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WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!
The Peace of Christ be with you.... *(silently)* And also with you.

INVOCATION

I tell you this:

It is a wonderful thing when members of the family live together in love and peace.

They shall be like trees planted beside flowing rivers.

May the church be one, just as Christ and God are one, that Christ may be glorified in us.

They shall yield good fruit in its season, and their leaf shall never wither.

You, loving God, are the ground of our being and the river of life;
you both steady our roots and draw them to seek the living waters.

**You are like the sunlight enticing us taller
and like the breeze rustling our leaves.**

You are with us through hard seasons of summer heat,
and in the nights when winter's frost ice the landscape your love warms and sustains us.

You are everything to us.

O let our gratitude be great, let our praise be plentiful, let our worship be wonder-full!

Through Christ Jesus your ever-living Son. Amen!

HYMN NCH 86 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 97; John 17: 20-26*

MUSIC REFLECTION *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)*

SERMON *Acts 16:16-34*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

We pray for health and strength for *Pasha Buck, Molly Campe, George Drake, Betty Anne Francis, Ross Haenfler, Gene McCaw, Amy Schirm, and Gayle Strickler.*

We pray for comfort and peace for *Jean Libbey's family and friends. Jean died on May 23rd. Condolences to the family can be mailed to Joan Libbey, 4728 Harbor View Lane, Fort Collins, CO, 80526. A memorial service for Jean is planned for August 27th.*

We pray for comfort and peace for *Orlan Mitchell and family. Verlene died on April 10th. A gathering in honor of Verlene will be held Saturday, June 25th, at 2pm.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Holy God,
a cloud of grief hangs heavy over our heads
and we feel like we cannot breathe,
so give us the strength to pray.

We raise my hands toward the sky
and we lift my eyes to the hills which is where our help comes from.
Lord, when the names of people who have been choked,
shot and assaulted is too many to count
we know that not one soul has been forgotten
by mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, cousins and friends.

They remember...
...laughs and smiles,
...dreams and struggles,
...talents and personalities.

Now these beloved ones are gone.

God, how long must we listen to the cries and screams as blood stains the sidewalk?
How many videos must we watch before we begin to see a change?

Help us, God. Help us.
Help the people of Uvalde, TX.
Help the people of Buffalo, NY.
Help our nation.
Help us examine ourselves.
Help those of us who are sad and angry not to let these deaths be in vain.

We do not pray for vengeance, but we do thirst for justice AND reform.
We hope for healing AND a right ordering of our national priorities.
We long for the day when young people will live long enough to be old
people, when elders will live all the days of their lives in peace and
when and parents and grandchildren will not have to say 'good-bye' too soon.

Our hope is in you, God.
Deliver us from all our fears.
O God, come quickly to help us.
O Lord, come quickly to save us.

In the name of the one who came
that we might have life and have life more abundantly. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Inclusive Version*)

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother

Holy is your name.

May your love be enacted in the world.

May your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For all that we do in your love,

and all that your love brings to birth,

and the fullness of love that will be

are yours, now and forever. Amen.

GRATITUDE FOR OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

HYMN NCH 484 *O Come to Me, You Weary*

BENEDICTION

Go now in peace,

for Christ has called you to live in peace among your siblings in Christ.

Go now in courage,

for Christ has called you from the places of your life

to be agents of redemption and partners in healing.

Go now in joy and thanksgiving,

for Christ is our light!

Go now as one body,

to love and serve God as you love and serve the world!

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C Major, Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Join Us Pentecost Sunday, June 5th at 3pm for Henry's Ordination!

UCC's Strengthen the Church Offering is also coming up on Sunday, June 5th.

