

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL  
UNITED CHURCH  
6th Sunday of Easter  
May 22, 2022**

\* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

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

Life & Work of the Community

\*Hymn Oh A Song Must Rise 142MV

We Gather to Worship

A Litany of Confession & Grace

Minute for Mission

\*Hymn Jesus loves Me 365VU

A Story For All Ages

Scripture Readings:

Revelation 21:1-6

Acts 11:1-18

May God's Word bless us with Good News

*Thanks be for the Gift of Resurrection Life.*

Sermon: *"Fences and Gates"*

\*Hymn In Christ There is No East or West 606VU

Offering

Anthem

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn Deep in our Hearts 154MV

Commissioning and Benediction

\*Sending Forth Halle, Halle, Halle 980VU

Call to worship adapted from one written by John Birch

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings May 29, 2022**  
Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97: Rev. 22:12-14; John 17:20-26

**Upcoming dates**

May 22 – 6th Sunday After Easter – The Rev. Debbie Aitken  
May 29 - 10:30 am - Worship - Sunday School Closing & Potluck  
We will be celebrating the gifts of our children with an  
Intergenerational Worship Service, followed by a Potluck luncheon  
June 5 - 10:30 am - Pentecost Sunday - Holy Communion - Rev Aitken  
June 12 - 10:30 am - Canon Rev Mark Tiller  
June 19 - 10:30 am - Rev. Debbie Aitken  
June 26 - 10:30 am - Rev. Debbie Aitken  
July 3 - 10:30 - Rev. Dr Larry Siebrands  
July 10 - 10:30 - Rev. Canon Mark Tiller

In loving memory of our dear friend, Helen Hawkins, by Donna, Junior,  
Marci and Mindy

In loving memory of Helen Hawkins by Glen and Family.

The offering for May 1 was \$350.00

The offering for May 8 was \$605.00

The offering for May 15 was \$947.00

Don't forget the food bank!

***A family has arrived in our community from the war-torn country of Ukraine. A jar has been placed at the back of the church for those who wish to make a monetary contribution to help this family with expenses as they live among us.***

Session met on May 17 with all members present. The last senior's meal of the season was held on May 12 with 77 meals delivered. Rev. Debbie, Delite and Karen were planning to visit Florence Reynolds and share some music with her. Communion will be served on June 5. A defibrillator was mentioned but it will be referred to Official Board. An Intergenerational service will be held on May 29 and will

include the Sunday School Closing, presentation of two Bibles by Session and a gathering following service where refreshments will be provided (sandwiches and sweets). Plans are underway for a concert in the Fall featuring the Swift Family Band. There will be a Jar in the entry for those wishing to donate to the Ukrainian family in Dover.

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.

If you would be willing to read a Minute for Mission some Sunday, speak to Becky Gosbee. Also, if you would be willing to read the lessons some Sunday, please contact Kay Saunders. Thank you.

#### **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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