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United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Glorify God and Love One Another!
Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

Prelude

Variations on O Filii et Filiae

J. Dandrieu

Sung: **God welcomes all! Strangers and friends!**

God's love is strong! And it never ends!

Words: John L. Bell, Music: South African traditional,
transcribed by John L. Bell at the Sunrise Hospice, Themba

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 148)

One: Celebrate our God, from the plains to the mountains!

Many: Celebrate our God, from the waters and hills.

One: Sing to our God who designed creation.

Many: Fill the air with song to the One who painted the world with love.

One: Let us praise our God, the author of grace.

Many: Let us worship our God, the composer of joy.

***Song of Joy**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

CH#234

Words: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874

Music: George J. Elvey, 1868

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

**Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy match-less King though all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways

**from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

Invocation

Spirit of Joy-

Basking in your presence, we dance in the knowledge that your presence dwells with us. We celebrate your name, your grace, your love in this space with our siblings. We proclaim our excitement that we, together, can glorify your name through sharing your love. May this minute be the start of a new chapter of our love for you and our love for our neighbors. Amen.

Prayer of Reflection and Growth

God of Awe and Harmony-

We were given the great commandment to love one another the way you, the Christ, the Spirit loves us.

And yet, the way we love becomes conditional.

What events have distorted our view of Divine Love?

How can we return to a simple but radical way of loving?

Transform our hearts as we work to understand one another, creating an earth which reflects God's heaven. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

The Spirit of God heals our hearts, blessing us with grace as the Divine One works to transform our world into a realm of peace and joy. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Choral Anthem

SCRIPTURE *John 13:31-35*

Message

Rev. Nancy J. White

***Hymn** Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service CH#461
Words: Albert F. Bayly, 1962, alt.
Music: Attr. B.F. White, 1844; harm. Ronald A. Nelson, 1978

**Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone,
but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tire-less striving your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.**

Prayers of the People and 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 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.**

Call to Offering

We have the tools we need to love one another. Through our talents,

treasures, and time, we can create God's Realm here on earth. Our contributions – no matter the size – will craft a world which reflects God's love.

Offertory

Horsley

P. Moore

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, Holy Vessel of Kindness-

We glorify you by sharing our gifts of love with this community. We celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. May these offerings today nourish a world craving more love, peace, justice, and hope. Amen.

***Sending Hymn** Lord, You Give the Great Commission CH#459
Words: Jeffery Rowthorn, 1978
Music: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

**Lord, you give the great commission; "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heaven-ward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."

**Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
and, a-mid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

***Benediction**

As the week begins again,
May we dance as we celebrate God's presence.
May we sing as we proclaim Christ's love.
May we create as we embrace the Spirit's vision.
May we love boldly, care radically, and share courageously to glorify
the Spirit of God in our midst. Amen!

Postlude

Arioso

D. Blackwell

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what is love?



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