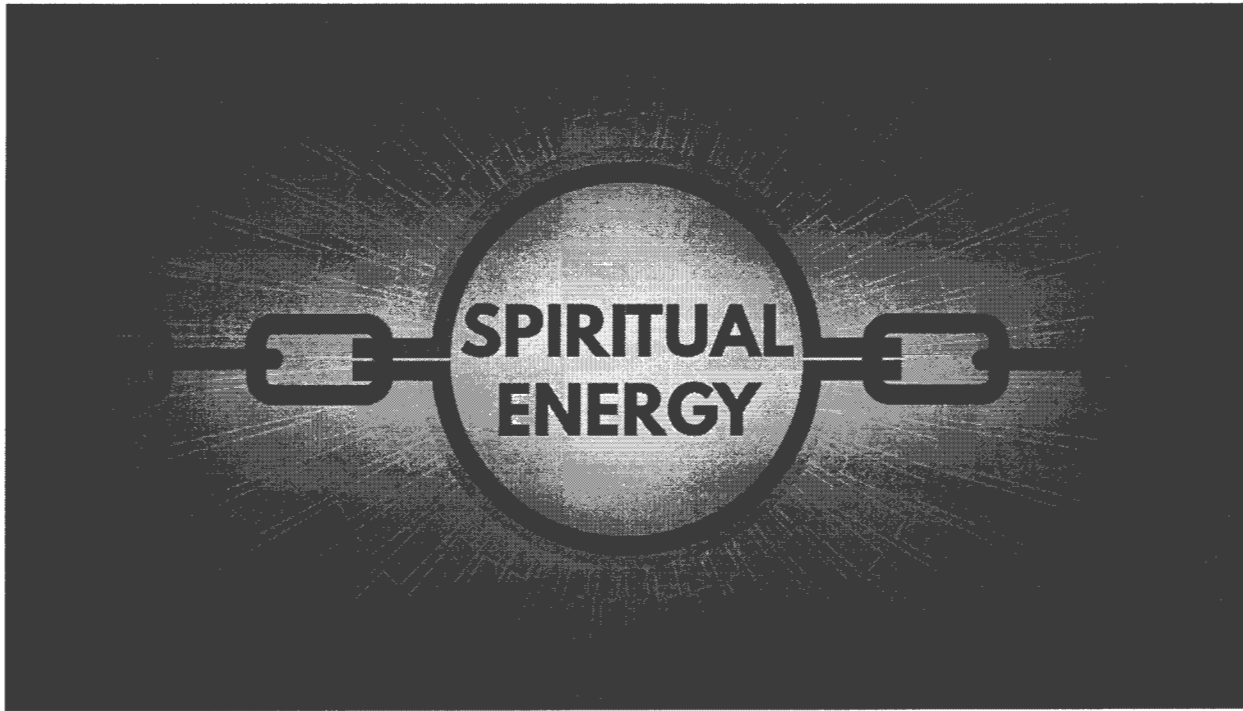
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*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."*

*~Hebrews 12:1*

# United Evangelical Church, 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.

**August 14, 2022**

**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.

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

*"Raise a Hallelujah"*

see insert

*"Holy Ground"*

#654

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

**All:** We come, O God, to be replanted in your Holy Ground. Our hope and weariness are mixed together; so we come, trusting ancient promises. We know that you plant us in a gifted place, but often we return sour grapes. In the midst of your abundance, we complain of not having enough or being enough. Your call to justice we easily overlook or ignore. We are uprooted by our own inaction, selfishness, and fear. Loving and Gracious God, re-root our hearts, our minds, and our lives in the soil of your forgiving love. Plant us deep so that your living water might rise in us, restoring and renewing us. Take every fragment of our lives and fashion a new creation. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

Isaiah 5:1-7

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**Many:** Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING**

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:49-56

SERMON

Spiritual Energy

\* HYMN

"Grace Alone"

#436

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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 sing a song of healing and hope; of justice and joy, which God has planted within you. And may the blessing of God, the strength of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

\* **HYMN**

"How Firm a Foundation"

#411

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

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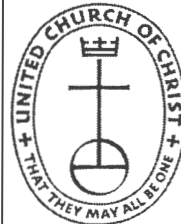
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# DELIVERANCE

LUKE 13:10-17

And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit  
that had crippled her for eighteen years...  
When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said,  
"Woman, you are set free from your ailment."

