Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

Rev. Jennifer Amy-Dressler

Congregation is invited to respond as indicated in bold

* Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Come Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

* Song

Unison

“Morning Has Broken”

1. Morning has broken Like the first morning,
2. Sweet the rain’s new fall Sun-lit from heaven,
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,

Black-bird has spoken Like the first bird.
Like the first dew fall On the first grass.
Born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden,
Praise with exaltation, Praise every morning,

Praise for them springing Fresh from the Word!
Sprung in completeness Where His feet pass.
God’s recreation Of the new day!

* Sharing the Peace of Christ
A Time With Kids
Moment for Mission
Strengthen the Church

A Time of Prayer
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
A Time of Personal Prayer
A Time of Responsive Prayer

“God, in your grace,”
“You hear our prayer.”

Scripture
Philippians 2:5-13

Reflection

Song

“Be Thou My Vision”

1. Be thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis-dom, and thou my true word;
3. Rich-es I heed not, nor man’s emp-ty praise,
4. High King of heav-en, my vic-to-ry won,

Nought be all else to me save that thou art.
I ev-er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou mine in-her-i-tance, now and al-ways;
May I reach heav’n’s joys, O bright heav-en’s Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my great Fa-ther, I thy true son;
Thou and thou on-ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,

Wak-ing or sleep-ing, thy pres-ence my light.
Thou in me dwell-ing, and I with thee one.
High King of heav-en, my trea-sure thou art.
Still be my vi-sion, O Rul-er of all.

Scripture
Matthew 8:18-22

Reflection

Song (last page)

“A The Summons”

A Time of Offering
Invitation
Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus
arr. Erinn Schwarz
Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer, including The Prayer Jesus Taught:

Our Father, who is in heaven: hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup
(This is an appropriate time for you to prepare your own elements.)

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanks

* Song

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho-ly, great cloud of wit-ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash-ing of light-nig,
4 Walk-ing be-hind to hem my jour-ney, go-ing a-head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that

move my voice; God, be the strength to now up-hold me:
es en-fold; proph-ets, a-pos-tes, an-gels wit-ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan-et:
light my way, and from be-neath, a-bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

Announcements

Blessing

Postlude

Let All Things Now Living arr. Lloyd Larson

Those assisting with worship:
Sarah Reckmeyer, piano
Sharon Karasti, reader
Sarah Reckmeyer and Sharon Karasti, counters of our gifts
Dee Dressler, Donna Martin, Mike Thorp, Mary Malinsky,
Sarah Reckmeyer, Sharon Karasti, tech team
Welcome to Open Table United Church of Christ!

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, YOU are welcome here.

Welcome to Open Table United Church of Christ. We are an open table where all are welcome. We celebrate diversity, nourish and serve others, work for justice, and grow together in faith through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the voice of the still-speaking God.

Open Table UCC continues to ask those coming into the church building to remain socially distant from staff and others present who are not from their household, wearing a mask is optional. We are offering hybrid worship, meaning you are welcome to come to in person worship or join us through Zoom in the comfort of your home, with the exception of the last Sunday of the month which is a Zoom only offering.

Today, we will share the meal of Holy Communion. At Open Table UCC, we celebrate an open table where all are invited to eat the bread and drink the wine or juice as we remember the life and death and resurrection of Jesus and offer thanksgiving for God’s amazing love. If you are worshiping from home, please gather some bread, crackers, water, juice or whatever you have at hand.
We hope you find our church family warm and welcoming, and that you experience worship as meaningful and spiritually uplifting. We are an Open and Affirming congregation, and we take seriously our commitment to create a worshiping community where ALL people feel welcome, affirmed, and valued. Please stay and join us after worship for an opportunity for fellowship. And please, when you are ready, share with us your contact information so that we can keep you up-to-date on all the exciting things happening at Open Table UCC!

Today  
10:00 a.m.  Hybrid Worship  
12:00 p.m.  Community Meal  

5/9 - Monday  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  Music Lessons  
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  IVYSO Practice  

5/10 - Tuesday  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Pastor's Office Hours  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  Youth Outlook  

5/11 - Wednesday  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Pastor's Office Hours  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Music Lessons  
3:00 p.m.  Leadership Table Meeting  
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Music Lessons  
6:00 p.m.  Choir Rehearsal  

5/12 - Thursday  
3:00 p.m.  Zoom Bible Study  

5/13 - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  Music Lessons  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  Music Lessons  

Music Appreciation Sunday!  

5/15 - Sunday  
10:00 a.m.  Hybrid Worship  
12:00 p.m.  Second Sunday Lunch  
6:00 p.m.  Book Study  

5/16 - Monday  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  Music Lessons  
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  IVYSO Practice  

5/17 - Tuesday  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Pastor's Office Hours  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  Youth Outlook  

5/18 - Wednesday  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Pastor's Office Hours  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Music Lessons  
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Our May Mission of the Month is Strengthen the Church, building up the UCC by providing the financial resources to be a Spirit-inspired and world-changing Christian movement. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given to support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry and innovation: all strategies needed as we work through this current challenge and beyond. Gifts given to Strengthen the Church Renew the United Church of Christ! When sharing your gift please write STC in the memo section of your check, if giving online through our website ("Donate") or Facebook page ("Learn More"), make a note in the memo or notes section that the donation is for STC.  

