



Urbandale  
United  
Church of  
Christ  
God is still speaking

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's  
journey,  
you are invited and welcome here."



*A Just Peace and Open and Affirming congregation*

May 15, 2022

10:00 a.m.

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Easter is a day and season to celebrate new life, resurrection, and hope. White is our liturgical color that represents light, innocence, joy, triumph, and glory.*

PRELUDE: "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Dale Wood

### GREETING

*"Churches can show support of global mission partners by taking time to cultivate a global understanding and focus. Yes, personal, community, local, and national issues will always be important, so it is not a matter of neglecting those. Quite the contrary! Just that at times a broader perspective is precisely what is needed to better make sense of difficult things at our immediate level. Anything that can be done to get that bigger perspective is a form of support."*

Mark Knowles, Global Mission Partner, Lesotho, [globalministries.org](http://globalministries.org)

❖ *This symbol invites the congregation to stand in body or spirit **Bold** type indicates a unison response*

### ❖ CALL TO PRAYER AND PRAISE +

One: Who are we, gathering in this place?

**Many: We are disciples of Christ.**

One: Why are we here?

**Many: To journey on the Way.**

One: And how do we follow this Way?

**Many: By loving God. By loving our neighbors. By loving ourselves.**

One: This is our purpose.

**All: This our Way! Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

"Hem Of Your Robe"  
Adult Choir

Pepper Choplin

Today's anthem is an original spiritual by Pepper Choplin that is inspired by verses from Matthew 14:35-36:

*"And when the people of that place recognized Him, they sent a message throughout the region and brought to Him all who were sick, and begged Him that they might touch the hem of His garment; and all who touched it were made perfectly whole."*

When our worship moves higher, let us touch the hem of Your robe.  
For all heaven's praise and all heaven's songs make all our humble worship seem lowly.  
For our highest praise and our highest songs,  
Are just a tiny glimpse of Your glory and Your power.  
When we're bowing lower, let us touch the hem of Your robe.  
Lord, You lift us higher, let us touch the hem of Your robe.

### TAKING STOCK OF OUR BLESSINGS AND RESOURCES

Financial sharing of resources to support the mission and ministry of Urbandale UCC may be given in person, sent to the office, or donated through our website

## PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Holy One of all Creation, we speak with gratitude for all that you make possible. We praise you for the ways our lives weave together in sharing and service. We praise you for the energy of hope. We praise you with thanksgiving for stories and wisdom shared in Christ's name. Amen.

## SACRED STORY #1

Kathy Marean & Carla Briggs

Response:

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant" (vs. 1)

Hymnal #539

Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

## SACRED STORY #2

Janet Dunn & Amy Christensen

Response:

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant" (vs. 1)

Hymnal #539

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Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

## SCRIPTURE

John 13:31-35 (Inclusive Bible)

<sup>31</sup> Once Judas left, Jesus said, "Now is the Chosen One glorified and God is glorified as well.

<sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified, God will in turn glorify the Chosen One and will do so very soon.

<sup>33</sup> My little children, I won't be with you much longer. You'll look for me, but what I said to the Temple authorities, I say to you: where I am going, you cannot come. <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment: Love one another. And you're to love one another the way I have loved you. <sup>35</sup> This is how all will know that you're my disciples: that you truly love one another."

## MEDITATION

Introduction by Sandy Hecht

"The Story of a Refugee Survival is Now the Hope of Refugees"

Munyanziza Isaac Mundere<sup>+</sup>

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen, Amen. Forever and ever. Amen, Amen.**

## ❖ CLOSING HYMN

"Standing at the Future's Threshold" (vs. 1, 3, 5)

#538

## BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

"Lift High the Cross"

Lani Smith

<sup>+</sup>Source notes: Richard Bott in *Gifts in Open Hands*, Maren Tirabassi and Kathy Wonson Eddy, ©2011, used with permission

*You are invited to conclude your time of worship by remaining in your seat and listening to the Postlude.*

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## <sup>+</sup>**Speaker Notes**

Munyanziza Isaac Mundere arrived in the United States in August of 2021 and he is very grateful for the opportunity to be resettled here. Isaac was born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo but he fled from there with his family because of war and violence. In 1997 he arrived in a refugee camp in Uganda and was there for over 20 years. Isaac speaks 7 languages and was recently employed by LSI here in Des Moines. He was able to make a difference in Uganda and he will share a number of experiences from his life thus far. He lives in Des Moines with his fiancée, Francine Irakiza.

