

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
UNITED CHURCH
5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022**

* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

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

Life & Work of the Community

*Hymn **Come and Find the Quiet Center** 374VU

We Gather to Worship

Gathering Prayer

Minute for Mission

*Hymn **Over My Head** 88MV

A Story For All Ages

Scripture Readings: **Karen Burhoe**
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 148 870-871VU
John 13:31-35

May God's Word bless us with Good News

Thanks be for the Gift of Resurrection Life.

Sermon: ***"The Humpty Dumpty Disciples of Jesus"***

*Hymn **Will You Come and Follow Me?** 567VU

Offering

Anthem

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer

*Hymn **Draw the Circle Wide** 145MV

Benediction

*Sending Forth **Halle, Halle, Halle** 980VU

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings May 22, 2022

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67: Rev. 21:20f; John 14:23-29

Upcoming dates

May 22 – 6th Sunday After Easter – The Rev. Debbie Aitken
May 29 – 7th Sunday After Easter – The Rev. Debbie Aitken
June 5 – Pentecost – Communion - The Rev. Debbie Aitken
June 12 – Trinity Sunday – The Rev. Canon Mark Tiller
June 19 - 2nd after Pentecost - Rev. Debbie Aitken
June 26 - 3rd after Pentecost - Rev. Debbie Aitken

Don't forget the food bank!

If you would be willing to teach Sunday School one Sunday this month [Sunday School is scheduled to end May 30], please speak to Margaret Brady. Thank you.

We're soon going to be counting bottles for our recycle effort. If you can help some morning [soon to be announced], please let Vera or Larry know. Thanks.

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.

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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