



An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of

2018 April 8 Life Passages Easter 2

Welcome and Inclusion

We open our hearts and our church family to all people in our community regardless of differing abilities, ethnicity, economic circumstance, sexual orientation, age, or gender. Many people's lives continue to be devastated by hatred, prejudice, and inequality, therefore we stand with those who are adversely affected by injustice, alienation and oppression.



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## Friends in Christ

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*The flowers in the sanctuary are a gift from the Flower Group in celebration of the 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Gail and Ray Barnes.*

Prelude: *Prelude and Air*, Henry Purcell Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ

Embracing Our Spirit *Alleluia* (three times) **More Voices 54**

Call to Worship:

Full of Love God comes to us this morning!

**Full of love we come to worship God who is Love!**

Come, let us follow Jesus, who loved all.

**Come and let us ponder the wideness of God's love.**

God, "unable to perceive the shape of You, I find You all around me.

**Your presence fills my eyes with Your love, it humbles my heart,  
for You are everywhere."**

Opening Hymn: *Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!*

**More Voices 121, vs 1, 2 & 5**

Introit: *Jambo Bwana*, Kenyan Welcome Song Cantilon Children's Choir  
(Text: Hi! How are you? I am very fine. Everyone is welcome!)

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## Life Passages

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Sacrament of Baptism and Reaffirmation Brenda Sheppard & Susan Hutson

Baptism & Affirmation of Faith: James Ryning

Affirmation of Faith: Chantelle Ryning

Reaffirmation of Faith: Charl Els

Prayer for the Holy Spirit (in unison)

**Eternal God, whose Son the Servant-Lord Jesus Christ has  
commissioned us to make disciples of people of all nations  
baptizing them in your name. May your Spirit be upon us and  
what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in  
Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Congregation's Promise (standing)

**We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with  
you. With God's help we will live out our baptism as a loving  
community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith,  
upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in  
God's work.**

Recommitment: A New Creed **Voices United 918**

Please note the last line of the creed (omitted in some of our hymn books):

**Thanks be to God.**

Blessing (sung)

(Voices United 454)

**May God who creates you give you light;  
 May God who sustains you make you wise;  
 May God who protects you give you joy;  
 May God who surrounds you give you peace.**

**God's Holy Word**

Scripture:

Felicia Drever

John 20: 19-31 • Jesus appears to Thomas

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God for Christ, the word made flesh.**

Anthem: *All Night, All Day*, Spiritual, arr. Greg Gilpin Cantilon Children's Choir

Sermon: *Love, In All Shapes And Sizes* Rev. Leigh Sinclair

Hymn: *Love Is the Touch* **More Voices 89**

Pastoral Prayers Rev. Karen Bridges

Lord's Prayer **Voices United 921**

**Grateful Response**

Offering: *Sound the Trumpet*, Henry Purcell Cantilon Children's Choir

Offertory Hymn: *When at This Table* **More Voices 199 v 4**

**If at this table I make dedication  
 to give my life in serving what is good,**

**then let my centre be where God invites me,  
and show the words of Jesus understood.**

Prayer of Gratitude

Closing Hymn: *You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen*      **Voices United 185**

Commissioning

The risen Christ came and stood among them.

**He said, “Peace be with you.”**

His peace is with us still, no matter our shape or size!

**The risen Christ comes and stands beside us.**

He says, “Peace be with you. As God sent me, so I send you.”

**And off we go! We go into God’s amazing world to love and  
serve the Living Christ! Amen!**

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune*, Henry Purcell

*Following worship, all are invited to the Memorial Hall  
for fellowship, and refreshments.*

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### Music Notes

Thanks to the Cantilon Children’s Choir, their conductor Elaine Myhre and pianist Eliza Voth for being with us this morning. We appreciate their leadership and the opportunity for the Choir of Robertson-Wesley to have a morning off, especially after such an intense week last week!

Their introit is a very popular song of welcome, sung in Kenya in Swahili. It welcomes people to Kenya, but reiterates the welcome of everyone.

All night, all Day is a lively spiritual, a prayer for protection.

Sound the Trumpet is by the Baroque English composer Purcell (1659-1695). It’s a perfect Easter season piece full of excitement, majesty, celebration, and glory!

The organ music is also some lively keyboard music by Purcell to go along with Cantilon’s “Sound the Trumpet”.

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### Cover Image

Cover image is a photo taken by Albert deVos of a detail of the mural in the Memorial Hall.

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