



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 4/24/2022
Second Sunday of Easter

Zoom link for Joys & Concerns: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2057847210>

Link to PDF of Hymns for larger print:

Prelude & Receiving the Light of Christ: Allegro Giocoso - Loeillet

Welcome (Rev. Amelia)

Words for Centering: “The Work of Easter, After Howard Thurman” by Maren C. Tirabassi

When the lilies lose their petals,
when trumpets are quiet, new shoes scuffed,
chocolate eggs melted by small fingers,
bunnies returned to the shelter,
and sermons start to doubt themselves,
the work of Easter begins —

to offer spring cleaning or garden care,
errands or a mini-respite
to a family on hospice,
to learn Narcan and carry it always,

to write thank-you to funeral directors
who drop prices beyond break-even
for low income families,

to offer deep and tender comfort
especially to those who do not expect it,
mourning a miscarriage,
an elder with dementia,
a long-time companion animal,

to name resurrection in the midst of life
for the poor, the refugee,
the vulnerable,
and the groaning creation –

Justice is risen,
Compassion is risen indeed!

and, as for music —
to make Hosannas beyond the church,
and Alleluias in the heart.

Hymn of Celebration: Black Hymnal #286 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Reading: John 20:19-22 (NIV, adapted by Rev. Nikki Stahl)

Reflecting: “Receive the Holy Spirit” (Rev. Nikki Stahl, Association Minister)

Hymn of Reflection: Black Hymnal #292 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Offering invitation

Music: Andante con moto Tranquillo - Mendelssohn

Doxology (*Tune: All Creatures Of Our God and King*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Song: Red Hymnal #539 “We Will Go Out With Joy”

Benediction

Postlude: Allegro Assai K. 254 - Mozart

Leading In Today’s Service:

Rev. Nikki Stahl, Heart of Texas Association Minister

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Kyle Riley, Director of Online Ministries

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Amy Harris, Violin

Anna Park, Cello