~Luke 13:11a & 13:12

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## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**August 21, 2022**

**Eleventh 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.**

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

*"Our God is Greater"*

see insert

*"Step by Step"*

**#494**

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Tender God, we delight ourselves in your presence and give thanks. You are the one who has placed us in the womb and called us forth to build and to plant. We rejoice in knowing that our steps are guided by you, and that you are reliable. Lord, too often we have been afraid to speak out against the injustices of this world. Deliver us from fear and let your love have its way in us. Teach us how to do your work in this world. Embolden us to speak your truth to power and let the power of your truth always be evident in us. In Christ's name we pray.  
Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**Hebrews 12:18-29**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:10-17

SERMON

Deliverance

\* HYMN

*"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"*

#638

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WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

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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

\* 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 from this sacred space fearlessly, for God's word is in you. Go to build beloved community wherever you roam. And may the love of God, the faith of Christ, and the hope of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Be Still, My Soul"*

#451

CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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POSTLUDE

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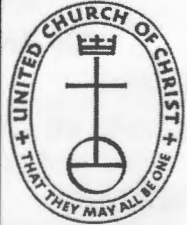
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One

UNFAILING

Love

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

*Let mutual love continue...*

*Jesus Christ is the same  
yesterday and today and forever.*

*~ Hebrews 13:1 & 8*

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## OUR MISSION

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August 28, 2022

Twelfth 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.**

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Build My Life"*  
*"I Love You, Lord"*

see insert  
#85

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God, we come to this gathering of community where there are no barriers, because you have invited us. We come to receive your hospitality and caring for each one of us and to learn from you how to offer such a welcome to strangers, and those whose faces are unfamiliar to us. Help us to see others as you do. Slow us down so that our busyness doesn't get in the way of recognizing the brothers and sisters you place in our path. Show us how to use the gifts you have given us to bless all your people. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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### SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON

One Unfailing Love

\* HYMN

"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

#99

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WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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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Call for the Offering

Musical Reflection

\* Doxology

#47

*We exalt thee,*

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*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: As you go, may you be blessed with peace when you sit at fine tables of welcome and when you spread a picnic blanket. And may the God who loves, the Christ who invites, and the Spirit who nudges, go with you.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

#82

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Thus says the LORD:  
Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you  
and devising a plan against you."

~Jeremiah 18:11b & c

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**September 4, 2022**

**Thirteenth 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.**

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

*"I Will Follow"*

see insert

*"Good, Good Father"*

see insert

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

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Loving Creator, Maker of everything good, like clay we enter this time of worship. We are in your hands; shapeless and full of potential. We know that sometimes we resist the ways you try to shape us. We struggle to trust in your vision for who we could become. Today we come prepared to be stretched and twisted into a vessel for you. Mend our broken places and form us into the people you would have us be. In Christ we pray. Amen.

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## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 18:1-11**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**Philemon 1:1-21**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER**

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

**Luke 14:25-33**

SERMON

"Is it God?"

\* HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

#689

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WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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

"Change My Heart, O God"

Espinosa

\* Doxology

#47

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\* 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: As we go from here, may God continue to reform and reshape us into our truest self. And may the gentleness of God, the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit guide our going.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

#665

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POSTLUDE

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

Frescobaldi

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# That One Sheep...

*"Love & Awareness"*

Luke 15:1-10

Jesus leaving to find that one sheep seems crazy until you or someone you love is that sheep.

--Anonymous

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## OUR MISSION

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**September 11, 2022**

**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.

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

*"Morning Has Broken"*

**#35**

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

**All:** O Holy Wind of God, we gather this morning in hopes that you will sweep through our lives, pausing us in your presence and slowing our breathless pace. Still us into wholeness and hope, that the blistering wind of life not have the last word. Refine in us a renewed willingness to bear gracious goodness into the chaos of the world. Let our memories on this day call forth an alternative to the easy response of violence for violence. Form instead a steady commitment to return love in the face of fear, hope in the midst of despair, and mercy for every brokenness of the world's design. By this, form anew the heart and mind of Christ in us, here, now, today. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING**

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

### **SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER**

**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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**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****LITANY PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11/2001**

see insert

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forth, strengthened to do the work of Christ, sharing peace with justice, offering forgiveness building community; and inviting others to embark the journey into abundant life for all. Know that the God who created you, the Christ who redeems you and the Spirit who empowers you will be with you this day and ever more.

All: Amen.

\* **HYMN**

"Amazing Grace"

#422

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*DISHONESTY*  
*Luke 16:1-13*

And whoever  
is dishonest  
in a very little  
is dishonest  
also in much.

