



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 4/17/2022
Easter Sunday

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 from Sonata IV - G.F. Händel

Welcome (Rev. Amelia)

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

Words for Centering: Luke 21:9-19

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Hymn of Celebration: Black Hymnal #233 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Affirming Our Faith: “A New Creed,” in the Black Hymnal #887

Flowering the Cross:

“We Will Go Out With Joy” (Red Hymnal #539)

The Trio

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower” (Black Hymnal # 433)

Trio and Congregation

Reading: Luke 24:1-12 (Rev. Dr. Whit Bodman)

Reflecting: “Idle Tales or When Does (the) Resurrection Begin?”

Hymn of Reflection: Black Hymnal #417 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” (v. 1-4)

Offering invitation

Music: *If with all your Hearts* from *Elija* - G. F. Händel

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: Hallelujah Chorus - G. F. Händel

Leading In Today’s Service:

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Kyle Riley, Director of Online Ministries

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Amy Harris, Violin

Liz Lee, Cello

Upcoming Events:

4/24 **Rev. Nikki Stahl, HOTA Association Minister, preaching in worship**
First Heart to Heart Discernment Conversation, following worship
Topic: Open & Affirming Ministry with the LGBTQ+ community

4/30 **Heart of Texas Association Meeting, 10:00am-1:00pm**
Bethany Congregational United Church of Christ, San Antonio

5/15 **Rabbi Susan Lippe, preaching in worship**

5/27-29 **Annual Meeting of the South Central Conference, UCC**
Camp Allen, Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. CJ Wood