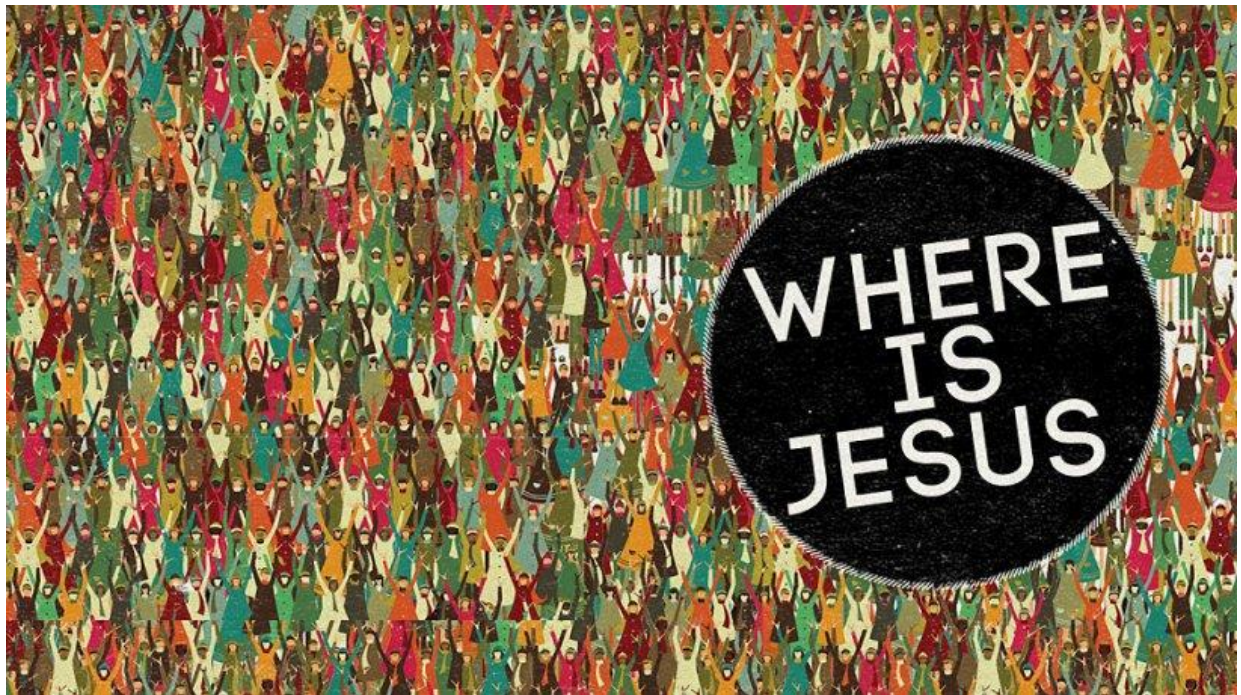


UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

Open and Affirming of ALL God's Children



April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

++ Silent Prayer

Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples cry, "The Lord has risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prelude

Trumpet Tune

Smart/Payne

Introit

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (vs. 1 & 4)

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do
Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.*

++ Call to Worship (Unison)

One: Followers of Jesus, by the cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

All: Alleluia!

One: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

All: Alleluia!

One: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Hymn *Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us - Pat Summerer*

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Sing of one who walks beside us and this day is living still,
One who now is closer to us than the thoughts our hearts distill.
Christ who once upon a hilltop, raised against the power of sin,
Died in love as his own creatures crucified their God and Friend!

We have walked with him as strangers through the journey of the day,
And have told him of the terror that has swept our hope away.
He has offered words of comfort, words of energy and light.
Did our hearts not blaze within us as he broke the bread this night?

Risen one, stay with us, once again the night is near.
with us and share your wisdom, free our hearts from ev'ry fear.
In the calm of each new evening, in the freshness of each dawn,
If you hold us fast in friendship we will never be alone.

++ Invocation (Unison)

Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. **Amen.**

Children's Message *Godly Play - The Good Samaritan* Pat Shannon

Special Music *Will You Come and Follow Me?* Arr. Walz

NT Lesson Luke 24:13-35

Message – Rev. TJ Mack

Musical Interlude *Meditation on “Southwell”* Arr. Lasky

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

Bountiful are God's gifts to us. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

Musical Interlude *Two Rivers* Caleb Edwards

++ Prayer of Thanksgiving / Dedication (Unison)

Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives. Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace (ASL)

Hymn *Jesus, Sovereign Savior* - *Pat Summerer*

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Jesus, Sovereign, Savior, once for sinners slain,
Crucified in weakness, raised in power to reign.
Dwelling now immortal, endless in your days,
Unto you be glory, honor, blessing, praise.

Faithful ones communing towards the close of day,
Desolate and weary, met you on the way.
So, when sun is setting, come to us and show
Your truth, and within us make our hearts to glow.

In the upper chamber, followers, in fear,
Gathered and troubled, there you did appear.
Christ, be present with us, bid our sorrows cease;
Breathing on us, savior, say, "I give you peace."

Benediction

Postlude *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

Sullivan/McDonald



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