~Luke 16:10b

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## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**September 18, 2022**

**Fifteenth 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.**

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

*"Indescribable"*

see insert

*"Word of God Speak"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Giver of Life, we are thankful that we can come to you any time. We rejoice in knowing that you walk with us whether the road is rough or smooth, and that you feel what we feel; our joys and our pains are yours too. We know that sometimes our goals don't align with yours, and we get lost. At times, we have pursued power, knowledge, and wealth instead of you, who are the source of all. We know that you are the balm we need, and we turn ourselves towards you. You are steadfast in your love and justice. Help us to be the same, help us to be a balm to others as you are to us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

1 Timothy 2:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Jesus Messiah" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:1-13

SERMON

Dishonesty

\* HYMN

*"There Is a Balm in Gilead"*

#631

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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**

*"Take My Life and Let it Be"*

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**

\* **SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forth in the wholeness of God’s steadfast love to share the balm that you have received. And may the God of love, the Christ of truth and the Spirit of power go with you.

All: Amen.

\* **HYMN**

*"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

#688

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Postlude in C"*

Cappalan

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THE GOSPEL

THE EPISTLE

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LUKE 16:19-31

# THE CHASM WITHIN

*Between you and us  
a great chasm has been fixed...*

*~Luke 16:26b*

# United Evangelical Church, 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.

**September 25, 2022**

**Sixteenth 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.

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

*"How Great is Our God"*

see insert

*"Amazing Grace"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

**All:** We come to this place and time, O God of promise, to listen for you whisper your blessing of good news over our lives, just as you did to Jeremiah. For at times, we have defaulted to discouragement instead of the hope that we have in you. We have chosen criticism, instead of circulating the joy of our salvation. Make us redeemers in your world, not just receivers of redemption. Help us to share the abundant life that you have given us, with all people we encounter. May this earthenware jar called the church become a house of hope and a vineyard of great caring. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING**

**1 Timothy 6:6-19**

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

SERMON

The Chasm Within

\* HYMN

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

#123

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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

*"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**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go from here with God’s blessing to bring a glimpse of freedom to all who are confined. May the love of God, the peace of Christ and the comfort of the Holy Spirit undergird your steps.

All: Amen.

\* HYMN

*"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"*

#513

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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POSTLUDE

*"Festival Toccata"*

Fletcher

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# Stone Walling The Spirit



"Rekindling the  
Authentic Self"

*...I remind you to rekindle the  
gift of God  
that is within you...*

*~2 Timothy 1:6*

# United Evangelical Church, 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 2, 2022

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

### 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.**

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"O Come To The Altar"*

see insert

*"The Heart of Worship"*

see insert

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God-made-flesh, Bone of our bone, meet us here with all our questions and insecurities. We think we can go it alone, that we can do it all. Challenge our knowledge and certainties, and remind us that in you we are one body. Transform our beliefs and perceptions, and awaken in us a respect for one another. Influence our commitments and actions. Let our worship uncover clearer understandings and stronger connections to you. Increase our faith so that we can unleash fresher possibilities in our lives and in your church. In you, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Lamentations 1:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

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| MUSICAL OFFERING | <i>"Come to the Table of Grace" The Worship Team</i> |              |
| GOSPEL LESSON    |  | Luke 17:5-10 |
| SERMON           | <b>Rekindling the Authentic Self</b>                 |              |
| * HYMN           | <i>"With the Body That Was Broken"</i>               | #691         |

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD**

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

**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** *"Thy Table I Approach"* **Bender**

**\* 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: As we leave this sacred space, may we live out our connection with one another, knowing that all humanity is bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh; one world in communion. And may the mystery of God, the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit shape everything we say and do.

**All: Amen!**

**\* HYMN** *"Now Let Us From This Table Rise"* **#715**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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

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Stone  
Walling  
The  
Spirit

Luke 17:11-19

"Were not ten made clean?  
But the other nine,  
where are they?"

~Luke 17:17b

# United Evangelical Church, United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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October 9, 2022

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.**

### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Mighty to Save"*

see insert

*"Give Thanks"*

#359

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## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: Loving God, we come to pause in this place; to find refuge from a life that pulls us in so many different directions. We come trusting your mercy to center and change us. For too long we have clutched the past in ways that have prevented the possibility of moving forward. Boundaries of our own making have kept us resistant to your healing mercy. Definitions of the world's making have created divisions preventing the possibility of a new day, a new season, a new life. Merciful Lord, form within us a space for healing and enter in anew. Shape our hearts for healing, our minds for mending, and our souls for sharing. May our lives become songs of thanksgiving and praise so that others too may discover your amazing power to make all things new! In the Healing Christ we pray. Amen.

## WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD

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### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Oh Lord, You're Beautiful"* The Worship Team

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

SERMON

I Ain't Got Time for That

\* HYMN

*"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

#96

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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**

*"People Need the Lord"*

Nelson/McHugh

\* **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, my friends, because the mercy of God has freed us from our past. Go, because the mercy of God calls us forward into the world. Go, because the blessing of mercy we offer to others will lighten the burden they are carrying. Go, and may the mercy of God, the healing of Christ, and the joy of the Spirit carry us forth.