Worship Resources:

Invocation ~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Homepage. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

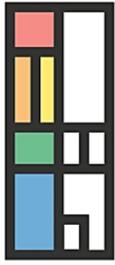
Pastoral Prayer ~ ~ Adapted from a prayer written by Rev. Prince Rivers, senior pastor of

Union Baptist Church in Durham, Salem. Posted on the Transforming Center

website. <https://transformingcenter.org/2016/07/prayer-lament-breathe/>

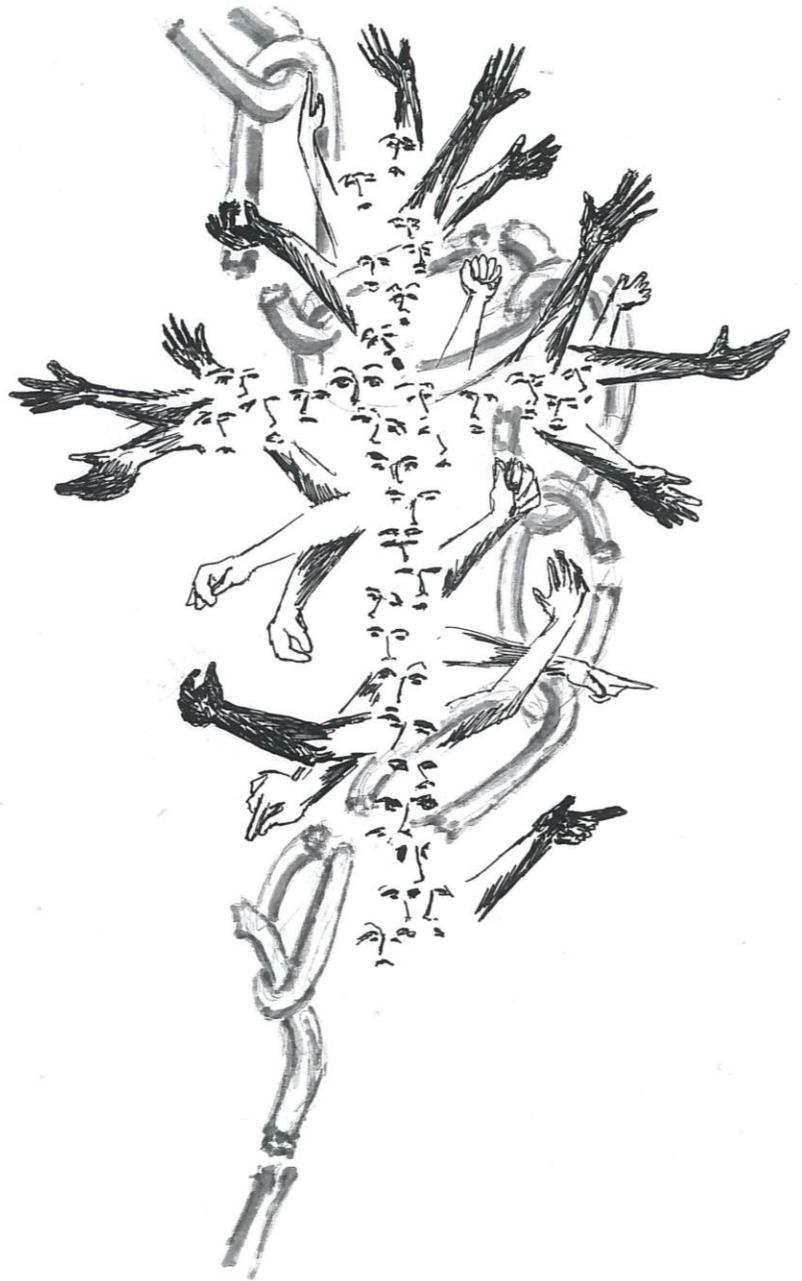
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Benediction ~ by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley; posted on UCC's *Worship Ways* site. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>



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Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2022
To Grow in Love of God and Neighbor

Worship Participants

Pastor	Rev. Jessica Margrave Schirm
Liturgist	Tommy Haas
Musicians	Vocalist: Liz Rodrigues; Accompanist, John Rommereim
Organist	Kenneth Davis
Artist	Edd Scheer
Worship Hosts	JoAnn Britton, Nancy Brown, Jeananne Schild
Tech Team	Barbara and John Ashby, Dave Eberbach, Josh Sandquist
Sunday Drivers	Rick Ramsey, George Britton, Denny Conway, Shane Estes, John Noer
Chancel Care	Sarah White, Glenyce Conway, Karen Edwards, Sue Ramsey, Oliva Wright