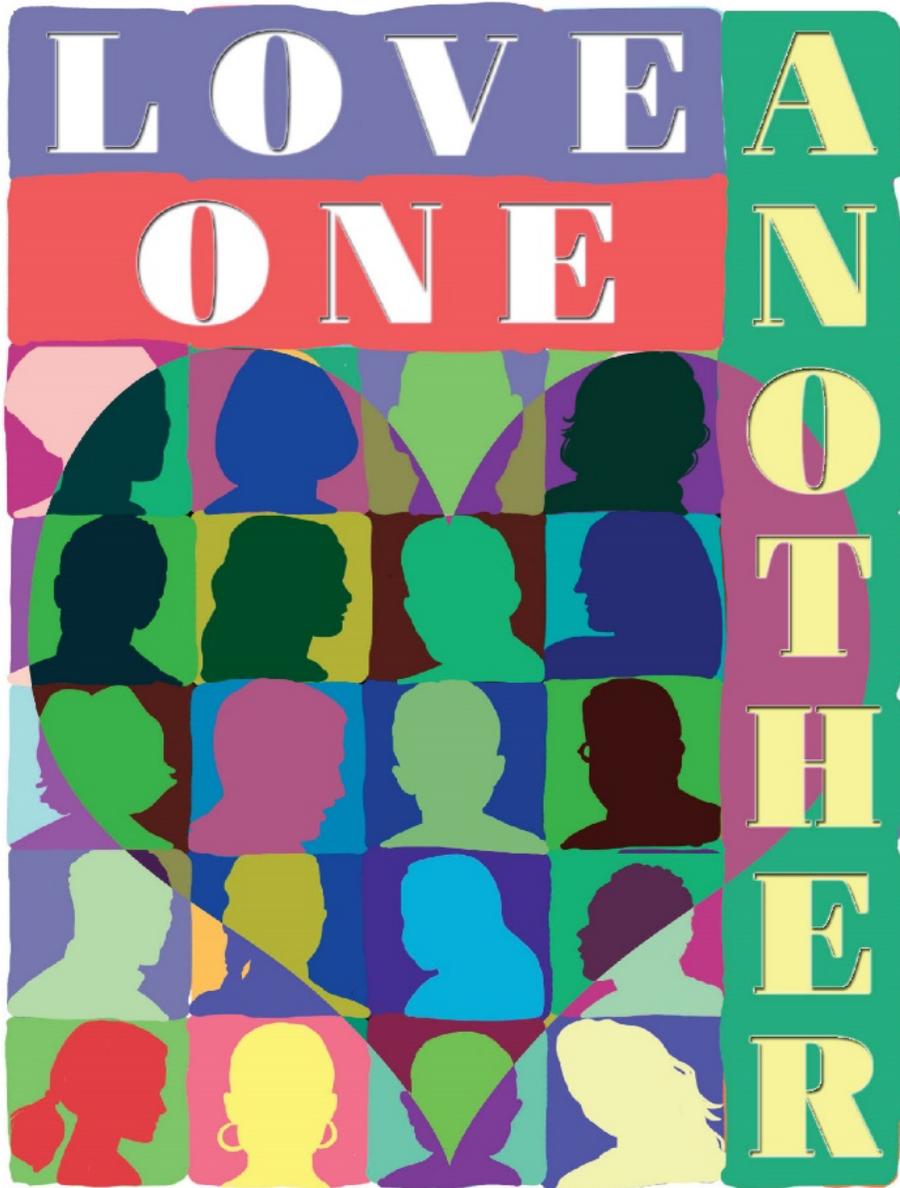


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John 13:34

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# A Celebration of Christian Worship

May 15, 2022 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

Svetlana Morse, Music Director

Judy Gehrig, Liturgist ~ Everett Shepard & Jen Foster, Hosts

Linda Sulkazi, Coffee Fellowship host

Prelude: Make Us One

Svetlana Morse

Introit: Christ Has Arisen

Chancel Choir

Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Call to Worship

L: As the sun rises in the morning,

**P: let all creation worship God.**

L: From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,

**P: let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord, for God alone is worthy to be praised.**

L: God alone makes all things new.

**P: All praise, glory, and honor be yours, forever.**

\*Hymn: #77 How Great Thou Art

**1/ O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**2/ When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.** *Refrain:*

**3/ And when I think that God, His Son not sparing sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;** *Refrain:*

**4/ When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!** *Refrain:*

Opening Prayer

**Gracious and loving God, you meet us where we are. We gather together from many walks of life, but we are unified as one heart in the body of Christ. In our time of worship, open our ears to hear your voice; open our eyes to see your glory; open our minds to receive your word; open our hearts to perceive your presence. Amen.**

Children's Time

Monica Boudreau

Scripture Reading: John 13:31-35

Choir Anthem: Remember

Lorna Wade

Sermon: You Are Beloved!

Rev. Bob Jon

**Hymn of Response: #191 Jesus Loves Me**

**1/ Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.**

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**2/ Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me" Refrain:**

**3/ Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. Refrain:**

Baptisms

Welcoming New Member: Leah Bernstein

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

**Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, it's so easy to get lost in the noise and busyness of life. Forgive the times we lose focus and forget the praise we owe you, offering it to the world instead. You alone are worthy of our praise. You alone are worthy of our adoration. You alone are worthy of our love. Creator who makes all things new, renew our hearts and strengthen our resolve, that we may graciously receive what you have in store for us today.**

Words of Assurance

When we are thirsty, God renews our souls with living waters. Drink deeply, knowing that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Sharing Our Gifts and Tithes

*(For online giving, please visit <https://livingfaithumc.net/online-giving/> or download tithe.ly on your smartphone.)*

**\*Doxology #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy God, you have given us so much. Through your love and abundance, our cup overflows. From the bounty of your blessings, we offer these gifts back to you. Use these offerings for your glory, as we work to bring your kingdom here on earth. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: #2117 Spirit of God**

**1/ Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin, blow as you always do; create us anew. Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing held in your hands, borne of your wings.**

*Refrain: Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!*

2/ **Spirit of God, bright Done, grant us your peace and love, healing upon your wings for all living things. For when we live your peace, captives will find release, held in your hands, borne of your wings.** *Refrain:*

3/ **Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands you hold all the human race in one warm embrace. No matter where we go, you hold us together so, held in your hands, borne of your wings.** *Refrain:*

4/ **Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in our holy name, the power to heal, to share your love everywhere. We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all, held in your hands, borne of your wings.** *Refrain:*

5/ **Spirit of God in all, we gladly hear your all, the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings. Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes, held in your hands, borne of your wings.** *Refrain:*

**\*Benediction**

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Postlude: For the Beauty of the Earth

Svetlana Morse

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The psalmist calls all creation — sun and water, trees and mountains, animals and people — to praise the Lord (*Psalms 148*). And so we shall. Welcome to Living Faith United Methodist Church!

Our Guest Preachers for May are Pastor Judy Gehrig on May 22 and Veejay Strama on May 29. Please come to support their gifts of ministry.

Our confirmation class will have a retreat from May 28 to May 29. If you would like to donate any food for dinner or snacks, please contact Shawn Johnston.

**Sunday Servants** for next week (5.22): Liturgist: Joseph Hopkins; Hosts: Pat Harvey & Deb King; Children's Story: Lorna Wade; Coffee Fellowship: Rachael & Shawn Johnston.

**\*Birthdays & Anniversaries this week:** Monday: Sara Parker; Tuesday: Olivia Mauer; Wednesday: Linda Shaw & Christine Georgio. **Are there any others?** *(please let Bev know (in writing) if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed in the newsletter or bulletin)*