



An Open & Affirming Congregation of
the United Church of Christ

12 May 2024 – 10:30 AM
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mother's Day

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

PRELUDE *Open* Bruce Cockburn
JAZZ ON HIGH • Art Alm, piano; Lori Rivera, vocals
Brad Hecht, saxophone; Bill Bosch, bass; Zach Olsen, drums

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*GATHERING SONG "Jubilate, servite" Songs & Prayers from Taizé
**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!
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*CALL TO WORSHIP from *Ephesians 2* Mira Haslam, liturgist
One: Christ came proclaiming peace to those who were far off, and to those who were near.
All: Through him, we are called to live with courage in God's loving embrace.
One: So we are no longer strangers or aliens but, in Christ, one body and one spirit.
**All: Together, we are citizens with the saints, members of the household of God,
built on the prophets and apostles, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone.**

*HYMN 490 [hymn sheet] *I Want Jesus to Go with Me* African-American Spiritual

*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

next Sunday is **PENTECOST!**

May 19th, we'll remember a signal moment in the Christian story and talk with each other, sharing ideas for the future of our ministry in this place, *A Place for Peace*. We'll begin promptly at 10:30am with an abbreviated worship service and then continue with lunch and small-group discussions. Your interests, dreams and visions will be an important part of this event, and we want to know that you're coming. **RSVP** at www.PeaceUnited.org.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Mira Haslam

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

ANTHEM

Cast Your Fate to the Wind

Vince Guaraldi

SERMON

RSVP?

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

Invitation

www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving

Offertory Music

Let It Be

Lennon/McCartney

Prayer of Dedication

**O God, we bring our best intentions, and our uncertainties,
Our grasp of truth, and our uneasiness with what is,
Our faithful offerings in time, talent, and treasure.
We ask you to bless all that we have, and all that we are.
Use it and direct us in the work of your love, in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Joseph Urban • Chris Wellens

Lisa Hoelsing, moderator

*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 75 [hymn sheet]

Lord, Make Me ("Us") More Holy

LORD MAKE ME MORE HOLY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Our Love Is Here to Stay

George Gershwin/Ira Gershwin