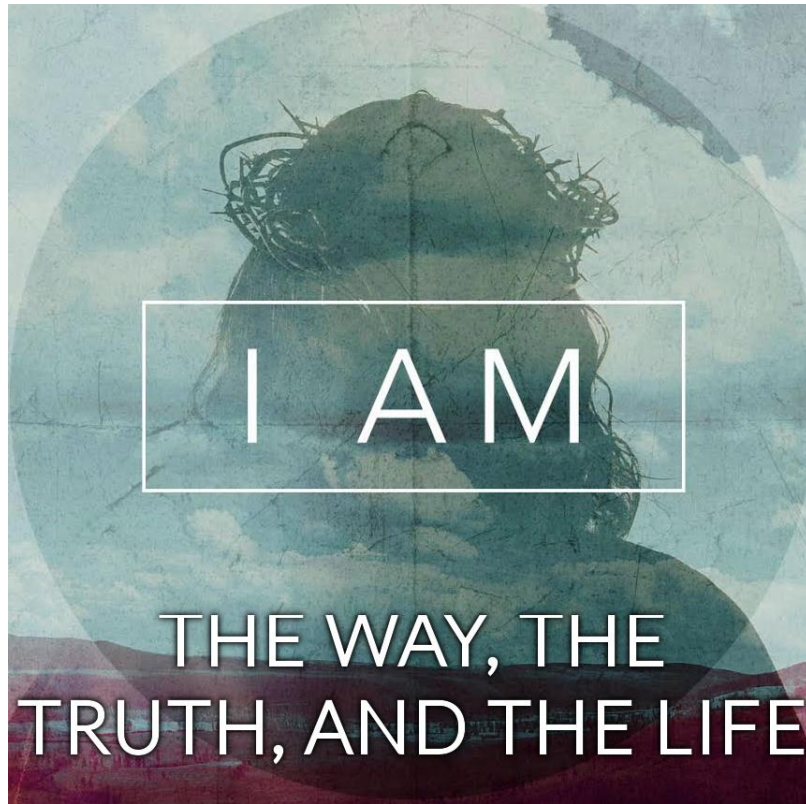


UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

Open and Affirming of ALL God's Children



May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Silent Prayer

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We thank you, for you are our God, and God of our fathers and mothers forever. You are the Refuge of our life, the Shield of our help. From generation to generation may we thank you and count your praises – evening, morning, and noon – for our lives which are committed into your hand, for our souls which are entrusted to you, for your miracles which are with us every day, for your wonders and goodness at all times. O Good One, your compassion does not fail. O Merciful One, your lovingkindness never ceases. Forever we hope in you.

Prelude

The King of Love

Arr. King

Introit*O How Glorious, Full of Wonder (vs. 1 & 4)*

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*(v. 1) O how glorious, full of wonder is your name o'er all the earth,
God who wrought creation's splendor, bringing suns and stars to birth!*

Rapt in reverence we adore you, marveling at your mystic ways.

Humbly now we bow before you, lifting up our hearts in praise.

*(v. 4) O how wondrous, O how glorious is your name in every land,
God, whose purpose shines before us toward the goal that you have planned!*

Yours the will our hearts are seeking, conscious of our human need.

Spirit in our spirit speaking, make us yours, O God, indeed.

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, I go and prepare a place for you, and I will come again.

People: We gather in this place to know your presence and your love, now and always.

Leader: Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. If you know me, you know God.

People: We pray to know these things more deeply and more intimately, now and always.

Leader: Jesus said, Ask me for anything, and I will do it.

People: Help us to ask for the right things, that we may fulfill your will, now and always.

Leader: Jesus said, Believe in me, and "Follow me."

People: Help us to worship fully – believing and following – now and always!

