Fifth Sunday of Easter
Music Recognition Sunday

May 15, 2022
Rev. Jennifer Amy-Dressler

Congregation is invited to respond as indicated in bold
* Please stand as you are able

Prelude
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Glory to His Name/Holy Manna Medley  arr. Charity Book Putnam

Welcome

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Song (last page)
“Creation Sings”

* 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.”

Psalm 148  (Common English Bible)

Praise the L ORD! Praise the L ORD from heaven! Praise God on the heights!
Praise God, all you angels! Praise God, all you who comprise the heavenly host!
Sun and moon, praise God! All of you bright stars, praise God!
You highest heaven, praise God! Do the same, you waters that are above the sky!
Let all of these praise the L ORD’s name, because God gave the command and they were created!
God set them in place always and forever. God set a bound that will not be broken.
Praise the L ORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all you ocean depths!
Do the same, fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind that does what God says!
Do the same, you mountains, every single hill, fruit trees, and every single cedar!
Do the same, you animals—wild or tame—you creatures that creep along and you birds that fly!

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Do the same, you monarchs of the earth and every single person, you royalty and every single ruler on earth!
Do the same, youths of every gender, and you who are old together with you who are young!

Let all of these praise the LORD’s name, because only God’s name is high over all. Only God’s majesty is over earth and heaven.

God raised the strength of the people, the praise of the faithful, the children of Israel who are close to God’s heart.
Praise the LORD!

Appreciating Our Music-Makers

Scripture
Acts 11:1-18

Reflection
Just As We Are

Anthem
“Courage to Be Who We Are”

Scripture
John 13:31-35

Reflection
God is Love. Period

A Time of Offering
Invitation

Offertory
All Things Bright and Beautiful    arr. Roger Summers

* Song of Praise

“People, Rise Up”

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

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,

and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride:
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

Refrain

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

Announcements

Blessing

“Love Is Love”

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Mark Hayes

Those assisting with worship:
Sarah Reckmeyer, piano
Donna Martin, choir director
Meredith Martin Olsen, reader
Sarah Reckmeyer, fellowship hour
Kevin Francis and Dawn Haggard, counters of our gifts
Dee Dressler, Donna Martin, Mike Thorp, Mary Malinsky,
Sarah Reckmeyer, Sharon Karasti, tech team
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Thank you to our choir members, instrumentalists and guests for sharing your gifts through the joy of music!

**2021-22 Open Table Choir members**

Jennifer Amy-Dressler
Anne Badger
Sam Barbour
John Breslin
Ken Brown
Corinne Francis
Heather Francis
Kevin Francis
Dawn Haggard
Jordan Johnson
Liam Lindig
Sharon Loudon
Mary Malinsky
Chuck Maney
Colleen Maney
Martha Maney
Donna Martin
Jenn Martin Olsen
Dave McClure
Terri McTaggart
Sarah Reckmeyer

**Worship Accompanists**

Anne Badger
Sarah Reckmeyer

**Instrumentalists**

Kathleen Barney, English horn
Corinne Francis, percussion
Natalie-Anne Lindig, flute
Carol Reckmeyer, piano

Special thanks to Mary Heider, director, Matt Makeever, accompanist and members of Trinity Lutheran and Christ Episcopal Church for joining the Open Table Choir at the Community Thanksgiving Service.

Thank You!
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!

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**Graduate Recognition Sunday!**

| 5/22  | 10:00 a.m. | Hybrid Worship           |
|       | 11:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hour          |
|       | 6:00 p.m.  | Book Study               |
| 5/23  | 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | Music Lessons         |
| 5/24  | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Pastor’s Office Hours  |
|      | 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Youth Outlook           |
| 5/25  | 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Pastor’s Office Hours   |
|      | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Music Lessons           |
|      | 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Music Lessons           |
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.

Book Study continues this evening at 6:00 p.m., join using the link below.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83747077903?pwd=OHovMUdWRmtsNiVaNDBoQa0dxTUIxZz09
Meeting ID: 837 4707 7903   Passcode: 752510
One tap mobile: +13126266799,,83747077903#,,,,*752510#

Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799
Meeting ID: 837 4707 7903   Passcode: 752510

Do you have a graduate in your house? We want to hear about them! Join us NEXT 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 is as well; office@opentableottawa.org or 815-433-0771.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the plant sale fundraiser a huge success!

Other People’s Poetry meets 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!
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86031877323?pwd=MmF6ck9pSDlkbjUrUTduVTZvZ1JTUT09
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OTUCC choir is currently on break and will meet again in June to practice for the Ottawa Family Pride Festival performance.

Zoom Bible Study is on break for the summer.

For the month of May, PFLAG Ottawa will meet on May 29, the fifth Sunday of the month, from 2:30 until 4:00 p.m. At the meeting, Sarah Reckmeyer will give a special presentation about the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Two panels of the AIDS Quilt will be displayed in the sanctuary of Open Table Church during the Ottawa Family Pride Festival in June. In June and beyond, PFLAG Ottawa will return to its usual meeting date on the fourth Sunday of the month.
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.

For a small conference like the Central Pacific Conference, it’s sometimes hard to offer the kinds of tools and resources to our churches that larger conferences do. We don’t have a big endowment or other buckets of money to draw on for hosting workshops. At the same time, we believe strongly in paying fair wages for good work, so we know it would be unfair to expect people who’ve spent years honing their skills and expertise to offer their hard-earned wisdom for free. Thank God for the members and churches who give to Strengthen the Church, because they make it possible for the Central Pacific Conference to offer workshops and live our values regarding fair compensation.

Thanks to the money given to Strengthen the Church, the Central Pacific Conference has been able to offer workshops on End-of-Life Pastoral Care, Practicing Gender Justice, Fostering Generosity, and many other topics that help our clergy and lay people minister more-effectively in their communities. Together, we’re able to foster stronger connections among the ministers and lay members who attend these workshops. Together, we nurture spiritual growth in our ministers and lay members who engage exciting topics with skilled facilitators who are justly compensated. Together, we Strengthen the Church.

Rev. Tyler Connoley (he/him/his)
Conference Minister
Central Pacific Conference
United Church of Christ

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 also have the right to call law enforcement to have the person removed. - Wendy

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 10, 11, 12
Pastor Cheri Stewart Retirement Open House June 12
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church
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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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

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Little ole lady
Little ole lady who?
Wow! I didn't know you could yodel!

How do you make a bandstand?
What makes music on your head?
How many concertmasters does it take to change a light bulb?
What did Jay-Z call his wife before they were married?
What did the robbers take from the music store?

The Julie
[Exorcise [Black]
Just one, but it takes four movements
A headband
Take away their chairs

BECAUSE I'M CIRCLING IT ONCE
Isn't enough
INSTRUMENTS WORD LIST

ACCORDION  BANJO  BARITONE
BUGLE      CELLO      CLARINET
DRUM SET   FLUTE     FRENCH HORN
GUITAR     HARP      ORGAN
PIANO      SAXOPHONE TIMPANI
TROMBONE   TRUMPET   TUBA
VIOLIN     XYLOPHONE