



# Eastertide Service 2020

*A Worship Service created by the Council of Conference  
Ministers of the United Church of Christ*

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## 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](http://www.mamuse.org)

Performed by Laura Keating, a "Member in Discernment" with the MT-NW  
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,  
likeness 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  
nations por medio de su justa voluntad  
declarada a través de los profetas y los apóstoles.

En Jesucristo, el hombre de Nazaret,  
Nazareth 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,  
creating que crea y renueva la iglesia de Jesucristo  
Christ 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  
the joy 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,  
evil, para compartir el bautismo de Cristo,  
baptism, comer en su mesa,  
y unirnos a Jesús en su pasión  
y victoria.

Dios promete a toda persona que confía en Jesús  
Jesus 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

### 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  
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  
by your just will  
declared by the prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of  
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  
and renewing the church of Jesus  
and binds in faithful covenant  
people of all ages,  
languages, and races.

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

God promises to all who trust in  
pardon for sins  
and fullness of grace  
strength in the struggle for justice and peace,  
his presence in sadness

y en las alegrías, y vida eterna  
en su reino que no tiene fin.

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

and in rejoicing, and eternal life  
In his kingdom that has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and  
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

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

<sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

## **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

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### Worship Leaders

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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.*

## *IN OUR PRAYERS - May 17, 2020*

### **PRAYERS OF JOY**

Grateful for the Worship Service created by the Council of Conference Ministers of the United Church of Christ

Thank you to Diana Sweeney and Joan Virga for hosting Wonder Wednesday!

Joy to Margie Ives & Lynn Mann for Hosting K.I.T.!

Joyful Update: Art Johnson, Avery (Barbara & Brian) William's boyfriend had been diagnosed with cancerous tumors on his stomach and last week he found out he is cancer free!

Bible Wonder Tuesday night was enriching and enlightening!

Joan Virga says "Thank you for all the prayers and cards received due to the passing of my mother. It truly was a gift and helped greatly during this time. God Bless you all."

Joyful Update: Thank you for all your prayers for triplets Avery, Conner and Bradley. They have made it through surgery and are home doing well. They are waiting until Bradley is stronger. Thank you from their family too. Lianne D

Gratitude to Doug Pawl (Melanie & Alan's son) for making ear protectors for hospital workers.

Zoom meetings are happening! Calls are happening! Connection is happening! Joy! So many people are adapting to this era of on-line existence! We are learning so much! Things are different but people are finding ways to connect!

The Ministry of Care Team is spreading so much happiness with their cards!

### **PRAYERS OF CONSOLATION, HEALTH, AND HEALING**

Rev. Bob Sargent (a Cobban Family Friend) is in the hospital with pneumonia.

Joan's sister, Vicki Hester, she has COVID and is a nurse.

Krzys family (neighbors of the Cobbans) Stan died Saturday of Covid19, wife Gloria tested positive.

Friend of Rachel Cobban, Pat Sullivan's mother 94 tested positive.

For people who are losing their livelihood due to this pandemic.

For health care professionals who are "on the front lines" of this war against covid-19

Trina Brand asks for prayers: The crew of the USS Roosevelt (aircraft carrier) where COVID-19 is spreading rapidly and our friend (the priest on board) is trying to give hope and peace, along with the USNS Comfort, now in NYC, where our friends on crew are trying to help the sick of that city.

For Lisa Hall, whose father passed away.

For the Smith and Martineau families on the tragic death of their wife, sister & mother.

**CANCERS:** Avis Hanson, Marjorie Palmer's cousin's wife; Jo Worthen's friend Cindy & her family continue to struggle with cancer, as well as the loss of her (Cindy's) sister and Cindy's father's recent diagnosis; from Nutfield Coop: Grace Theroux; Martha, close friend of Pat and Dick Plouff, recurring leukemia; Joan (friend of Wendy Williams) liver cancer; Janice Paradzick; Bob Dinan (friend of the Wilson's)

Jo Worthen's friend Diane & family: dealing with a fatal disease of her daughter, Terri. Diane Breeden and her family as they grieve the loss of Aunt Barbara McKeen, who was married to Diane's uncle Donald Wyman McKeen.

Nancy Murdock's friend Erin Hutchinson has some serious medical issues  
Bonnie Hillsgrove, friend of Tim Beers

### **SPECIAL ONGOING PRAYERS**

Parkland Hospital Personnel, All Nurses and Doctors, Hospice workers and employees of Nursing Homes and Extended care facilities; First Responders; National Guard

Active Military; Aghadowey Rural Kinship; Southern NH Family Promise

Andrea Cooper health & strength

Dangamvura – UCCZ – Zimbabwe African Church

Tim Beers – Health & strength

Brian Krantz and ALL of the Wildland Firefighters this fire season

Victims of floods and fires and violence; Refugees and their families

People of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community

Friends of the Meetinghouse Board of Directors

Our Covenant Partner: Pastoral Counseling Services, Inc.



**The First Parish Church building misses having you visit & worship each Sunday!**

# Children's Bulletin

## First Parish Congregational Church

May 17, 2020

**Please gather the following (optional) items to help you worship today:**

- Drawing paper
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- A (favorite) nightlight
- A small, smooth stone (that fits in your clasped hand)
- Play-Doh or pipe cleaners or something you can shape
- Bread and juice for Communion

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**Words of Welcome**

Go around the room and greet each person (and pet!) there.

**Mental Health Sunday**

Draw a picture of hope to give to someone special.

**Call to Worship**

Read the words on the screen with everyone in the room. Be ready to say "Alleluia!" three times at the end.

**Special Music: "Glorious"**

Dance to the music! Sing "O what a day – Glorious!" with the singer each time she sings it.

**Time Especially for Children**

Bring your nightlight. What is your favorite thing about nightlights? How is Jesus like a nightlight?

**UCC Statement of Faith**

What words do you know in Spanish? Can you hear them spoken here?

### Pastoral Prayer

Draw a picture of some flowers while listening to the words of this prayer.

### Scripture Reading

Draw a picture of what you hear in this Bible passage.

### The Message

Make a creation with Play-Doh (or pipe cleaners or whatever you have) while you listen to the words spoken.

### Invitation to Generosity

### Special Music

Walk around the room to the beat of the shaker and the drum.

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

Listen to the words about Communion and be ready to share the bread and juice with the people with you. Hold the “prayer stone” in your hand during the prayers.

### Special Music: “I Believe”

Dance to the music!

### Benediction

Bless each person in the room with you by saying, “May God bless you!” while placing your hand on their shoulder.

### Virtual Coffee Hour

Share your artwork with everyone!

A Special Thank You to Debbie Gline Allen for hosting and to the Council of Conference Ministers of the United Church of Christ for creating this Worship Service.

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