



Urbandale
United
Church of
Christ
God is still speaking

A Just

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s
journey,
you are invited and welcome here.”

*Peace and Open and Affirming
congregation*

May 22, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Sixth 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: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Joel Raney

GREETING

I've known rivers:

I've known rivers ancient as the world and older than the flow of human blood in human veins.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

- Langston Hughes

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

❖ CALL TO PRAYER AND PRAISE

Teressa Clark

One: Come from the places of comfort.

Many: We will move.

One: Come from the places of discomfort.

Many: We will seek.

One: Come to places of refreshment.

Many: We will move.

One: Come to a place of release.

All: We will seek.

❖ OPENING HYMN

"Wade in the Water"

Sing #87

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Children in the congregation are invited to come to the front!

Owen Jeremy Lown born October 10, 2020, child of Joel and Jessica Lown, sibling of Magnolia Lown

Invitation and Questions

Congregational Assent

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Sung Response: "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (Verse 1) NCH #325

Shawl made by Jenny Coughlin and presented by Barb Woodsmall

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

Generous God, we thank you for the many ways we are connected to each other. You claim us for family and community in the waters of baptism. You bind us to you and each other in covenant and service. We rejoice that we belong through Christ to your eternal and ever-emerging story. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:9-15; John 17:20-26 (Inclusive Bible)

Acts 16:9-15

⁹ Then one night Paul had a vision. A Macedonian stood before him and said, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ After this vision, we* immediately made efforts to get across to Macedonia, convinced that God had called us to bring them the Good News. ¹¹ We put out to sea from Troas and set a course straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis; ¹² from there we went to Philippi, which is one of the bigger cities in Macedonia and a Roman colony, and spent a few days there. ¹³ On the Sabbath we went along the river outside the gates, thinking we might find a place of prayer. We sat down and preached to the women who had come to the gathering. ¹⁴ One of them was named Lydia, a devout woman from the town of Thyatira who was in the purple-dye trade. As she listened to us, Christ opened her heart to accept what Paul was saying. ¹⁵ After she and her household were baptized, she extended us an invitation: "If you are convinced that I am a believer in Christ, please come and stay with us." We accepted.

**Luke, a physician and the author of Acts, apparently joins Paul's group at Troas.*

John 17:20-26

²⁰ I don't pray for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all may be one, as you, Abba, are in me and I in you; I pray that they may be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. ²² I have given them the glory you gave me that they may be one, as we are one— ²³ I in them, you in me— that they may be made perfect in unity. Then the world will know that you sent me, and that you loved them as you loved me. ²⁴ Abba, I ask that those you gave me may be here with me, so they can see this glory of mine which is your gift to me, because of the love you had for me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ Righteous One, the world hasn't known you, but I have; and these people know that you sent me. ²⁶ To them I have revealed your Name, and I will continue to reveal it so that the love you have for me may live in them, just as I may live in them."

ANTHEM

"Just a Closer Walk"

Jack Schrader

Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
I am weak, but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, O dear Lord, let it be.
Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, O dear Lord, none but Thee.
Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, O dear Lord, let it be.
Dear Lord, walking close, dear Lord, close to thee, dear Lord
Let it be, Lord, Let it be.

MEDITATION

"Shifting Waters"

Pastor Coqui Conkey

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Abba 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. Amen.

❖ CLOSING HYMN "In the Bulb There is a Flower" #433

BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Mark Hayes

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

SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY

Opening/Closing the Church: Today, Jeff Couch

Liturgist: Terssa Clark

Worship Greeters: Sowder Family

A/V Booth: Ryan Nussbaum (video) and Scott Davis (Audio)

This Week at UUCC

Sunday, May 22

9:00 am Matu Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
10:45 am Annual Meeting
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church
1:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

Monday, May 23

Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

7:30 pm AA

Thursday, May 26

Friday, May 27

Saturday May 28

9:00 am Bowtie Boyz
1:00 pm Kendric Grad Party
3:00 pm Light Mission Pentecost
6:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

Annual Congregational Meeting

Please stay after worship for our UUCC Annual Congregational Meeting. We will review the 2021-2022 program year, introduce the Leadership Team for the new program year. We will not be offering a Zoom version.

Memorial Day

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

DMARC

The DMARC Food Pantry Network has moved into a brand-new building at 100 army post Rd and are celebrating with a grand opening celebration on **Thursday, May 26th from 4-6 pm** followed by our annual meeting from 6-7 pm. We hope you can join us! For more information or to RSVP please call Sarah Trone Garriott at 515-661-9679 or visit our website at <https://www.dmarcunited.org/capital-campaign/>

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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."

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“Wade in the Water”

Sing #87

Refrain:

Wade in the water, wade in the water children.

Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

Who's that yonder dressed in red?

God's gonna trouble the water,

Must be the children that Moses led.

God's gonna trouble the water.

Refrain:

Who's that yonder dressed in white?

God's gonna trouble the water.

Must be the children of the Israelites.

God's gonna trouble the water.

Refrain:

Who's that yonder dressed in blue?

God's gonna trouble the water,

Must be the children, now let them through.

God's gonna trouble the water.

Refrain:

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

Hymnal 433

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.