



CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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WORSHIP FOR MAY 22, 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whenever I think of God, I can only conceive of a Being infinitely great and infinitely good. This last quality of the divine nature inspires me with such confidence and joy that I could have written even a miserere in tempo allegro.”

Joseph Haydn

PRELUDE “Prelude in C Major” Johann G. Albrechtsberger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Becky Hoefler, Liturgist

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 98)**

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

**Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of God.**

For God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

***HYMN 264 "When in Our Music God Is Glorified"**

**When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried
alleluia!**

**How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
alleluia!**

**So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue,
alleluia!**

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always
alleluia!**

***OPENING PRAYER**

God, we sing to you and give you thanks. For, despite our pains and faults, in the midst of our pains and faults, we know that you are a God whom we can only admire, praise, and love in Jesus Christ.

For the world, so beautiful but so fragile; for life, so lovely but so threatened; for this immense universe in which your realm will spread, we praise you.

For this day which speaks to us again of the resurrection, for your church which gathers us together, we praise you.

For your gospel, for our baptism, for our desire to follow in your ways, for the promise of new life in Christ, we praise you.

And because we can love you and love each other on the earth, in the name of the love of Christ, in peace and with joy, O God, we praise you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Chronicles 16:1-10

PSALM 150

Hallelujah!

Praise God in the holy temple;
give praise in the firmament of heaven.

**Praise God who is mighty in deed;
give praise for God's excellent greatness.**

Praise God with the blast of the ram's-horn;
give praise with lyre and harp.

**Praise God with timbrel and dance;
give praise with strings and pipe.**

Praise God with resounding cymbals;
give praise with loud-clanging cymbals.

**Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord.
Hallelujah!**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

The Prayer of Our Savior

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.

Choral Response

SERVICE OF GIVING

Invitation

Offertory "'Menuett" from *Pieces for Musical Clocks* - Franz Josef Haydn

*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

(At this time, children are dismissed to attend Children's Church.)

A CHORAL OFFERING "Little Organ Mass" Franz Joseph Haydn

PRAYER

* HYMN 122 “Thine Is the Glory”
**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain:
**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. [Refrain]**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Praeludium” (D Major) Johann Christian Kittel

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Director of Children’s Programs:	The Rev. Ann Molsberry
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Choir Director	Chris Nakielski
Office Manager	Jenn Harden

WE’RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING. We are putting the safety of both the vaccinated and the unvaccinated in our congregation and the community first. Masks are required for all people in all parts of the building. We will keep social distance in the pews. Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall after worship. Masks are optional in Rockwood Hall during Coffee Hour.

SPRING SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY—THIS MORNING the UCCIC Choir offers Haydn's "Little Organ Mass" during our worship. The work is conducted by Dr. Christopher Nakielski,

featuring soprano soloist Marie Von Behren, William Crouch on the organ, and several area instrumentalists. This beautiful, miniature mass is thought to come from Haydn's stay at Eisenstadt during the winter of 1777-78.

USHERS, GREETERS, AND HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES: As we continue to reopen, there are new opportunities to greet people coming to worship, to usher, and to provide hospitality during coffee hour after worship. Please sign up on the sheets in Rockwood Hall or call the church office--319-337-4031.

WE'RE SERVING AT THE FREE LUNCH PROGRAM IN MAY. When there is a fifth Monday in a month, Congregational UCC serves at the Free Lunch Program. Interested in helping in some way? Please email Vicki at vickithomae@gmail.com. Thanks!

SIGN UP FOR *CHANGE AGENT*: AN ONLINE UCC MISSION BOARD SOCIAL CHANGE BULLETIN BOARD: The Mission Board is responding to requests from the congregation and creating an Online Social Change Bulletin Board. This monthly email publication will be a system that will include notices of rallies, petitions, upcoming legislative or policy actions warranting letters or phone calls, protests, important meetings of the school board or city council, each of which has the potential to increase social justice. Highest priority alerts will be local actions, then state actions and national actions. Notices will not support political candidates or parties. More information is in the May Newsletter. We would be delighted if everyone in the congregation is interested in subscribing. If you would like to receive these monthly mailings send your contact information to Jenn Harden, uccicadmin@uccic.org. Our goal is to begin the mailings this month.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL! Come celebrate a successful Sunday School year with games... and ice cream for breakfast! Sunday, May 29 from 9:15-10am. Worship is at 10:15am.

PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, JUNE 5—This day completes the long arc from Ash Wednesday through Easter resurrection to the coming of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Christ—a journey “from ashes to fire.” The traditional color for Pentecost is red. As we have in recent years, we invite everyone to please consider wearing “flame colors”—red, orange, yellow—to worship on Sunday, June 5.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION—JUNE 5: Every year we recognize high school graduates in our congregation. This year Mitike Schumm will graduate from City High and Cormac Warren will graduate from West High. The Diaconate has books available in Rockwood Hall in which you can share your thoughts and good wishes with Mitike and Cormac.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED ON PENTECOST—June 5: The “Strengthen the Church” offering grows the United Church of Christ’s future by supporting new and renewing churches, youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership development—especially among women and people of color. It also funds the “Stillspeaking” Ministry, spreading the message of God’s extravagant welcome, reaching out especially to those who have felt there is no room for them within Christianity and the church.

Your generous gift will help the UCC create vibrant church communities of extravagant welcome.

JUNE 5—STREETS CLOSED DURING IOWA ARTS FESTIVAL: Spring and summer are again bringing great festivals to Iowa City—and closing off some of the streets! Sunday, June 5, is the final day of the Iowa Arts Festival. Clinton, Dubuque, and Linn Streets will be closed between College and Jefferson Streets. Access to the church will be available from Jefferson Street and from Clinton Street coming from the north. Join us for worship at 10:15 a.m., but plan on a slightly longer walk.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP WITH PRIDE FEST 2022: The Iowa City Pride Fest and Parade will take place on Saturday, June 18. As we have for decades, Congregational UCC will have a booth on the Ped Mall during the afternoon. We have several opportunities for members to organize our participation and be involved this year. If you'd like to be a part of this great tradition, please call the church office—337-4301.

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS: United Action for Youth will be hosting their 17th Annual Festival of Flowers on May 26th and you are invited! The theme of this year's Festival of Flowers event is "Look for the Helpers." The flower show will feature nearly 100 creative floral entries from community members and professional florists that will be available for purchase in a silent auction. An on-line auction will feature upscale packages such as dinner parties, interior design services, date nights, photo sessions and behind the scenes access to some of Iowa City's most beloved arts organizations. The evening's entertainment will be the Bloomin' Throwdown - a live floral arranging competition! Charcuterie and wine will be provided as part of your reservation. Make your reservation online at www.biddingowl.com/Auction/home.cfm?auctionID=29857.

TABLE TO TABLE IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS to help with maintaining their mission of connecting abundance with need in Johnson County. They are incredibly flexible: whatever your schedule is, they can probably work with it! They have volunteers that come in twice a week and volunteers that come in twice a month and both are valuable to the organization. Duties can include: harvesting produce at farms and orchards, driving or riding in T2T vans on routes to pick up and deliver food, helping prep vans for their routes in our shop (move empty boxes around while listening to some tunes!), offering free fresh produce in at-need neighborhoods, and more. If your interest is piqued, check out their website (table2table.org), contact the, at volunteer@table2table.org or at 319-337-3400.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IS SPONSORING A TABLE at the **Table to Table 25th Anniversary Dinner on June 8**. The event takes place on **Wednesday, June 8** at the **Celebration Farm** in the Double Round Barn. Weather permitting the event will utilize both indoor and outdoor space. Funds raised from this event will help us rescue more than 130,000 pounds of good food and deliver it throughout the Johnson County hunger relief network. Learn more here: [Table to Table's 25th Anniversary Dinner presented by Hills Bank](#)
Want to join with others at our table? Please contact the church office at 337-4301.



WANT TO GIVE ONLINE? SCAN THE QR CODE FOR OUR GIVING APP. Your giving makes a world of difference.

WE ARE NOW LIVE STREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:15 ON SUNDAY MORNING. You can join us online in real time at <https://vimeo.com/event/1424751>. This streaming address is the same each week.

RECORDINGS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICES are posted after worship on Sunday at <https://vimeo.com/channels/1547852>. The recordings remain up permanently, so you can watch past worship services at your convenience or recommend them to a friend.