

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Responding in Prayer

Sharing Celebrations & Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Response

Responding through Giving

Invitation to Giving and Receiving of Gifts

Offertory:

Hymn of Praise:

"The Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication of Our Gifts, Time and Talent

Fruitful God, may these gifts nourish your beloved children with wisdom, compassion, and creativity so that your Beloved Community is deepened and recognized: eternal life made manifest in the here and now. Amen

GOD'S PEOPLE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#215 green hymnal

*Benediction

*Response

Organ Postlude

*Congregation: Please rise in body or in spirit.



UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 13, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM



Welcome

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us.

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Music for Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

A Litany for Mother's Day

L: On the day of Pentecost, followers of Jesus gathered, including many women:

All: Mary, the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Mary and Martha, Salome, Susanna, Joanna, the Canaanite woman and her daughter, the Samaritan woman, Philip's four daughters, Peter's mother-in law, women who had been healed or touched by Jesus and many, many more.

L: As the Spirit fell upon them, all hearts were opened and they began to prophesy:

All: Some used the utterance of wisdom, another, the gift of knowledge, others became healers and interpreters of tongues. All used their gifts for the common good. In the presence of the Spirit, in the power of Pentecost love, they proclaimed a vision of God's shalom.

L: Today, we remember the women of history who have been moved by the Spirit to proclaim and live out God's vision of peace with justice:

All: May your daughters prophesy justice and your sons dream peace!

Leader: On this Mother's Day, let us lift up the names of women in our own lives who have mothered us and witnessed to us the power of love and the Spirit:

All: May your daughters prophesy justice and your sons dream peace!

Leader: As it happened on the day of Pentecost, let the Spirit come upon us as we go about our ministry together, today and always.

All: Amen!

Radical Mothers' Day was written by Ann L. Hanson, formerly Minister for Sexuality Education and Justice, Justice and Witness Ministries, UCC.

Opening Hymn: "Moring Has Broken"

#53 Chalice hymnal

Calling God into Our Minds, Thoughts and Spirit (Unison as in One Voice)

Protector of all, so many of us come this morning with the weight of the world on our shoulders. We are burdened with our own problems and with the problems of the world that we just can't solve. Anxiety and pain separate us from one another and from you. Remind us that your prayer for us is to become one—to share each other's hopes and burdens, to create a world where resources are shared so that all have enough for full human life. Transform our separate lives into one life shared in you; take away the armor that shields us from the pain of others and fill us with joy that radiates from the core of our being. In the joyful spirit of Jesus Christ we pray, be joyful this day because you are not the burdens you carry! Instead you are the beautiful image God created and is creating you to be! And God is creating a Beloved Community in our midst! Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN

Anthem

"Listen With Your Heart"

by Thornhill & Nix

A Time for the Child In Us All (Children leave for Sunday School through the Fellowship Room afterwards)

***Fellowship Hymn:** "Jesus Wants Me For a Sunbeam"

#515 green hymnal

We Pass Peace of Our Still Speaking and Present God

Scripture Reading: Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13

L: God is still speaking to us through the Living Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Forensic Oratory of Love"

Let us lift up the names of women who have worked for justice and peace to honor on this Mother's Day.

Let us lift up the names of women who have nurtured your life and educated you in faith

Anthem

"Jesus Will Make Is His Own"

by Besig & Price