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WORSHIP FOR MAY 29, 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASCENSION SUNDAY

PRELUDE "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Healey Willan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Christ is risen!

Derek Willard, Liturgist

Christ is risen, indeed!

CHORAL INTROIT

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 95)

In God's hands are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are God's also.

**The sea is God's, for God made it,
and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.**

O come, let us worship before God, our Maker.

*HYMN 147 "Blessing and Honor"

**Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
Give we to Christ who our battle has won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.**

**Hear through the heavens the sound of the Name,
While rings the earth with Christ's glory and fame;
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
Echo these praises and tell of God's power.**

**Ever ascending the song and the prayer;
Ever descending the love that we share;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise--
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.**

**Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.**

*OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension you declared him Lord of all. We praise you that Christ puts down tyrannies that threaten to destroy us, unmasks powers that claim our allegiance, and give us freedom to love as we have been loved. Keep us in your peace and clothe us with your power, that we might live as Christ's body in this world. Amen.

ANTHEM "God Is Gone Up with a Shout" Healy Willian

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 "Trio in D Major" John Stainer

*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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON II Kings 2:4-12

PSALM 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

**For the Lord Most High is to be feared,
the great Sovereign over all the earth.**

The Lord subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.

**The Lord chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of the beloved Jacob.**

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our Sovereign, sing praises.**

For God is Sovereign of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations;

God sits upon heaven's holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.

**The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and God is highly exalted.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 1:1-11

SERMON "Power and Hope for the Broken-Hearted"

* HYMN 420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

**God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;**

**crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Rejoice, the Lord Is King “ Healey Willan

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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.