

The Mt. Carmel Congregational Church
A United Church of Christ
Fifth Sunday in Eastertide
May 15th, 2022



The Healing of the Paralytic, Jan van Hemessen c. 1560/1590

Prelude “Hilf, Gott, dass mirs gelinge” Leon Fiftal
 (“Help Me, Lord, to Praise Thee”)
 By Johann Sebastian Bach

Gathering Prayer

***Hymn** “For the Beauty of the Earth” NCH #28

***Greeting**

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: *And also with you.*

***The Call to Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God, I repent my sin. I have come to a silent place before the mystery and power of your presence. I realize how frail I am and how little I understand. I have tried to shape with my words things that are too wonderful for me. Forgive me by accepting my prayer. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

***Hymn of Thanks** The Gloria Patri NCH #759
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be -world without end. Amen.

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Eastertide

God, you are the source of our life. Gather us now together, we pray. Form us into a holy community of your own people, molding us by the

breath of your Holy Spirit, and revealing in this corporate body the face of your anointed Christ. Amen.

The First Lesson: Psalm 148 Mark Leach
Pew Bible Page 582 (Old Testament)

The Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12
Pew Bible Page 36 (New Testament)

***Hymn** “Lead Us from Death to Life” NCH #581

Sermon “Trusting In Your Friendship” Rev. Robinson

***Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Joys and Concerns of the Parish Family

This morning, we offer sympathies and prayers for the family and friends of Sandee Martin's mother, Irene Martin; may she rest in peace.

Please remember the following persons in your prayers: George Talmadge; Martha Buller; Joan Copeland; Amos Hewitt; Beverly Dean; Rhonda Pruzinsky; Gilbert Spencer; Ron Vanacore; Debbie Wooley's sister-in-law, Mary Labardini; Kathy Willey; Dot Ruest; and Bobbie Warfield. We offer prayers to all caregivers, and for all those who give

their time in the service of others. We pray for all those who suffer with depression and anxiety. Finally, we continue to pray for all those in the Ukraine, and for anyone whose life has been impacted by Covid-19 and anyone grieving for loved ones.

Pastoral Prayer

The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory “Ubi Caritas and Adoro te devote” Leon Fiftal
 (“Where Love Prevails & Devoutly I Adore Thee”)

By Michael Larkin

***The Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow -
Praise him all creatures here below ;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” NCH #547

***Benediction**

Postlude

“All Things Bright and Beautiful *with*
For the Beauty of the Earth”
By Michael Larkin

Leon Fiftal

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*As a community of faith, gathered in Christ's love,
we strive to support one another in hearing the Word,
living the Word, and sharing the Word.*

MAY AND JUNE WORSHIP: A LOOK AHEAD

Please join every Sunday at 10am for service!

May 22nd, 2022

Sixth Sunday in Eastertide

Scriptures: Acts 16: 9-15

Psalm 67

John 14: 23-29

Sermon: “Lydia the Weaver”

May 29th, 2022

Seventh Sunday in Eastertide

Scriptures: Acts 16: 16-34

Psalm 97

John 17: 20-26

Sermon: Guest Preacher Sarah Kroon

June 5th, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21

Sermon: Guest Preacher Keith Amato

June 12th, 2022

Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion

Scripture: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

Romans 5: 1-5

John 16: 12-15

Sermon: “Triplets of the Trinity”

June 19th, 2022

Father’s Day

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15

Galatians 3: 23-29

Sermon: “The Still, Small Voice”

June 26th, 2022

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

Galatians 5: 13-25

Sermon: “The Fruits of the Spirit”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Interfaith Peace Service originally scheduled for this Sunday has been temporarily postponed. Be sure to check your emails, as this event will be rescheduled!

Starting this Wednesday, May 18th, Reverend Olivia Robinson will be hosting a weekly study on the book *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom* by author John O'Donohue at 7pm via Zoom. The book can be found in paperback on Amazon by following this link: (<https://mccucc.tiny.us/bookstudy>). We hope to see you there!

There will be an All-Church Hike to the top of Sleeping Giant following service and lunch on May 22nd. For more information, contact Rev. Olivia!

The Deadline for June Bell Tree articles is next Sunday, May 22nd.

The Church Committee will meet on May 30th at 7pm via Zoom.

There will be a Deacon's trip to Gouveia Vineyards on June 7th at 5pm. For more details, please contact Reverend Olivia.

The UCC is still accepting donations for the Ukraine Relief Fund. You can donate online by following this link, <https://mccucc.tiny.us/ukraine>.

Donations for the Food Bank are still needed if you are able to contribute. Non-perishable items such as canned beef stew, hearty soups, canned fish, peanut butter, mac and cheese packages, and oatmeal would be greatly appreciated.

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**Note: Although we are now mask-optional in worship, we ask that you refrain from attending service if you are not feeling well and please wear a mask if you have been exposed to COVID. We thank you for your consideration of others.*