



Faith

UNITED CHURCH of Christ

May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

Rev. Ted Brelsford | Transitional Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Ruth Foley, Organist

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time of Silent Preparation

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed

All: Alleluia, let us worship our God!

INVOCATION

HYMN *Sing Praise to the Lord* Gray, #346

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 9:36-43 (in pew Bible, p. 1101)

PSALM 23 (read antiphonally beginning on pulpit side)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*HYMN *Happy the Home When God Is There* Gray, #389

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 7:9-17 (in pew Bible, p. 1241-1242)

SERMON “Resurrection for All the Earth”

*APOSTLE’S CREED In back page of Gray Hymnal

PRAYERS and LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN *There’s a Quiet Understanding* Gray, #788

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Pastor: Let us gather around this table with the offering of bread and drink upon it and the promise of the living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited into this holy mystery. Come.

All: Lord, make us ready!

Prayer of Praise and Blessing

Words of Institution

Pastor: Jesus said: “I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

All: We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!

Pastor: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .

All: “Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Pastor: In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

All: “Take drink. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ’s presence in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ among us. Through this holy bread . . .

All: We become one in the Body of Christ.

Pastor: Through this cup of blessing . . .

All: We receive the new life Christ gives.

Pastor: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come to the feast!

(When the usher comes to your row, those who wish to partake should come forward by the center aisle and take a cup with wafer on top to be consumed at the front, and then place the empty cup in the tray held by a Communion assistant on your way back to your seat by the outside aisle. Sealed Communion

packets are available to take back to your seat if you prefer. Grapes and crackers are available for children at the table to left of the pulpit.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and renewed us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Send us now into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and lonely, to soothe broken souls, to free those who are bound, and call others also to care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

GIFTS and OFFERINGS (*There is an offering plate on your left as you leave the sanctuary*)

***DOXOLOGY**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If anyone would like to help make a new banner for the sanctuary Ginny Taber is convening a short meeting after church regarding making the banner.
- Sunday, May 8 – Mother’s Day – Holy Communion served. One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes
- Sunday, May 22 - Last Day of Sunday school
- Sunday June 5 & 12 - Vacation Bible school

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

For peace in our country and the world, for our military and for all who are at war. For those whose needs we may not know. For those who have lost loved ones recently. For the Granville Family and the Lizak Family. For Alice & Tim Baird, Sue Cook, Eleanor Cornwall, Stephen Dearth, Shay Deviney, Barb Fink, Pat Granville, Melissa Granville, Jim Henry, Nancy Kamm, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Carol & Pete Mueller, Joe Piecuch, Mike Partridge, Phyllis Potter, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Claudia Renzi, Joe Ryan, Fred Shear, Linda Smerka, Janet Taber, Bob Tills, Joyce Whittemore.

Those in the Military: Zachary Braun, Teegan Partridge, Jacob Roy, Cadan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Mary Solak, Aaron Wellman