

Instructions for the Service over Zoom

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Please use the chat button to convey your celebrations and your prayer concerns so that we can save them to a file and publish them in the prayer list for the congregation on Monday.

Recording this Service

We will record today's service for members and friends who cannot participate in worship at this hour. We will also post an audio of the reading and homily, as well as a print version, on the [sermons page of the church website](#). The service will be ready for viewing beginning on Monday afternoon and will be available until Saturday evening. The link to view the service will be in the Monday e-mail.

**A reminder to please put your zoom audio setting on mute upon entering the service.
Thank you!**

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sacrament of Holy Communion
May 12, 2024 10:00AM
Reverend Elva Merry, Bridge Pastor
David Cavallin, Music Director

PRELUDE

David Cavallin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Elva Merry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

People: **By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.**

Pastor: Therefore, beloved, let us not love only in word or in speech, but in deed and in truth.

People: **Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death to life.**

All: **This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Blue #2

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love. We have neglected your Word in the torrent of words that we hear and read every day. Our hearts are troubled amid the conflicts and violence of our world. Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change, afraid it will require more of us. We know you are reaching out to heal us; help us to respond. We know we are surrounded by your love. Let us feel it deep within, that we may reflect that love to everyone we meet, Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: People of God, hear the good news: God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that through him the world might be saved.

People: **We rejoice in our salvation, and celebrate the wonder of our Savior's love.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: **And also with you.**

You are invited to pass the peace in whatever way is comfortable for you and your neighbors. Handshakes, waves, etc.

***SONG OF PRAISE**

"Jesus, Stand Among Us"

Blue #586

***Please rise in body or Spirit**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1

CEB

The truly happy person
doesn't follow wicked advice,
doesn't stand on the road of sinners,
and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.
Instead of doing those things,
these persons love the Lord's Instruction,
and they recite God's Instruction day and night!
They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,
which bears fruit at just the right time
and whose leaves don't fade.
Whatever they do succeeds.

That's not true for the wicked!
They are like dust that the wind blows away.
And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice -
neither will sinners
in the assembly of the righteous.
The Lord is intimately acquainted.
with the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is destroyed.

HYMN

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Black #433

SERMON

"A Radiant, Righteous Life"

Rev. Elva Merry

ANTHEM

"The Lord Be Near Us"

Hal Hopson/
Timothy Dudley-Smith

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

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 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless these offerings we bring to your altar today, gracious God. We give because we are grateful for your love that has sustained us through many trials and temptations. We give in order to extend to others the blessings we have received, and to continue the ministry to which you have called us. Help us to abide together in your love, we ask in the name of Jesus our risen Savior. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

HYMN OF APPROACH

“In Remembrance”

Blue #322

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Good and gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you, and we ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***HYMN OF DEPARTURE**

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

Black #476

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

David Cavallin

***Please rise in body or Spirit**

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Following worship, please join us in Parish Hall for Coffee Hour, hosted by Deb & Dave Prova.



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Blanket Sunday
Sunday, May 12, 2024



This Sunday, May 12, we are collecting donations for the Church World Service Blanket Program. Your generosity can help keep vulnerable neighbors warm with clean blankets and fresh linens. There will be CWS Blanket Program envelopes available. Mail in donations are gratefully accepted. Please send any donations to the church by May 21 at PO Box 145, Southampton, MA 01073 with checks made out to the church with CWS Blankets in the memo line.

Church Clean Up on May 18th

Saturday, May 18th, from 10am-2pm, will be the Spring clean up day at the church. Volunteers are needed with rakes and wheelbarrows to clean out the flower beds and spruce up the outside of the church for Memorial Day and summer.

Spring Into Burgers on the Grill

The next church meal will coincide with Spring into Southampton on Saturday, May 18th from 11:30am until 1pm. We will be grilling a choice of hamburgers or cheeseburgers, served with chips and lemonade or water. Donations welcome.

Be an FCCS Delegate

Would you like to spend two days learning about how the United Church of Christ is yearning to grow? Would you like to feel part of something bigger as we work to keep our own church a vital part of the community? Please consider attending this conference at UMass on June 21 and 22. We have one delegate, and are looking for another! The Conference includes the Plenary session where we all group together to vote on policy for our Conference, including expanding our inclusiveness to assure those with mental illness feel our extravagant welcome. If you'd like to talk about this conference, call Sharon Tilbe at 239-823-6630. Thank you for considering!

Pallet Garden Donations

Donation of funds are now being accepted for this year's pallet garden to support the purchase of specific flowers, herbs and veggies from local farm stands. Please send monetary donations to: Southampton Community Cupboard, PO Box 145, Southampton, MA 01073. Please put Pallet Garden on the memo line. Thank you!