



Eastertide Service 2020

*A worship service created by the Council of Conference Ministers
of the United Church of Christ*

Words of Welcome

Written by Kent Siladi

Mental Health Sunday

Written by Brigit Stevens

Call to Worship

Written by Lynn Bujnak

(scripture references: John 14:18a, II Cor. 5:7, Isaiah 43:5 NRSV)

One: When we feel isolated and alone, O God, your word comes to us:

Many: I will not leave you orphaned.

One: When we face an uncertain future, the Bible reminds us:

Many: We walk by faith, not by sight.

One: When we are scared and anxious, we hear your whisper,

Many: Be not afraid, for I am with you.

*One: We come to this time of worship remembering the promises of our
God, strengthened in hope and saturated with holy Love.*

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Special Music: "Glorious"

Composed by MaMuse, www.mamuse.org

Performed by Laura Keating, a "Member in Discernment" with the MT-NWy Association and Conference, and M.Div student at Pacific School of Religion.

Time Especially for Children

Written by Diane Weible

UCC Statement of Faith - in the form of a doxology

Español:

Creemos en Dios, el Espíritu Eterno,
Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo
y nuestro Creador;
y de sus obras testificamos:

Dios llama los mundos para que existan,
creó al ser humano a su imagen y semejanza,
y puso ante la humanidad
los caminos de la vida y la muerte.

Busca en su santo amor
salvar a todas las personas
de su desorientación y pecado.

Dios juzga al ser humano y a las naciones
por medio de su justa voluntad
declarada a través de los profetas y los apóstoles.

En Jesucristo, el hombre de Nazaret,
nuestro Señor crucificado y resucitado,
Dios ha venido
y ha compartido nuestra suerte,
venció el pecado y la muerte
y reconcilió al mundo para sí mismo.

Dios nos concedió el Espíritu Santo,
que crea y renueva la iglesia de Jesucristo
y une en un pacto de fidelidad
a personas de todas las edades,
idiomas y razas.

Dios nos llama como iglesia
para que aceptemos el costo y la alegría
del discipulado,
para que seamos sus servidores
al servicio del ser humano,
para proclamar el evangelio
a todo el mundo
y resistir los poderes del maligno,
para compartir el bautismo de Cristo,
comer en su mesa,
y unirnos a Jesús en su pasión
y victoria.

English:

We believe in God the eternal Spirit
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
and our Creator
and to our deeds we testify

God calls the worlds into being
create humans in his image and likeness
and sets before humans
the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love
to save all people
From aimlessness and sin.

God judges all humanity and nations
by your just will
declared by the prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth
our Lord crucified and risen,
God has come to us
and shared our common lot
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to himself.

God gives us the Holy Spirit creating
and renewing the church of Jesus Christ
and binds in faithful covenant
people of all ages,
languages, and races.

God calls into the church
to accept the cost and the joy
of discipleship
to be his servants
in service to all humanity
to proclaim the gospel
to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism,
eat at his table,
and unite with Jesus in his passion
and victory.

Dios promete a toda persona que confía en Jesús
el perdón de los pecados
y la plenitud de su gracia,
valor en la lucha por la justicia y la paz,
su presencia en las tristezas
y en las alegrías, y vida eterna
en su reino que no tiene fin.

God promises to all who trust in Jesus
pardon for sins
and fullness of grace
strength in the struggle for justice and peace,
his presence in sadness
and in rejoicing, and eternal life
In his kingdom that has no end.

Bendición y honor, gloria y poder
sean dados a Dios. Amén.

Blessing and honor, glory and power
be given to God. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Written by David Long-Higgins

“An Easter Prayer for When the Flower Fades”

Scripture Reading - Acts 17:22-31

The Message

Written by Marilyn Kendrix

Invitation to Generosity

Written by Ginny Brown Daniel

Special Music

Composed by Jerome Hugs Sr. and performed by Josiah Hugs

A note from Josiah Hugs about the piece:

The origin of the song comes from a time in my dad's life, Jerome Hugs, sr., he was at his lowest of lows and in the midst of his addiction. He cried out to God and he heard these words spoken to him in our language, the Crow language: "There is a higher road, This where I want you to come by my child, Tell the people my child, there is a higher road above, this is where I want you to come by my child, Some day you will come by this road to me."

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Written by Gordon Rankin

Special Music: "I Believe"

Composed by Mark Miller and edited by Jeff Shook

Chancel Choir, Christ Church, Summit NJ

Minister of Music: Mark Miller

Benediction

Written by John Dorhauer

Worship Leaders

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| Brigit Stevens..... | Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Conferences UCC |
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Thank you for joining us! God bless and be well!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.