

St. John's United Church of Christ
May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Unison Welcome

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

Announcements

Mission Moment

John Bryner

Passing of the Peace

"The peace of Christ be with you"

"And also with you"

Prelude

Call to Worship

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

In the wilderness, water brings life.

Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

Musical Meditation

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have promised to receive us when we come to you. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have disobeyed your law. We have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. Forgive us, O God, and grant that we may live and serve you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

Hymnal Companion C-4

Words of Assurance

from the UCC Book of Worship

God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life. **We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Glory Be to the Father #704

Prayer for Illumination

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Come, Holy Spirit, that through your word we may be guided into the love of God for all the world. Amen.

Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; John 15:1-8
 Children’s Sermon Chani Wolfe
 Anthem “Lord of the Dance” Sydney Carter/arr. Don Hart
 Scripture Reading 1 John 4:7-21
 Sermon Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
 Musical Meditation
 Sharing of Joys and Concerns
 Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Our Savior (debts)
 Musical Meditation
 Invitation to Giving
 Commission & Benediction *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*
 Go out with joy that you have been fed and healed, securely abiding as branches of the true vine. Go and tell the story of faith that is given to you by the One who never lets you go. Seek out those who abound with sacred questions, and be ready to answer a mystery with love.
 Postlude

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Worship Resources:

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