



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

9 May 2021 – 10:30 AM

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

PRELUDE *Songs My Mother Taught Me* Anton Dvorak
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Schilling, liturgist

One: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

All: Let our joy be complete!

One: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

All: Love one another!

One: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

All: No longer servants but friends!

One: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

All: Rejoicing in the friendship of God!

HYMN #426 (verses 1, 3 & 4) *O God, Whose Steadfast Love* RHOSYMEDRE

**O God, whose steadfast love, true motherhood has blessed;
who shields the infant small upon its mother's breast:
Embrace us too, O God, our God, and hold us in your loving arms,
and hold us in your loving arms.**

**In your great love, O God, full parenthood is known;
a father mourns his child, a mother's strength is shown.
Let parents' faithful lives unbind your love that through them we might find
Christ's deeper love for humankind.**

**May your household of faith one family become,
that love may be increased and none may be alone;
That mother's love and father's care and children's joy we all may share,
and children's joy we all may share.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM *Esto Ies Digo* Kinley Lange
Chancel Choir • Cheryl Anderson, director

*Truly, I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done
for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are
gathered in my name, I am there among them.*

*Matthew 18:19-20

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.
Amen.**

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Elizabeth Schilling

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

SERMON

Can We Be Friends?

Pastor Dave

ANTHEM

All Earth Rejoice with A Gladsome Voice

Antonio Vivaldi

OFFERTORY

Invitation

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Offertory Music

The King of Love

Wilbur Held

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. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Laudation

Gilbert M. Martin