All: Amen.

\* **HYMN**

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

#72

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Toccatà in C"*

Bach

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"The Three-  
Legged Sack  
Race"

Luke 18:1-8

**Grant me justice  
against my opponent.**

**~Luke 18:3b**

# United Evangelical Church, United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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October 16, 2022

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.**

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

*"Raise a Hallelujah"*

see insert

*"Do It Again"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Eternal God, we come lifting our praise to you, knowing that you hear us. You are ever listening and bid us to come and experience your love. We know that justice is an aspect of your love; and you persist in love and justice for us and all people. You are just toward us even when we are not. We want to persist in love and justice too. We know that we can trust you, so we yield our hearts and minds to you. Enable us to be steadfast in our hope as we work alongside you to ensure those who need justice receive it. Help us to see how things can be when we are open to your Spirit. In Christ we pray. Amen.

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## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 31:27-34

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Refresh My Heart" The Worship Team*

**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD**

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

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**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***"Change My Heart, O God"*

Espinosa

**\* 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 persist in prayer, knowing that you are heard. Go to add your voice with those who cry out for justice. Go to take the actions to ensure justice prevails. Go, for God the Creator, Christ the Savior and the Spirit of power go with you.

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

#559

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Break Forth into Joy"*

Bach

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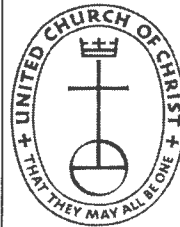
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# Stone Walling The Spirit

Luke 18:9-14

"Judge  
and The  
Jury Too"

God, I thank you that I am not like other  
people: thieves, rogues, adulterers,  
or even like this tax collector.

I fast twice a week;  
I give a tenth of all my income.

~Luke 18:11b & 12

# United Evangelical Church, 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 23, 2022

Twentieth 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.**

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

*"Just As I Am"*

see insert

*"Good, Good Father"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: God of Hope and Faith, we come seeking a deeper way with you. For the life of faith rises and falls, and sometimes doubt creeps in. Doubt leads to uncertainty and uncertainty can lead to a lack of trust. Help us to know that when we fall into doubt and uncertainty, we do not travel this road of faith alone. You are with us, every step of the way; and we are part of a great fellowship of saints. Holy Spirit give us endurance and strength for the journey until uncertainty leads us to new faith, new hope; new trust. Move us from thoughts and prayers to action that brings lasting change. Help us to become Living Hope to others. In Christ Jesus our Lord, who became one of us, who became our Living Hope, we pray. Amen.

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## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

Joel 2:23-32

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Shout to the North" The Worship Team*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:9-14

## SERMON

Judge and The Jury Too

## \* HYMN

*"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"*

#31

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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"*

Doane

\* **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: The road is long, but the journey is worth it. Go to join others on the journey of faith, to be a community of living hope, sharing the Good News of God’s Love. May the God of Wisdom, the Christ of Mercy and the Spirit of Wonder go with us.

All: Amen.

\* **HYMN**

*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

#496

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Prelude in C"*

Bach

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Stone  
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The  
Spirit

"Fear-struck"

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous  
live by their faith.

~Habakkuk 2:4b

# United Evangelical Church, 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 30, 2022

Twenty-first 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.

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

*"The Way"*

see insert

*"Scars"*

see insert

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

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: We come from many places to worship you in this sacred space, Jesus. We come bringing our whole self and our gifts as we welcome you into our hearts, minds and worship. Transform us, O God, and let us be transformed by each other so that we might perceive your presence among us ever more clearly. Help us to see the opportunities that you place before us to share your love in our homes and in our world. Empower us to influence the things we can so our transformation will radiate out beyond what we can imagine. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING**

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" The Worship Team*

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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**

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Hopson

**\* 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: May the God of Vision bless you in your coming and going. May the God of Presence bless you in your welcoming and inviting. May the God of Energy bless you in your doing and being. And may God, who is Three in One, bless you in your now and forever.

**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**

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

arr. Hustad

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# Stone Walling The Spirit

"Arrogance"

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

*He opposes and exalts himself above every  
so-called god or object of worship,  
so that he takes his seat in the temple of God,  
declaring himself to be God.*

*~2 Thessalonians 2:4*

# United Evangelical Church, 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 6, 2022**

**Twenty-second 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.**

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

*"Spirit of God"*

see insert

*"How Beautiful"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Loving God, we gather with joys and sorrows, with happiness and heartbreak. We gather, not only to remember the past, but to be present in this place today, so we may be honest before you and honest about our faith. God, we know that sometimes we are more engaged with how our church looks or the technology it uses, than the needs of each person who enters or the needs of so many just outside the door. Living God, breathe your Spirit in us and move in us. Teach us how to be truly supportive of one another. Call us into the work of justice, the work of peace, the work of restoration and lead us in new paths to bring healing to the world. May we who are blessed by this church, bless others. And may those bless others until an ever-expanding circle of love radiates from this place. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Haggai 1:15b-2:9**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

**MUSICAL OFFERING***"Today is the Day" The Worship Team***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 20:27-38

**SERMON**

Arrogance

**\* HYMN***"Come, Share the Lord"*

#696

**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –THE LORD’S PRAYER****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 Broken Bread in Our Hands"*

Weston Priory

**\* 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: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

All: Amen!

