



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ

Order of Worship for 5/7/2023

***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

Rev. Amelia K. Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

**Prelude.** Improvisation on “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**Welcome & Opening Sentences** (Today’s liturgy is adapted from UCC Worship Ways resources.)

*This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the crossroads and look;  
ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is,  
and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Jeremiah 6:16)*

**\*Hymn of Celebration:** “Canticle of the Turning” Glory to God #100

**Invocation**

Gracious God, we now open our eyes, ears and hearts to listen to you.  
Please speak to us and give us Your word, for we cannot live on bread alone.  
Please light up our insides with the work of the living Holy Spirit.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Listening To the Sacred Text:** Acts 7:55-60

**Listening for the Spirit in Silence**

*Word and words, O God. Help us to hear the One among the many.*

**Anthem** “Lift Up Your Voice and Sing” Hopson  
CCA Choir

**Reflecting in Community**

**\*Hymn for Communion:** “We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky” New Century Hymnal #563

**Communion**

Invitation to the Table

**The Lord's Prayer** ~ Unison (New Zealand/Maori Anglican Liturgy, adapted)

*Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father~Mother~Parent of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trial too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.*

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Meal**

Communion Hymn: "I Come With Joy" New Century Hymnal #349

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Offering our gifts and our prayers**

Offertory Music: Adagio from Concerto in G Major F. Haydn

**\*Doxology** (Tune: *Old Hundredth*, New Century Hymnal #780)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God for all that love has done.  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Announcements**

**\*Sending Song:** "The Day of Resurrection" New Century Hymnal #245

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** Allegro from Concerto in G Major F. Haydn

**\* Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.**

**Leading In Today's Service:**

Laura Martin, Director of Music      Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries  
Jen Howicz, Usher                      Radhika Hicks, Liturgist  
Jonathan Geer, Piano                      Amy Harris, violin