



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 5/8/2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ Mothering Sunday ~ Feast Day of St. Julian of Norwich

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: Andante from Trio #1 in G - W.A. Mozart

Welcome (Rev. Amelia)

Words for Centering:

“God is our Mother as truly as he is our Father; and he showed this in everything, and especially, in the sweet words where he says, ‘It is I,’ that is to say,
‘It is I: the power and goodness of fatherhood.
It is I: the wisdom of motherhood.
It is I: the light and grace which is all blessed love.
It is I: the unity.
I am the sovereign goodness of all manner of things.
It is I that make you love.
It is I that make you long.
It is I: the eternal fulfillment of all true desires.”

~Julian of Norwich, 14th century mystic

Hymn of Celebration: “Womb of Life, and Source of Being” (printed)

The Baptism of Astrid Blair Dierksen

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Astrid, as she lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Reflecting: “Foremothers: Part I”

Hymn of Reflection: Black Hymnal #467 “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”
(based on the writings of St. Julian)

Offering invitation

Music: An den Frühling - E. Grieg

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: Rondo all' Ongarese - F. J. Haydn

Leading In Today's Service:

Usher: Stephen Russell

Deacons of the Week: Jen Howicz and CJ Wood

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Kyle Riley, Director of Online Ministries

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Amy Harris, Violin

Liz Lee, Cello

Upcoming Events:

5/15 Rabbi Susan Lippe, preaching in worship

5/21 Young-ish Adult Gathering, 10:00am at Cherrywood Coffeehouse

5/22 Second Heart to Heart Discernment Conversation, following worship
Topic: **Ministry with Families & Kids**

5/27-29 Annual Meeting of the South Central Conference, UCC at Camp Allen