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

#589

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE***"Christ, the Lamb of God"*

Bach

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Stone  
Walling  
The  
Spirit

"An Idle Life"

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

For we hear that some of you  
are living in idleness,  
mere busybodies,  
not doing any work.

~2 Thessalonians 3:11

# United Evangelical Church, United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

We seek to continue Jesus' mission of: Reaching out. Embracing everyone. Enriching all.  
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**November 13, 2022**

**Twenty-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.**

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

*"Revelation Song"*

see insert

*"Way Maker"*

see insert

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: Eternal Wisdom, there is no wavering in you. You welcome us into your presence, and we come boldly, even when we aren't sure of our approach to you. We can be indecisive, wavering, and even suspicious concerning you. Yet, because you are love, you keep your promises to us; you are loving toward us even when we are not. We know you are trustworthy, so we yield our doubts to you. When we come stumbling over ourselves, pick us up and steady us. Teach us to walk unwavering in the love that helps us keep our promises too. Fountain of truth, reveal what is true and what is not, open our eyes and our ears so we'll know which road to travel. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 65:17-25**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"I Will Boast" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:5-19

SERMON

An Idle Life

\* HYMN

*"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"*

#519

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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**

*"My Lord, What a Morning"*

Spiritual

\* **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: Brothers and Sisters, as you depart this space, may you not grow weary in doing what is right. And may the heart of God, the mind of Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit be in you.

All: Amen.

\* **HYMN**

*"When Peace Like a River"*

#428

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Trumpet Tune"*

Swan

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**Be still,  
and know that  
I am God!**

**~Psalm 46:10a**

# United Evangelical Church, United Church of Christ

## OUR MISSION

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**November 20, 2022**

**Reign of Christ 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.**

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

*"Soon and Very Soon"*

**#523**

*"Well Done"*

see insert

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

### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: O God, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Though many forces have scattered us in various ways, we will not fear, for you are the One who loves and covers us. As we celebrate another day that you have kept us, we give thanks that you have made a world full of beauty and bounty. In this season of Thanksgiving, may our gratitude to you flourish in our acts of kindness to one another. May our way of life conform to your intention for us – to care for the earth and its creatures, to love our neighbors and meet their needs, and to build the beloved community here on earth as it is in heaven. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**Colossians 1:11-20**

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"The Power of the Cross" The Worship Team*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23:33-43

SERMON

Together In Christ

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD**

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**TOTENFEST LITANY PRAYER**

see insert

**\* HYMN**

*"Be Still My Soul"*

**#451**

**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: May you experience God's goodness in your coming, going, and staying. May you witness God's activity in your work, play, and world at large. May you feel God's presence in your life, relationships, and self. May you know God's love, Christ's peace, and the Spirit's freedom, now and forever more.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"For All the Saints"*

**#529**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Fantasy on Sine Nomine"*

arr. White

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# HOPE

...hope of all the earth thou art.

# 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 27, 2022**

**First 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.**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*"Here I Am to Worship"*

see insert

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

#154

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

#### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: God of promise, we gather in this season of Advent anticipating hope, praying for peace, attempting to cultivate joy and share love amidst commotion, grief, despair and uncertainty. We call on you in this hour of worship even though you need no invocation, for you are already and always with us. You have always been Emmanuel, even before the child was born. Stimulate our faith, dear God when we forget that you are our hope. Help us to open our hearts to receive the gifts your Spirit brings during this season of Advent. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

### **TIME OF REFLECTION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

All: "Come, let us go up to the mountain, to the house of God, so that we can be taught God's way and go on God's path." (Isaiah 2:3-5 paraphrase)

One: What do you hope for in the new world?

4 Voices: I hope for a future that is more amazing than anything I could ever imagine.

I hope for the healing of creation.

I hope for good mental health and wellness.

I hope for a world where everyone seeks the good.

**All:** Advent is the beginning of this new world, a better world, where we can dare to hope boldly.

One: May it be so.

