

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
UNITED CHURCH
Third Sunday of Easter
May 1st, 2022**

* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

Candle Lighting **FOR PEACE & FOR PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

Life & Work of the Community

*Hymn Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet 245VU

We Gather to Worship

Gathering Prayer

Minute for Mission

*Hymn Over My Head 88MV

A Story For All Ages

Scripture Readings: Acts 9: 1-6
Psalm 30 757VU
Acts 9:7:20

Sermon: *Because I knew You*

*Hymn Open My Eyes 371VU

Offering

Anthem

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer

*Hymn Jesus Calls Us 562VU

Benediction

*Sending Forth Halle, Halle, Halle 980VU

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings May 8, 2022

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23: Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Upcoming dates

May 8 – 4th Sunday After Easter – The Rev. Dr.- Larry Siebrands

May 12 - Seniors' Lunch - 12 Noon

May 15 – 5th Sunday After Easter – The Rev. Debbie Aitken

May 22 – 6th Sunday After Easter – The Rev. Debbie Aitken

In loving memory of a father and grandfather, Melvin White, by Junior,
Donna, Marci, Mindy and families.

Don't forget the food bank!

Reminder: Our offering plate is located near the sanctuary doors. Please place your contributions there, since we will not be taking an offering as we have in the past. It's one way to be mindful of the Covid restrictions.

We love PAR! Par is the Pre-Authorized Remittance, a direct debit program that allows you to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Contact Maureen MacLeod if you are interested in contributing to our church through our PAR. Sure makes giving easier and more dependable!

Our "sweat shop" volunteers are meeting on Monday mornings to consider different creative ideas for the December craft sale. They sew and clean up materials and make preparations for the crafts. All are welcome to help! Thanks, volunteers.

A Prayer at the Time of Conflict in the Ukraine

War is terrible but you find us, Loving God.

You find us anxious as conflict rages in the country of Ukraine.

You find us angry at the senseless loss of life,
you find us distressed as civilians are caught up in a terrible war,
you find us grieving over the death of innocent bystanders.

War is terrible but you listen to us carefully, Loving God.

You listen as we ask the politicians, "Can't you work for a peaceful solution?"

You listen as we say to the aggressors, "Don't put children or hospitals at risk."

You listen as we give thanks for countries that welcome those displaced
with big hearts and open arms;
you listen as we fear for journalists who put themselves in danger
to report the truth.

War is terrible but you give us hope, Loving God.

Hope that leaders will patiently give peace a chance.
Hope that despite the heartache, the terror, and the loss,
places of sanctuary will be found and acts of kindness will take root and grow.

Hope that feelings of revenge for broken livelihoods and broken bodies
will be replaced by a willingness to restore community and to forgive.

We pray in the name of Jesus, crucified one. Amen

—David Sparks

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