



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 29, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Seventh 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: “Take Time to Be Holy” Dorothy Wells

GREETING

“Privilege is not in and of itself bad; what matters is what we do with privilege. I want to live in a world where all women have access to education, and all women can earn PhD’s, if they so desire. Privilege does not have to be negative, but we have to share our resources and take direction about how to use our privilege in ways that empower those who lack it.”

— bell hooks, *Homegrown: Engaged Cultural Criticism*

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

❖ CALL TO PRAYER AND PRAISE

One: What burdens to you carry? What sorrows weigh you down?

Many: Let us set all this aside for a Holy Breath of peace.

One: How are you rejoicing? What makes you sing?

Many: Let us put these on the Table as a living offering.

One: Where are hands that lift you up? What circles draw you in?

Many: Let us walk beside each other like Holy Kith and Kin.

❖ OPENING HYMN

“Praise with Joy the World’s Creator”

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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 God, you weave your Spirit around and among us until our shared lives become a tapestry. Thank you. You live in us; you enliven us. Thank you. Bless our lives that are shaped in a community that empowers and transforms for Christ’s sake. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:16-40; John 17:20-26 (Inclusive Bible)

Acts 16:16-40

¹⁶ Once when we were going to prayer, we met a household worker who was possessed by a spirit of divination, and who made a great deal of money for her employers through its fortune telling. ¹⁷ She began to follow Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These are faithful followers of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation!” ¹⁸ She did this for many days.

Finally one day Paul lost his temper, and turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to leave this woman!” It left her that moment. ¹⁹ When her employers saw that their profitable operation was now hopelessly dead, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities in the public square. ²⁰ They brought them to the chief magistrates and said,

"These people are Jews and are disturbing the peace ²¹ by advocating practices which are unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice.

²² The crowd joined in the attack on them, and the magistrates stripped them and ordered them to flogged. ²³ They were whipped many times and thrown into prison, and the jailer was told to keep a close watch on them. ²⁴ So, following these instructions, the warden threw them into the innermost cell of the prison and chained their feet to a stake.

²⁵ About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as the other prisoners listened. ²⁶ Suddenly a severe earthquake shook the place, rocking the prison to its foundation. Immediately all the doors flew open, and everyone's chains were pulled loose. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and found the doors wide open, he drew a sword and was about to commit suicide, presuming that the prisoners had escaped.

²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We're all still here."

²⁹ The jailer called for a light, then rushed in and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas, and, ³⁰ after a brief interval, led them out and asked them, "What must I do to be saved?"

³¹ They answered, "Believe in Jesus the Savior, and you will be saved—you and everyone in your household." ³² They proceeded to preach the word of God to the jailer and his whole household. ³³ At that late hour of the night he took them in and bathed their wounds; then he and the whole household were baptized. ³⁴ He led them up into his house, spread a table before them, and the whole family joyfully celebrated their newfound faith in God.

³⁵ In the morning the magistrates sent officers with the order, "Release them both." ³⁶ The jailer reported to Paul, "The magistrates have ordered your release. Go in peace."

³⁷ "What's this?" replied Paul. "They beat us publicly and throw us, Roman citizens, into prison without a trial. And now they want to release us quietly? No! They'll have to come and escort us out themselves!" ³⁸ The officers brought this news to the magistrates, who were horrified to learn that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens. ³⁹ So the magistrates came to assuage them, led them out of prison and begged them to leave the city.

⁴⁰ From prison Paul and Silas returned to Lydia's house, where they met with the sisters and brothers to give them encouragement. Then they left. * 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."

MEDITATION

"Privilege Has Its Place"

Coqui Conkey

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tell My Father"
Jim Benda, Vocalist

Text: Jack Murphy
Music: Frank Wildhorn

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

O God, our heavenly Father and Mother, may your name be sacred to us. May your realm become a reality for us. May your desires be fulfilled among us as they are in your courts. Give us today what we need for life. And forgive us for our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us. Guide us in tempting situations, and protect us from the power of evil. For the realm that is coming, the power that is growing, and the glory that is building, all belong to you forever. Amen.

- ❖ CLOSING HYMN "We Are One in the Spirit" (vs. 1-3) Insert
- BLESSING
- POSTLUDE "Trumpet Voluntary" John Stanley

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
 Liturgist: Jim Benda
 Opening/Closing the Church: Today, Mark Siegel
 Worship Greeters: Missy McCord, Anne Clark
 A/V Booth: Ryan Nussbaum (video) and Scott Davis (Audio)

This Week at UUCC

Sunday, May 29

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

Monday, May 30

Tuesday, May 31

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

Wednesday, June 1

- ..6:00 pm Worship Team
- 7:30 pm AA

Thursday, June 2

- 4:00 pm Refugee Meeting

Friday, June 3

Saturday June 4

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

Staff News

Please welcome Kathy Cox to our staff as the new Communications and Office Coordinator. Kathy joins us from Encore Hope Ministries. She is married with two grown children and two special grandchildren and three very important dogs.

VBS

Come check out the donation wall in the narthex and take a tag or two. Please purchase that item and return it with the tag attached to Rev. Amy's office by Sunday, June 26th. Monetary donations also welcome. Please mark your check or envelope with 'VBS' in the memo line. We also would like to borrow a few items. Please tape/write your name on the lended item so we can return it to you.

Pride Parade

We need a convertible car for the Pride Parade. If you a convertible and would be willing to let us use it (or drive it for us), please contact Kathy Marean at dragonfly2215@msn.com.

Worship Greeters 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."

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Praise with joy the world’s Creator, God of justice,
love, and peace, Source and end of human knowledge,
grace bestowing without cease, Celebrate the
Maker’s glory, power to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry, frees the captive,
finds the lost, heals the sick, upsets religion
fearless both of fate and cost. Celebrate Christ’s
constant presence – Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us, liberating
truth from pride, Forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide. Celebrate the
Spirit’s treasure foolishness none dare deride,

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit, one God in Com-
munity. Calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity. Thus the world shall
yet believe when shown Christ’s vibrant unity.

Closing Hymn

"We Are One in the Spirit"

[Verse 1]

Em

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

Am

Em

Bm Em

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

Am

Em

And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored

[Chorus]

C

Em

Am/C

And they'll know we are christians by our love by our love

Em

Am

Bm Em

And they'll know we are Christians by our love

[Verse 2]

Em

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand

Am

Em

Bm Em

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand

Am

Em

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

Em

We will work with each other, we will work side by side

Am

Em

Bm Em

We will work with each other, we will work side by side

Am

Em

And we'll guard each one's dignity, and save each others
pride

[Chorus]