*The First Advent candle is lit.*

**All:** Amen.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 2:1-5

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God

### SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Waiting Here for You" The Worship Team*

### GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44

### SERMON

Walk of Hope

### \* HYMN

*"All Earth is Hopeful"*

#163

## WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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

#744

*Amen, Amen, A—men.*

### 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

**GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

**\* SENDING FORTH**

One: Go forth with anticipation, trusting that God will bless and keep you; that Christ's face will shine upon you, and that the Holy Spirit will never leave you.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

**#153**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Savior of the Nations Come"*

**Bach**

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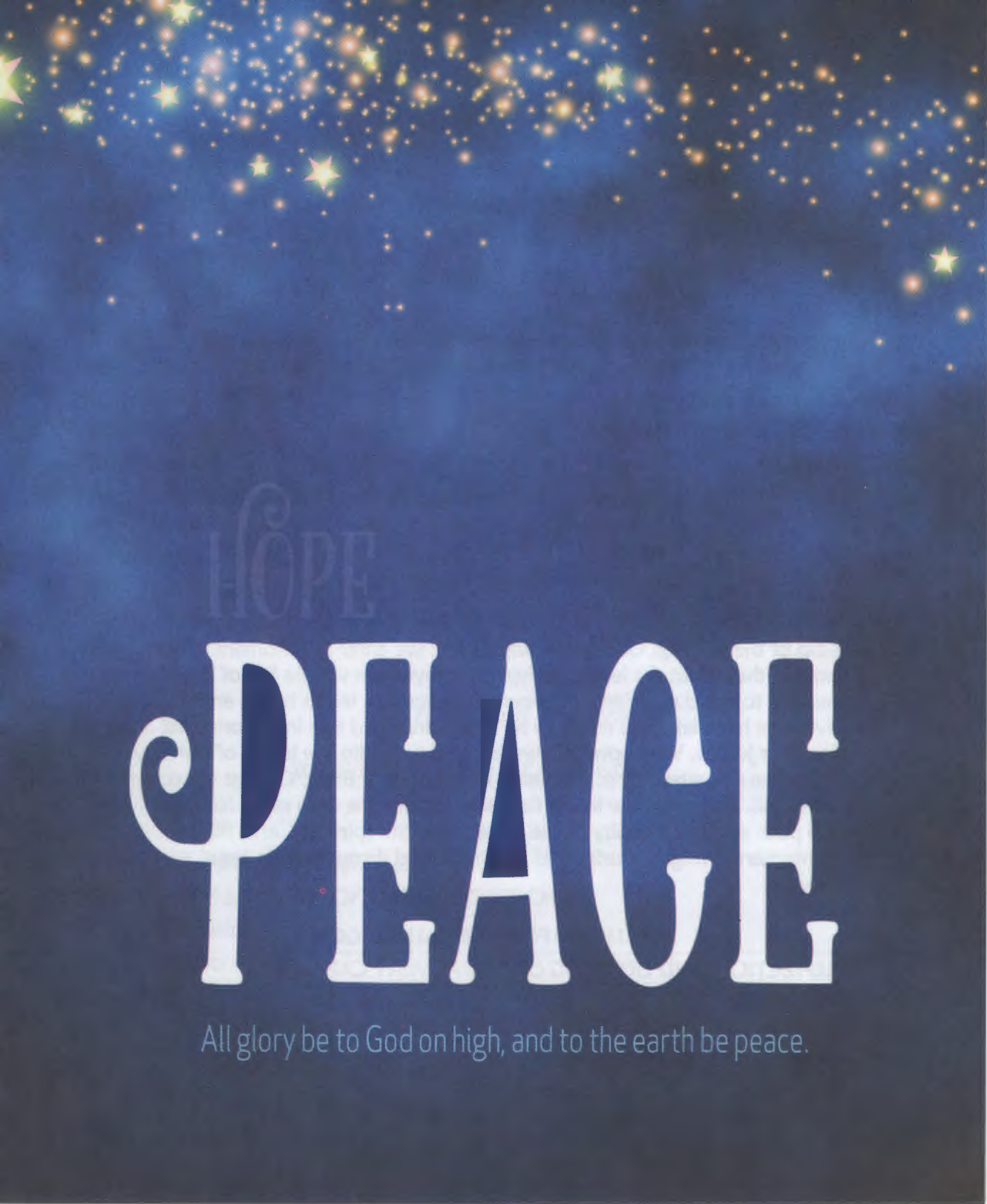
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HOPE

# PEACE

All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace.

