



JESUS MAFA. Jesus appears at Emmaus

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WORSHIP FOR MAY 1, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today is a communion Sunday. If you are joining us online, before the worship service you are invited to assemble what you will eat and what you will drink. It can be bread and grape juice or wine or something as simple as a cracker or rice cake and water for use in our worship.

“He comes to us as one unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside, he came to those who did not know who he was. He says the same words, ‘Follow me!’, and sets us to those tasks which he must fulfill in our time. He commands. And to those who hearken to him, whether wise or unwise, he will reveal himself in the peace, the labors, the conflicts and the sufferings that they may experience in his fellowship, and as an ineffable mystery they will learn who he is...”

Albert Schweitzer

PRELUDE “*Praeambulum*” WV 33 Heinrich Scheidemann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bea Hicks, Liturgist

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rejoice, people of God!
Celebrate the life within you,
and Christ's presence in your midst!

Our eyes shall be opened!

**The present will have new meaning,
and the future will be bright with hope.**

Rejoice, people of God!

Bow your heads before the One
who is our wisdom and our strength.

We place ourselves before God

**that we may be touched and made whole
by the power of God's Spirit.**

***HYMN 470**

"O Day of Radiant Gladness" (vs. 1-3)

**O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God Triune.**

**This day at the creation the light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord, victorious the Spirit sent from heaven,
And thus this day most glorious a triple light was given.**

**This day God's people meeting, the Holy Scripture hear;
Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing, renewed with heavenly might,
From grace more grace receiving on this blessed day of light.**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, Giver of Life, Bearer of Pain, Source of Love: we thank you that
you are able to accept in us what we cannot even acknowledge;
you are able to name in us that of which we cannot bear to speak;
you are able to hold in your memory that which we have tried to forget;
you are able to hold out to us the glory that we cannot imagine.**

**Have mercy upon us this day. Reconcile us through your cross to all that we have rejected
in ourselves, that we may find no part of your creation to be alien or strange to us, and that
we ourselves may be made whole; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ANTHEM *“Lobt Gott”* Heinrich Schütz

SERVICE OF GIVING

Invitation

Offertory *“Praeludium,”* WV 31 - Heinrich Scheidemann

*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

(At this time, children are dismissed to attend Children's Church.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Corinthians 15:12-22

PSALM 104:1-2, 10-17

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

**You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**

You send the springs into the valleys;

they flow between the mountains.

**All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them,
and the wild asses quench their thirst.**

Beside them the birds of the air make their nests

and sing among the branches.

**You water the mountains from your dwelling on high;
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.**

You make grass grow for flocks and herds

and plants to serve humankind;

**that they may bring forth food from the earth,
and wine to gladden our hearts,
oil to make a cheerful countenance,
and bread to strengthen the heart.**

The trees of the Lord are full of sap,

the cedars of Lebanon which the Lord planted,

**in which the birds build their nests,
and in whose tops the stork makes its dwelling.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:13-35

SERMON “Christ the Stranger”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THANKSGIVING FOR BREAD AND CUP

**We thank you, O Christ,
that scattered though we are, with different needs and hopes
you call us together at this meal and unite us as one body.**

**We thank you for this bread and cup set before us,
food and drink to nourish us in body and in spirit, signs of your life-giving love.
May they speak to us
of the everyday made holy,
of life made new,
of hope for your realm among us.**

We remember that on the night of his arrest...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**O God, through this bread and cup you have made us one with you and with each other.
May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering and
divided world. Help us find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be
with us. Amen.**

* HYMN (insert) "Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us"
**Sing of one who walks beside us and this day is living still,
One who now is closer to us than the thoughts our hearts distill,
Christ who once upon a hill top, raised against the power of sin,
Died in love as his own creatures crucified their God and Friend!**

**We have walked with him as strangers through the journey of the day,
And have told him of the violence that has swept our hope away.
He has offered words of comfort, words of energy and light.
Did our hearts not blaze within us as he broke the bread this night?**

**Risen one, stay with us, raise us, once again the night is near.
Dine with us and share your wisdom, free our hearts from every fear.
In the calm of each new evening, in the freshness of each dawn,
If you hold us fast in friendship we will never be alone.**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Christ Is Arisen” Samuel Scheidt

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WE’RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING. We are putting the safety of both the vaccinated and the unvaccinated in our congregation and the community first. Masks are required for all people in all parts of the building. We will keep social distance in the pews. Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in Rockwood Hall after worship. Masks are optional in Rockwood Hall during Coffee Hour.