Hymn*The House of Faith*

Phoebe & Phil Devenish

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*The house of faith has many rooms where we have never been;
There is more space within God's scope than we have ever seen.*

*We dare not limit God's domain to what our creeds declare,
Or shrink from probing things unknown lest God should not be there.*

*The way to God is not escape, though truth does make us free:
The life of chosen servanthood is perfect liberty.*

*Yet still we seek at journey's end the last and sweetest grace:
The gift of room to turn around and know God face to face.*

+ Invocation (Unison)

Ever-gracious, Way-Making God, we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit. You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us. You fill us with strength and hope, and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come. Meet us here, we pray, that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing and that your Spirit will fill us with courage. **Amen.**

Children's Message

New Testament Lesson

John 14:1-14

Poem

Tell it Slant

Emily Dickinson

Special Music

Morning Prayer

Tchaikovsky

Message –

Rev. TJ Mack

Musical Interlude

All the Way, He Leadeth Me

Arr. Wilson

Prayers of the People

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral/Community 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Choral Response

Lead Me Lord

red #271

*Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou Lord, thou Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.*

+ Invitation to Offering

We have tasted of the Lord's goodness and the sweetness is still on our lips. Now we permit ourselves to be living vessels of God's sweet, sweet Spirit, offering ourselves, our lives and our gifts to those who are most in need of Christ's healing mercy.

Musical Interlude

Musette

J.S. Bach

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving / Dedication (Unison)

God, bless these tithes and offerings, that they may heal and make whole the lives of all your children. And bless those who give and those who long to give, that we may become living stones of mercy, grace and justice in the house of your creation. Amen.

Hymn

God Made From One Blood

Phoebe & Phil Devenish

red #391

*God made from one blood all the families of earth,
The circles of nurture that raise us from birth,
Companions who join us to work through each stage*

Of childhood and youth and adulthood and age.

*We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
For all of the families we've known through the years,
The intimate networks on whom we depend
Of parents and partners and children and friends.*

*We learn through our families how closeness and trust
Increase when our actions are loving and just.
Yet families have also distorted their roles,
Mistreating their members and bruising their souls.*

*Now give to each family in conflict and storm
A sense of your wisdom and grace that transform
Sharp anger to insight which strengthens the heart
And makes clear the place where rebuilding can start.*

*Then widen that wisdom and grace to include
The races and viewpoints our families exclude
Till peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud
Of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.*

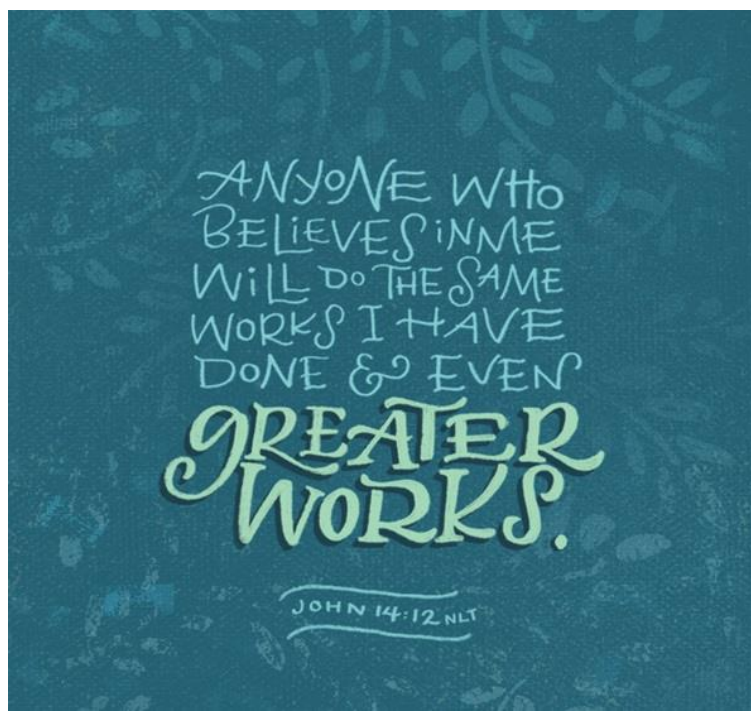
Passing of the Peace (ASL)

Benediction

Postlude

Sing for Joy

Smith



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