# 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 4, 2022

Second 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.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* TIME OF PRAISE

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

#232

*"O Day of Peace"*

#539

## WE COME BEFORE A FORGIVING GOD

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#### \* GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of the waiting; God of the wanderers; we enter this moment of worship hoping that when we leave this hour of prayer, we will be full of the courage needed to stand as a signal for your righteousness. In the hustle and bustle of our lives, we have left little room to be your hands and feet in a world that is longing for your justice. We know that we have relaxed into the layers of our privilege, and have not attended to the needs of the least of these. Give us the courage to stand tall, and to follow in the footsteps of the One who came to secure justice for the poor and bring equity to the meek. May the Spirit of Christ fill us, so that righteousness might flourish and peace abound through us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD

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### TIME OF REFLECTION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*The candle of Hope is re-lit*

All: "The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them." (Isaiah 11:6)

One: What does peace look like in the new world?

**3 Voices:** Peace looks like a flowing river where every living thing has what they need to flourish.

Peace looks like a place where those who are weak are not afraid of those who are strong.

Peace looks like good conversations around big tables.

**All:** Advent is the beginning of this new world, a better world, where we can boldly build a good life together.

One: May it be so.

*The candle of Peace is lit.*

**All: Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!** #154

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 11:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING**

Romans 15:4-13

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Come Emmanuel" The Worship Team*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 3:1-12

**SERMON**

**Rest in Peace**

**\* HYMN**

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

#190

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

#744

*Amen, Amen, A—men. Amen, Amen, A—men.*

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

**Call for the Offering**

**Musical Reflection**

*"A Lovely Rose 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**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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### GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD

#### \* SENDING FORTH

One: Let us go forth knowing that we are led by God, held by God, and loved by God. And may the glory of God, the humility of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit dwell with us now and forever more.

All: Amen.

#### \* HYMN

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

#156

#### CLOSING OF WORSHIP †

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#### POSTLUDE

*"Now Come the Savior of the Nations"*

Bach

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HOPE & PEACE

# JOY

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

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**December 11, 2022**

**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.**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*"The King of Glory Comes"*

**#159**

*"Mary, Did You Know?"*

**#192**

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

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### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

All: O God of Mary, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Rahab — our souls magnify you! Our spirits rejoice in you, O Savior! We enter this moment of worship with eager anticipation. You are the One who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. We come knowing that we have put limits on the ways we love, excluding those who need our loving kindness the most. God, when we have lost our way, show us yours. Guide us to the hope in you that will renew our strength. Lead us to your peace that transcends all understanding. Fill us with a joy we can only experience in your presence. Remind us that you have always loved us with an everlasting love, so that we may share that love with others. In the Coming Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **TIME OF REFLECTION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

*The candles of Hope and Peace are relit*

All: "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting." (Isaiah 35:1-2)

One: What does joy feel like in the new world?

**4 Voices:** Joy feels like everlasting love.  
Joy feels like the freedom to be who God created me to be.  
Joy feels like sharing love and kindness.  
Joy feels like pride.

**All:** Advent is the beginning of this new world, a better world, where joy boldly bubbles up in unexpected places.

One: May it be so.

*The candle of Joy is lit*

**All:** *Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!* #154

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 35:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING** James 5:7-10

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God

**MUSICAL OFFERING** *"Light of the Stable" The Worship Team*

**GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 11:2-11

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN** The Joy of Mary

**\* HYMN** *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"* #198

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**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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** #744

*Amen, Amen, A—men. Amen, Amen, A—men.*

**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 with great expectations for what God yet will do. And may God's mercy fill us, may Christ's grace surround us and may the Holy Spirit lead us.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Long Ago, Prophets Knew"*

**#167**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Savior of the Nations Come"*

**Bach**

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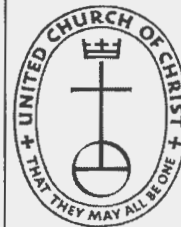
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HOPE \* PEACE \* JOY

LOVE

O how lovely, O how pure,  
gracious gift to human kind!

# United Evangelical Church, 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

**December 18, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**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.

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*"Shine On Us"*

see insert

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

see insert

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

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#### **\* GATHERING PRAYER**

**All:** God of love – of ferocious love, fierce love, unending love, everlasting love – We gather in this place with gratitude for the ways your love has called us out of bleakness and into your marvelous light. We stand in awe of your work. We come seeking a sign from you for we live in a culture shrouded in doom and despair. We live in a world that is in a mirey mess. We have to fight for our hope, our peace and our joy. It is easier to hate than to love beyond the bounds of what separates us from each other. Stir up your might in this place, O Shepherd of Israel. Restore us; and remind us that even in our weakness, you are mighty and can do all things. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **TIME OF REFLECTION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

*The candles of Hope, Peace and Joy are relit*

**All:** "Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

**One:** What does love feel like in the new world?

**3 Voices:** Love feels like knowing I am a sacred piece of a magnificent whole.

Love feels like acceptance and gratitude.

Love feels like being cherished.

**All:** Advent is the beginning of this new world, a better world, where you, and me,  
and all of God's creation are treasured and beloved.

