



*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

17 May 2026 – 10:30 AM
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Ascension

***indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.**

PRELUDE	<i>Rise</i>	Herb Alpert
	JAZZ ON HIGH • Aidan Santa Cruz, piano and vocals Chris Charman, bass; Zack Olsen, drums	
WELCOME		The Rev. David Pattee, pastor
*GATHERING SONG	"Jubilate, servite" <u>1) in unison 2) repeated as a round</u> Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth. Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev'ry heart. Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart! Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!	Songs & Prayers from Taizé
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Barbara Broadbent, liturgist
	One: Jesus commanded, "Love one another." All: We come to worship our God who is love. One: Jesus said, "No longer do I call you servants; now I call you my friends." All: We come to worship our God who befriends us in Jesus Christ. One: Trust in the promise, "Even greater things will you do." All: We come to worship our God whose will is that we transform the world in love.	
*HYMN 309 [hymn sheet]	<i>We Are Your People</i> (stanzas 1-4)	WHITFIELD
*INVOCATION		
*GREETING OF PEACE		
WORD MADE PLAIN	<u>children are invited to gather in front</u>	Joliene Wade Gatlin
CHILDREN'S BLESSING	May the peace of God surround you... Like the trees towering in the forest! May the peace of God warm you all over... Like the sun shining in the sky! May the peace of God rise and roll over you... Like the waves rolling in the sea! May the peace of God fill you... Like the wind stirring in your soul! May the peace of God surround you... [singing] Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen... [repeating]	

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

ANTHEM *Spirit of the Living God* Jacob Sooter and Mia Fieldes

MEDITATION *Left behind, and it's OK!* Pastor Dave

RESPONSE 581 [seated] WORLD PEACE PRAYER

**Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace;
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our universe.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ...concluding with *A Prayer in the Spirit of Jesus*

**Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.
Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.**

OFFERTORY

Why I Give
Offertory Music

Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye

Susan Thistlethwaite
Cole Porter



*COVENANT

**We covenant with God and with each other:
to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;
to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;
to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;
to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;
to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;
for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.**

*HYMN 81 [hymn sheet] *God Be with You* GOD BE WITH YOU

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Move on Up* Curtis Mayfield

We Are Your People

Brian Wren, 1973; rev. 1993

Unison

1 We are your peo - ple: Spir - it of grace,
 2 Joined in com - mu - ni - ty, trea - sured and fed,
 3 Rich in di - ver - si - ty, help us to live
 4 Glad of tra - di - tion, help us to see

you dare to make us Christ to our neigh - bors
 may we dis - cov - er gifts in each oth - er,
 clos - er than neigh - bors, o - pen to strang - ers,
 in all life's chang - ing, where Christ is lead - ing,

of ev - ery cul - ture and place. lead and be led.
 will - ing to clash and for - give.
 a - ble to where our best ef - forts should be.

1 & 6 Last time, end || 2-5

God Be with You

81

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float - ing o'er you,

With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Dai - ly man - na still pro-vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly throughout America and England by way of Moody and Sankey's revival meetings. Rankin later served as the seventh president of Howard University.

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain
William G. Tomer, 1880