



Memorial United Church of Christ

6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

10:00 am

*Text printed in **BOLD** in the bulletin indicates that everyone is to read and/or sing. However, in our virtual space we ask that all but the readers and musicians remain muted – you can still read aloud and sing at home!*

“Make a joyful noise unto God...” Psalm 100:1

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome and Life of the Community (Announcements)

Opening Song

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 66)

One: People of God, come and hear a story for all time.

All: We come to sing praises to God!

One: When the way is unknown and worry creeps in...

All: God comforts and reassures us.

One: Gather round and see what God is doing now!

All: Physically present, miles apart, the Spirit is here—in love, light, and truth.

Opening Prayer¹

Ever-Present One, we have come here today for many reasons, each with our own story. May these reasons and stories be immersed in your Sacred Story, finding ourselves caught up in the drama and beauty of Jesus’ teachings, life, and ministry. Enable us to move boldly into the future and to fulfill the hope of love that Jesus taught, Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Acts 17: 22-31

Time with Children

Pastor Kris

Special Music

Come Thou Font

MUCC Instrumentals

Reflection

Encountering the Unknown

Pastor Kris

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

Listen to Your Children Praying

Prayers of the People

During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Pastor Kris will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: pastorkris@memorialucc.org

Prayer of Jesus

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.

Virtual Offering

Thank you to those who regularly give electronically. For those that are able please continue your pledge and non-pledge giving. Checks can be mailed directly to the church. Indicate in the memo line whether the giving is to Memorial operating costs or help to our community wide nonprofit partners. If you are interested in our monthly automatic withdrawal system, please email John Van Overbeke at jvanoverbe@aol.com and he will get you signed up.

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Dear God, source of our stories and our hope, all things belong to you. You generously share with us the blessings of home, food, friends, and the gift of life. Receive and bless these offerings, though they are but a portion of what you have given us. May our gifts and joyful service strengthen your church in its efforts to share good news in difficult times. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

Song for Going Out ²#43

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

verses 1 & 2

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit, let us find your promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

Benediction

Postlude

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Stay for Virtual Coffee Hour!



Following the service, you are invited to stay for conversation. Bring your own coffee, milk and/or donuts! All you need to do is to stay "in" Zoom as the service ends (don't click "leave meeting").

We will break into small groups that will last about 15 minutes. At the beginning of the breakout, introduce yourself, share how you are doing, and/or share where you have seen the Spirit move in your life this week. At the end of the 15 minutes we will gather again in a larger group and share our experiences.

Today's Virtual Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Schroerlucke, Jeff Darwin, Pastor Kris Gorton

Readers: Jeff Dyer and Sue Webb

Virtual Usher: Steve Gorton

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