**One:** May it be so.

*The candle of Love is lit*

**All:** *Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

#154

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 7:10-16

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING**

Romans 1:1-7

**One:** The Word of the Lord

**Many:** Thanks be to God

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Glory in the Highest" The Worship Team*

1:18-25

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 11:2-11

**SERMON**

**Questioning Love**

**\* HYMN**

*"What Child is This"*

#184

**WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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**

#744

*Amen, Amen, A—men. Amen, Amen, A—men.*

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

**Call for the Offering**

**Musical Reflection**

*"Once in Royal David's City"*

arr. Innes

**\* 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 anticipation for the restoration that is to come. And may the love God, the light of Christ, and the peace of the Holy Spirit go with you.

All: Amen.

**\* HYMN**

*"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

**#186**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Come, Savior of the Nations"*

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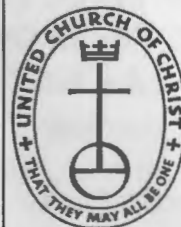
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# Rejoice!

*Thou shalt have  
joy and gladness;  
and many shall  
rejoice at his birth.*

LUKE 1:14



# United Evangelical Church, 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.

December 24, 2022

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: "Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people." (Luke 2:10)

**Many: Jesus brings hope for the future, peace like a river, joy everlasting, and love for all.**

One: Christmas is the beginning of this new world, a better world, that we are boldly invited to create together as followers of the Christ child.

**Many: May it be so.**

*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: Almighty God, whose presence extends to the farthest stars, come to us on this glorious night when the Word became flesh to dwell among us. In our busy preparations and our joyous celebrations, may we not crowd you out of our minds, as Jesus was crowded out of the inn on that first Christmas. We open ourselves to your Light and offer our lives as a dwelling place for your truth. Speak to us again through the**

Child of Bethlehem. Draw us back to his manger-bed and rekindle our sense of wonder. Restore our faith in the things we cannot see or hear. Like the shepherds, may we return to our humble lives knowing that heaven is not some distant place, but is ever near because of the coming of the Christchild. In Jesus' name 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*

**WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL 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**

*"All is Well"* The Worship Team

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**Luke 2:1-20**

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

**\* HYMN**

*"Away in a Manger"*

**#203**

## WE RESPOND TO THE CALL 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.*

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

**Communion Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Everlasting God, for whom we wait, we give you thanks that you have fed us with the bread of eternal life and the cup of forgiveness. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to share your love where it is needed and to stand before the Son of man, when he comes again. In Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**



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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Come to worship him



# United Evangelical Church, United Church of Christ

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December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

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**

### **OPENING SENTENCE**

#### **\* OPENING HYMN**

*"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

#185

#### **\* OPENING PRAYER**

O God with us, you have made all things beautiful through the birth of your Son. We open our hearts and souls to you and to the beauty of your kingdom. For we know that too often our attention is arrested by the ugliness of the world. The cruelty of humanity toward one another and creation overwhelms us in its depth and persistence. We seek to hear the precious news once again, that you bring redeeming hope, and contagious joy. Help us to choose your way every day as we do this day, that we might be continually renewed, transformed, and awed by your abundant love, everlasting peace, miraculous hope, and quenchless joy. May our lives reflect the beauty you have birthed in us. May the beauty of Christmas be the good news that carries us and empowers us. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE CALL OF GOD**

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### **Prepare the Way**

Scripture—Luke 1:5-25

Hymn— *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* (#154)

### **Opening Space**

Scripture—Luke 1:26-38

Hymn— *"Mary Did You Know?"* (#192)

### **Obeying**

Scripture—Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn— *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* (#191)

## **The Messiah Comes**

Scripture—Luke 2:1-7

Hymn— “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” (#180)

## **Good News Goes Out**

Scripture—Luke 2:8-20

Hymn— “*Were You There on that Christmas Night*” (*The Worship Team*)

## **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**

*Amen, Amen, A—men. Amen, Amen, A—men.*

**#744**

## **Drawn to the Light**

Scripture—Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn— “*We Three Kings of Orient Are*” (#233)

## **Call for the Offering**

### **Musical Reflection**

*“In the Bleak Midwinter”*

arr. Johnson

### **\* Doxology**

Greensleeves

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

## **Filled by the Light**

Scripture—John 1:1-5, 14, 16

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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## **GO IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD**

### **\* SENDING FORTH**

**One:** Go forth to become messengers of God’s good news, singing a new song of, Emmanuel with us. And may the Mighty God marvel us, the Wonderful Counselor delight us, and the Prince of Peace guide us in our way.

**All:** Amen.

### **\* HYMN**

*“The First Noel”*

**#229**

**CLOSING OF WORSHIP †**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Noel"*

**D'Aquin**

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