



*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

10 May 2026 – 10:30 AM
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mother's Day

*indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

PRELUDE *Songs My Mother Taught Me* Antonín Dvořák
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*GATHERING SONG "Jubilate, servite" Songs & Prayers from Taizé
1) in unison 2) repeated as a round
**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev'ry heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Coneway, liturgist

One: The Spirit comes with a new song:

All: Let our joy be complete!

One: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach a new song:

All: Love one another!

One: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

All: No longer servants but friends!

One: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

All: Rejoicing in the friendship of God!

*HYMN 63 [hymn sheet] *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* MERCY

*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:

May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.

May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.

And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.

Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

*GREETING OF PEACE

SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:22-28

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Sovereign of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, and is not served by human hands, as though God needed anything, since God alone gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor God made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after and find God, who is not far from each one of us. For 'In this one we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed the offspring of God.'

ANTHEM

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus

CHANCEL CHOIR • Cheryl Anderson, director

GOSPEL

John 14:15-17, 25-27

Mary Coneway

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, who will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees nor knows this Spirit. You know this Spirit, who abides with you, and will be in you.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

MEDITATION

The Hope That Is In Us

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE 581 [seated]

WORLD PEACE PRAYER

**Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace;
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our universe.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



OFFERTORY

Christ Hath a Garden

K. Lee Scott

*COVENANT

**We covenant with God and with each other:
to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;
to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;
to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;
to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;
to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;
for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.**

*HYMN 530 [hymn sheet]

God Our Author and Creator

JEFFERSON

*BENEDICTION

The Golden Trumpet
Josh Porter, Baritone

Mike Lock-Paddon

POSTLUDE

All Things Bright and Breezy

Rosalie Bonighton

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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Samuel Longfellow, 1864; alt.

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine.
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine.
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, power di - vine, fill and nerve this will of mine.
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, law di - vine, reign with - in this soul of mine.

Voice of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it from its night.
Kin - dle ev - ery high de - sire, pu - ri - fy me with your fire.
Bold - ly may I al - ways live, brave - ly serve, and glad - ly give.
Be my law, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

Louis Moreau Gottschalk was the first American musician to be acclaimed at home and abroad as a virtuoso pianist and gifted composer, often incorporating folk and popular tunes into his own concert music. Mercy was arranged from his piano composition, "The Last Hope."

Tune: MERCY 7.7.7.7.
Louis Moreau Gottschalk, 1867
Arr. Edwin Parker, 1888

God Our Author and Creator

530

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1985

Gen. 1:1-2:3; Acts 17:22-31; Rom. 12:2; John 3:16-17

Unison

1 God our Au - thor and Cre - a - tor, in whose life we find our own,
2 Like those first a - pos-tles, Sav-ior, give us strength to love and serve:
3 Keep us faith-ful, Ho-ly Spir-it, help us bear the mes-sage true,

make our dai - ly wit - ness great-er, by our lives make your love known.
when our faint-ing spir - its wa-ver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.
that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."

Help us show how love em-brac-es those whom fear and greed down-trod;
Teach us wis - dom and com-pas-sion: bid our rest - less thoughts be still;
Join our lives in might-y cho-rus till we come from ev - ery place,

in all yearn-ing hearts and fac - es let us see a child of God.
by your guid-ance help us fash-ion lives con-formed un - to your will.
with all those who went be - fore us, to the full - ness of God's grace.

In 1985, a hymn competition was held to commemorate the centennial of the Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. This winning text by Carl P. Daw, Jr., fulfilled the guideline that the hymn address mission in the context of daily life.

Tune: JEFFERSON 8.7.8.7.D.
Southern Harmony, 1835
Harm. John Ferguson, 1973