**SERVING AT URBAN DALE UCC THIS SUNDAY**  
**Opening/Closing the Church: Today**, Bob Shoemaker  
**Worship Greeters:** Jim Nervig, Kathy Marean  
**A/V Booth:** Ryan Nussbaum (video) and Scott Davis (Audio)

### This Week at UCC

#### **Sunday, May 15**

9:00 am Matu Sunday School  
 10:00 am Worship: Refugee Ministry  
 12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church  
 1:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

#### **Monday, May 16**

#### **Tuesday, May 17**

11:00 am Staff Meeting  
 5:30 pm Parenting Way

#### **Wednesday, May 18**

3:00 pm Aime Beeks Memorial  
 7:00 pm Adult Choir  
 7:30 pm AA

#### **Thursday, May 19**

#### **Friday, May 20**

#### **Saturday May 21**

3:00 pm Light Mission Pentecost  
 6:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

### Upcoming Sundays

#### **Sunday, May 22**

9:00 am Matu Sunday School  
 10:00 am Worship  
 12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church  
 12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

#### **Sunday, May 29**

9:00 am Matu Sunday School  
 10:00 am Worship  
 12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church  
 12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

#### **Annual Meeting**

The church's Annual Meeting will be next Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Aime Beeks**

A Celebration of Life for Aime Beeks will be held on **Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**. She is the daughter of Marilyn and Duane Long. Please continue to hold the family and friends in your prayers.

#### **Little Free Pantry**

We need your help to restock the pantry. You are also invited to use it, and let people know about it. Please DO NOT leave donations of food or clothing outside the building when no one is present. Call or email the church office to arrange a drop off time.

#### **"Facing Change" a Community Event**

Using music, poetry, video and storytelling, Jan Phillips (San Diego based author, artist, activist) will lead us in a group pondering that will lead to clarity and purposefulness. Saturday, May 21, 10am to 1pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 815 High Street, Des Moines, IA 50309, (Located just north of 801 Grand) RSVP by Thu. May 19 to [janphillips@pjmeade.net](mailto:janphillips@pjmeade.net). Admission is Free!

**Worship Guides** are needed. Please sign up in the narthex.

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*"We welcome into this community of faith, and affirm the participation in all aspects of church life, persons of every age, race, gender identity and expression, nationality, ability, and sexual orientation. We will continue our efforts toward inclusiveness, and stand against all forms of discrimination. We will empower ourselves, our children, and one another to be fully present in the world, living in Christ's image and striving for justice and peace."*

## **Staff**

The Rev. Coqui Conkey, Intentional Interim Pastor  
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“Standing at the Future’s Threshold” (vs. 1, 3, 5) #538

Standing at the future’s threshold, grateful for God’s guiding hand,  
Asking no protected stronghold, called to be a pilgrim band,  
Seeking ever for new vision of the gospel for our day,  
We move forward in God’s mission with our faith to show the way.

Open-hearted in exchanges with the faithful not our own,  
Trusting God’s way with these strangers not to leave the truth  
unknown,  
Joining them in shared endeavor where we have Christ’s clear  
command.  
We have faith that calls us ever toward this good earth’s promised  
land.

Jesus Christ, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
We would ask no special favor, with the lowliest seek our place,  
Know the in as much of serving, have your cross as our command:  
Lead us in this faith unswerving forward as your pilgrim band.