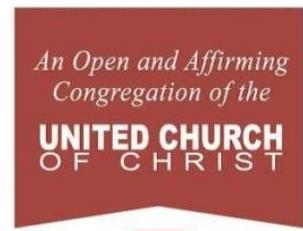




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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 26, 2020

*Third Sunday of Easter*

*Celebration of Earth Day*

*Life is not the way it's supposed to be. It's the way it is.  
The way we cope with it is what makes the difference.  
(anon.)*

## THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

*Venetian March*

Anon.

Dr. David Neiweem, Organ

LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

*Great is Your Faithfulness*

Judy Doerner, Handbells

CALL TO WORSHIP

*by Meister Eckhart*

Cecilia Polli

INVOCATION

\* OPENING HYMN

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lincoln Safran

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PASSING THE PEACE

*During this time we are going to focus on taking a moment to recognize what peace there is in our lives,  
and how we can pass that to others, especially in a time of isolation.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Deep in My Heart*

Jorgensons

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

THE WORD Luke 24:13-24 Elizabeth Crawford

WORD OF GOD FOR ALL AGES Becky Johnston

SPECIAL MUSIC *Shine On*, by May Erlewine The Barker Family Band

SERMON

\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING *Light and Love Abound Today* LLANFAIR

Light and love abound today! Hallelujah!  
Joyful hope is here to stay! Hallelujah!  
Wisdom dwells in every heart! Hallelujah!  
Justice now must play a part! Hallelujah!

Spring's first glimpse of all that's new! Hallelujah!  
Greens will sprout in every hue! Hallelujah!  
Signs that life will persevere! Hallelujah!  
Needed hope throughout the year! Hallelujah!

In earth's beauty we find peace! Hallelujah!  
Gratitude and hope increase! Hallelujah!  
Pure delight is ours to share! Hallelujah!  
Love and new life everywhere! Hallelujah!

### OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

##### SILENT PRAYER AND THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS Caroline Crawford

#### CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Vermont Friends* Ana Ruesink & Tess Barker

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\* **DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**BIDDING TO MISSION AND SENDING FORTH**

\* **CLOSING HYMN**                      *How Great Thou Art (2 verses)*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                      *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

*Jeremiah Rankin*

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\* *Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.*