Second Sunday lunch is today at noon, join us for breakfast casserole, fresh fruit, hash browns and sweet bread. We serve a free community meal the second Sunday of each month at noon where all are welcome!  

There is NO Book Study this evening, join us next Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
Leadership Table meets once this month; Wednesday, May 11 at 3:00 p.m. Please reach out to any member with your questions, concerns or agenda items: Moderator, Jordan Johnson; Moderator-Elect, Steve Malinsky; Clerk, Sharon Karasti; Treasurer, Donna Martin; Member at Large--designated projects, Sarah Reckmeyer.

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Join us Thursdays on Zoom at 3:00 p.m. for a lay-led weekly bible study with scriptures drawn from the Revised Common Lectionary. All are welcome!

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Other People’s Poetry will meet Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. through Zoom. We hope you will join in for an evening of sharing original works, favorites, and maybe some music!

Do you have a graduate in your house? We want to hear about them! Join us on Sunday, May 22 as we take time to honor our graduates and their achievements. If you have a graduate in your home, please let our Admin Wendy know, if you’d like to share information regarding a major which will be taken and which school your student will attend, we’d love to hear about that as well. If your student will be attending high school in the fall please let Wendy know which school that will be; office@opentableottawa.org or 815-433-0771.

In a recent conversation Pastor Jennifer and I were talking about the different people who come in and out of the building for various reasons. This led to us wondering if those of you who may be in the church building (or on the premises) for different functions realize that you have the right to keep yourselves and attendees safe and secure in our absence. Meaning - If you are leading some type of event, cooking in the kitchen, etc., and someone should come in who doesn't belong or maybe someone is unruly, you have the right as a representative of the church to ask that person to leave. If they do not leave you have the right to call law enforcement to have the person removed. - Wendy
In 2021, the Maine Conference utilized their Strengthen the Church Offering funds to create Clergy Pandemic Renewal (CPR) Grants as one way to combat the growing levels of burnout experienced by clergy. Between offering front-line spiritual care and leading their communities through massive adaptive change, our clergy were reporting deeply worrying levels of exhaustion and overwhelm.

Recent research by Drs. Emily and Amelia Nagoski found seven effective strategies for helping people process stress and move back into health: physical activity, breathwork, deep connection with friends and loved ones, belly laughter, crying, affectionate touch, and creative expression. STC funds enabled the Maine Conference to offer grants of up to $800 per authorized minister to fund proposals for activities corresponding to those seven strategies. Since the launch of our CPR grant program, 28 clergy have received funds for travel, retreats, therapeutic massage, exercise equipment, gym memberships, coaching, therapy, art supplies, and even an electric drum set.

Strengthen the Church funds made it possible for the Maine Conference to equip our clergy with the necessary tools to process the pandemic’s pervasive emotional, spiritual, and physical fatigue. As one clergy member recently reflected, "The CPR Grant from the Maine Conference came along at the time when I needed it the most...this grant allowed me to take time just for me to tend to my mind, body, and soul. My renewal retreat funded by this grant gave me critical space for clarity and deep discernment."

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports the efforts of our conferences and the national ministries of the United Church of Christ to support leaders, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. Together, we all grow stronger.

Rev. Alexis Fuller-Wright (she/her/hers)
Designated Term, Associate Conference Minister
Maine Conference
United Church of Christ

Music Recognition Sunday May 15
Graduate Recognition Sunday May 22
Wear red for Pentecost Sunday June 5
Annual Meeting after worship June 5
Ottawa Family Pride Festival June 11

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Panel Display June 3 - 5, 10 - 12
Pastor Cheri Stewart Retirement Open House June 12 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church
After two years off due to Covid, the National Association of Letter Carriers’ Stamp out Hunger Food Drive is making a comeback on Saturday, May 14.

Items most needed:
- Canned tuna/meats
- Canned tomatoes
- Skillet dinners
- Pasta
- Toilet paper
- Kleenex
- Paper towels
- Cash donations

The outdoor mobile food pantry of the Community Food Basket of Ottawa is Saturday, May 14 at OSF Healthcare parking structure, 1050 E. Norris Dr. in Ottawa. Registration is from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., distribution begins at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a container to take food home in and be prepared to wait as the process can take up to 2 hours. This event is open to anyone in need of food assistance regardless of residency and you must be present or send a representative with a completed proxy form in order to receive food for your household. Proxy forms are available for download here: [https://tinyurl.com/y2n7x25h](https://tinyurl.com/y2n7x25h).

The Community Food Basket schedule for distribution is Monday and Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - noon. and Wednesday and Thursday 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at 519 W. Madison Street in Ottawa. For more information call 815 431-0155 or visit [https://www.ottawafoodbasket.org/](https://www.ottawafoodbasket.org/).

Office Hours: Mon. and Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Tues. - Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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  - Address: 910 Columbus St., Ottawa, IL 61350
  - OTUCC Website: [www.uccottawa.org](http://www.uccottawa.org)
  - Facebook: Open Table UCC Ottawa
  - Pastor’s Office Hours:
    - Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
    - Wednesdays 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
    - [pastor@opentableottawa.org](mailto:pastor@opentableottawa.org)

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