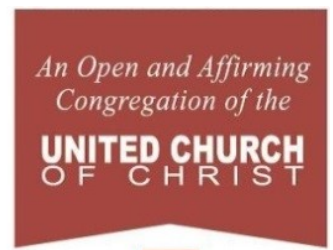




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May 16, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Aria

Paul Manz

Dr. David Neiweem

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION *by L. Bates, adapted.*

Rebecca & Mary-Elizabeth MacDonald

As we gather in this sacred place
let us open our minds to the challenge of reason,
our hearts open to the healing of love,
our lives open to the calling of conscience,
and our souls open to the comfort of joy.

**All: Astonished by the miracle of life,
grateful for the gift of fellowship,
and confident in the power of a living faith,
we celebrate this time together.**

Let us pray: God, we give thanks for the opportunity we have
to gather and celebrate this day, in whatever form it comes.

May we be surrounded
with a very real sense of your presence, God, as
the Source and Sustainer of all that Exists
as we spend this time together.

May your spirit of wisdom inspire and challenge us.
Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

* OPENING HYMN

Steal Away

NCH 599

TIME OF UNBURDENING

Hannah Sachs

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

READING	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Nancy McClellan
WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES		Hilah Clarke
SPECIAL MUSIC		University of Vermont Concert Choir (2017)
SERMON		The Rev. Elissa Johnk
*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING	<i>God, When I Came into This Life</i>	NCH 354, vv.1-3,5

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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.

COMMISSIONING OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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*DOXOLOGY

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BIDDING TO MISSION AND SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i>	NCH 82
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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	<i>Recessional</i> <i>Dr. David Neiweem</i>	Andre Campra
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**Please rise, as you are able, in body or in spirit*