



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

3 May 2026 – 10:30 AM  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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PRELUDE	<i>Welcome</i>	John Coltrane
	JAZZ ON HIGH • Aidan Santa Cruz, piano and vocals Chris Charman, bass; Chris Salem, drums	
WELCOME		The Rev. David Pattee, pastor
*GATHERING SONG	“Jubilate, servite”	Songs & Prayers from Taizé
	<u>1) in unison 2) repeated as a round</u> <b>Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.</b> <b>Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev’ry heart.</b> <b>Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev’ry heart!</b> <b>Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev’ry heart!</b>	
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Susie Land, liturgist
	One: Come to worship God, <b>All: To discern the will of our Maker.</b> One: Come to worship God, <b>All: Confessing what holds us back and turning to the Spirit who calls us into freedom.</b> One: Come to worship God whose will is freedom and justice for all. <b>All: O God, we look to you.</b>	
*HYMN 70 [hymn sheet]	<i>God Is Here</i> (stanzas 1 & 4)	ABBOT’S LEIGH
*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS		
	<b>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.</b>	
*GREETING OF PEACE		
WORD MADE PLAIN	<u>children are invited to gather in front</u>	Joline Wade Gatlin
CHILDREN’S BLESSING		
	May the peace of God surround you... <b>Like the trees towering in the forest!</b> May the peace of God warm you all over... <b>Like the sun shining in the sky!</b> May the peace of God rise and roll over you... <b>Like the waves rolling in the sea!</b> May the peace of God fill you... <b>Like the wind stirring in your soul!</b> May the peace of God surround you... [singing] <b>Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen...</b> [repeating]	

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

ANTHEM

*True Colors*

Steinberg/Kelly

MEDITATION

*Divine Design*

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

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Music

*Come to the Table*

Schoolmeesters/Velez



CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution and Prayers of Consecration

Distribution

Please come forward by the center aisle to receive.

Take bread, dip into the cup, partake immediately, and return to your seat by a side aisle.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of all goodness, we thank you for the nourishment of our faith and the renewal of our lives through this Communion in Christ. So send us now into the world as instruments of your peace. Where there is hate, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O God, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.** (inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, c.1181-1226)

\*HYMN 526 [hymn sheet]

*Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'*

SIYAHAMBA

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Truth*

Kamasi Washington

# God Is Here! As We Your People Meet

*Fred Pratt Green, 1978; alt.*

1 God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,

4 Sov - ereign God, of earth and heav-en, in an age of change and doubt

May we find in full - er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.

Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts

Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.

we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

*Though he retired in 1969, this distinguished British poet has continued to write hymns. In addition to administering several circuits and local congregations, Fred Pratt Green published plays, translations, and poems. Emory University in Atlanta awarded him an honorary doctorate.*

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7.D.  
Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

## Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

(We Are Marching in the Light of God)

Ps. 89:15

South African freedom song; transl. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya -  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are

hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
 march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - ham - ba,  
 kha - nyen' kwen-khos', ham - ba, si - ya -  
 light of God. We are march-ing,  
 the light of God. march-ing, we are

Oo, si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.  
 ham - ba, ham - ba,  
 march-ing, Oo, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.

*Last time, end*

This South African song and fourteen others were first recorded and published in 1980 by the Church of Sweden Mission and the singing group "Fjedur" after a visit they made to South Africa. The subsequent 1984 collection *Freedom Is Coming* brought the songs to a worldwide audience.

Tune: SIYAHAMBA Irr.  
 South African song