USHERS, GREETERS, AND HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES: As we continue to reopen, there are new opportunities to greet people coming to worship, to usher, and to provide hospitality during coffee hour after worship. Please sign up on the sheets in Rockwood Hall or call the church office--319-337-4031.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO GAVE TO THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING: We have received over \$3,200. This offering has long been an important part of the life of our congregation. For many years now, we have been on the list of Top 100 giving churches. Your generous gift will support the relief work of not only the UCC but also many other denominations united in caring for refugees, in providing medical care, and in disaster recovery efforts. You can still give to support this important work. Use the special OGHS envelopes in the pews and put “OGHS” in the memo line of your check.

RETURN TO HOPE LODGE! HELP PREPARE THE MAY 9 MEAL: Before the pandemic our church was providing an evening meal for the residents of Hope Lodge once a month. The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge houses cancer patients (and their caregivers) who are receiving treatment at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Hope Lodge is now back to housing residents but they are not yet allowing volunteers in the building. However, they are welcoming groups to provide an evening meal, enough for 30 people, leaving food off at the door. Our church will be responsible for a meal on May 9. There is a sign-up sheet in Rockwood Hall. Food will be delivered to Hope Lodge by 4:30 that day and should be in containers

(aluminum pans) that do not need to be returned. The address of Hope Lodge is 750 Hawkins Drive (near the Ronald McDonald House). If you have questions about this project, contact Sue Dayton, cdayton7@mchsi.com or 351-5886.

SPRING SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY—MAY 22: On Sunday, May 22nd, the UCCIC Choir will launch another wonderful Special Music Sunday performance of Haydn's "Little Organ Mass." The work will be conducted by Dr. Christopher Nakielski, featuring soprano soloist Marie Von Behren, William Crouch on the organ and several area instrumentalists. This beautiful, miniature mass (approximately 16 minutes) is thought to come from Haydn's stay at Eisenstadt during the winter of 1777-78.

WE'RE SERVING AT THE FREE LUNCH PROGRAM IN MAY. When there is a fifth Monday in a month, Congregational UCC serves at the Free Lunch Program. Interested in helping in some way? Please email Vicki at vickithomae@gmail.com. Thanks!

SIGN UP FOR *CHANGE AGENT*: AN ONLINE UCC MISSION BOARD SOCIAL CHANGE BULLETIN BOARD: The Mission Board is responding to requests from the congregation and creating an Online Social Change Bulletin Board. This monthly email publication will be a system that will include notices of rallies, petitions, upcoming legislative or policy actions warranting letters or phone calls, protests, important meetings of the school board or city council, each of which has the potential to increase social justice. Highest priority alerts will be local actions, then state actions and national actions. Notices will not support political candidates or parties. More information is in the May Newsletter. We would be delighted if everyone in the congregation is interested in subscribing. If you would like to receive these monthly mailings send your contact information to Jenn Harden, uccicadmin@uccic.org. Our goal is to begin the mailings this month.

THE WOMEN'S LUNCH WILL RESUME on May 19, 11:45. at Monica's. Call or text Martha Ann Crawford—319-855-8340—to reserve a seat.

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST IN MAY will be held on the third Saturday, May 21. We'll gather at the Waterfront Hy-Vee at 8:00 a.m. Good food, great people. Join us! (No reservation needed.)

THRESHOLD CHOIR PRESENTS "WALKING EACH OTHER HOME: A CHORAL REMEMBRANCE" This afternoon, May 1, Threshold Choir, is holding a day of choral remembrance for those who died from COVID-19, their families, and anyone who wants to participate as a community. "Walking Each Other Home" will be held at 1:30 p.m., outside of the Friendship Center at Pleasantview Home in Kalona. The choral remembrance will last approximately 30 minutes. Threshold Choir's only chapter in Iowa, Hawkeye Threshold Singers, sings gentle, comforting songs in groups of two to four to people at the threshold of life. The songs are written by members across the globe and represent messages of peace, kindness and love.

NAMIWALKS YOUR WAY JOHNSON & LINN COUNTIES is a community event to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and to raise funds to help meet the rising need of mental health services. Join us at our in-person event on **May 7th at Terry Trueblood**

Recreation Center, for the walk, entertainment, fun activities, and to learn about local services. Show your support for people affected by mental illness in our counties. If you can't come to the in-person event, you can participate virtually, in Your Way, or make a donation. Find more info at www.namiwalks.org/johnsoncountya

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Your giving makes a world of difference.



WE ARE NOW LIVE STREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:15 ON SUNDAY MORNING. You can join us online in real time at <https://vimeo.com/event/1424751>. This streaming address is the same each week.

RECORDINGS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICES are posted after worship on Sunday at <https://vimeo.com/channels/1547852>. The recordings remain up permanently, so you can watch past worship services at your convenience or recommend them to a friend.