

Union Congregational United Church of Christ



At Union, we are all the body of Christ together:
Through our voices, Christ is still speaking
Through our hands, Christ is still serving
Through our hearts, Christ is still loving



May 10, 2026

Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. You can access the loop by activating the T-coil in your hearing aid. If you do not have a T-coil, you can request a portable receiver from an usher.



Welcome to Union Church!

- Today's service is being live streamed via Facebook and YouTube.
- During the Children's Moments, the live stream will display a graphic, in order to protect our children's privacy.
- Please see an usher if you would like a children's activity packet or if you need help finding the nursery.
- Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card at the usher's station or email office@unionucc.com to receive our weekly email newsletter.
- Visitors, if you would like more information about our church, please take home a yellow "Welcome to Union Church" folder located at either sanctuary door. If you have trouble finding them, ask one of our friendly members to help you locate one!
- We encourage those who are COVID positive or have cold or flu symptoms to worship from home and to consult with your healthcare provider to ensure you are engaging in best practices regarding masking, distancing, and receiving vaccines/boosters.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 AT 10 A.M.



AND CHURCH PICNIC

Bring a lawnchair or blanket and a dish to pass for our Outdoor Worship and Potluck Picnic in the courtyard. Membership Ministry will provide grilled meat and non-meat mains and bottled water. We will only have a couple of small tents for shade, so bringing a hat or parasol might be a good idea! We'll need help for set up and clean up. Plan to arrive at 9 a.m. if you can help with set up.

Serving Christ . . . Loving Each . . . Affirming All

Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day



May 10, 2026

10:00 a.m.

(*) invites all who are able to stand

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

"Doxology"

arr. Mark Hayes

With music and silence we begin worship, praying quietly and opening our hearts to God.

THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

Welcome! Please share Announcements, Ministry Opportunities, Joys and Concerns.

PRAISING OUR GOD

THE BOND OF UNION: (in unison)

Giving our all as we have been given all...

We accept the religion of love and service which Jesus lived and taught, and declare it our purpose to strive to do the will of God, and to make the Christ Spirit dominant in our lives and in all human relations.

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: People of God, we gather in a world full of altars: places where meaning is sought, and hope is named.

All: We come seeking the One who is already near.

One: The God who made heaven and earth does not dwell in temples made by human hands,

All: but breathes life into all that is.

One: In Christ, we are called to do works of love, justice, and mercy,

All: not alone, but with the Spirit abiding with us.

One: So come, let us worship not as strangers, but as beloveds.

All: remembering it is in God we live and move and have our being.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)**

Holy and Living God, you are closer to us than our own breath, yet we confess how often we act as though you are far away.

We build our lives around what we can control, and overlook the sacred that surrounds us.

We cling to certainty, and resist the mystery of your Spirit moving in new ways.

We confess that we have not always lived as your people. We have chosen comfort over compassion, silence over justice, fear over love.

Forgive us. Open our eyes to your presence in every person, every place. Stir within us the courage to follow Christ's way: to love as he loved, to serve as he served, to trust that you never leave us to face our troubles alone. We pray in the name of the One who abides with us forevermore. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (in unison)**

Hear the good news: God is not far from any one of us. In love, God has already reached toward us; in Christ, with us; in the Spirit, within us.

There is no distance too great, no failure too final, no life beyond the reach of grace.

You are forgiven. You are beloved. You are invited to begin anew. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST**

***HYMN:**

"All Are Welcome"
(see page 4)

TWO OAKS

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

HOLY SCRIPTURE:

Acts 17:22-29

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Children are invited to gather on the chancel steps and bring their offering.

Following Children's Moments, all children are welcome to remain in worship.

Additionally, parents are welcome to accompany their children to our "pryground" in the south transept to play and pray quietly or to drop them off downstairs to play in the nursery with our paid nursery staff. Activity bags with crayons, etc. are available from an usher.

CHORAL ANTHEM:

"Doxology for a New Day"

Mark Miller

HOLY GOSPEL:

John 14:12-21

p. 109

THE SERMON:

Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

RESPONDING IN FAITH

HYMN NO. 427:

“God Made from One Blood”
(see page 5)

ST. DENIO
The New Century Hymnal

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Please join us in praying the Lord’s Prayer in these words or a translation meaningful to you.
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Offertory:

“As the Deer”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Praise Response

“We Come With Gifts”

ELLACOMBE

text by Amanda Udis-Kessler

***Oh, grant that we may come to know each gift we have to give,
To cul-ti-vate them grate-ful-ly to help each o-ther live
and may the gifts that o-thers bring be wel-comed and em-braced
to make this fear-ful, ang-ry world a just and joy-ful place.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (in unison)

Generous God, you have given us life, breath, and all that we have. Receive these gifts, not just what we offer from our abundance, but the offering of our very lives. Use them to bear witness to your love in the world: to build community where there is division, to bring hope where there is despair, to embody your justice and your joy. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to do the work you have called us to do, trusting that you are with us, always. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 539:

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?”
(see back page)

SERVANT SONG
The New Century Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

“Duke Street”

arr. G.E. Whiting

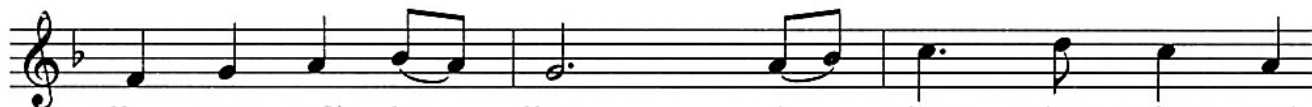
Thanks to all who helped lead today’s service including our reader, **Kathy Baldwin**, and **Ed Tucker** who offered our Children’s Moments.

All Are Welcome

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Tune: TWO OAKS, 9 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain; Marty Haug
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1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength-en,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
serve and teach, And live the Word they've



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the



faith and vault of grace; Here the
sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
im - age of God's face; Let us



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come



in this place.

God Made from One Blood

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

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Thomas H. Troeger, 1988

1 God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of earth,
2 We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
3 Through fam - ilies we've tast - ed the val - ue of trust
4 Help fam - ilies in all of their var - i - ous forms

the cir - cles of nur - ture that raise us from birth,
for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years,
and felt what it means to be lov - ing and just,
to face with in - teg - ri - ty strug - gles and storms;

Com - pan - ions who join us to work through each stage
The in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend
Yet fam - ilies have al - so be - trayed their best goals,
Grant peace to our homes that will nur - ture the bud

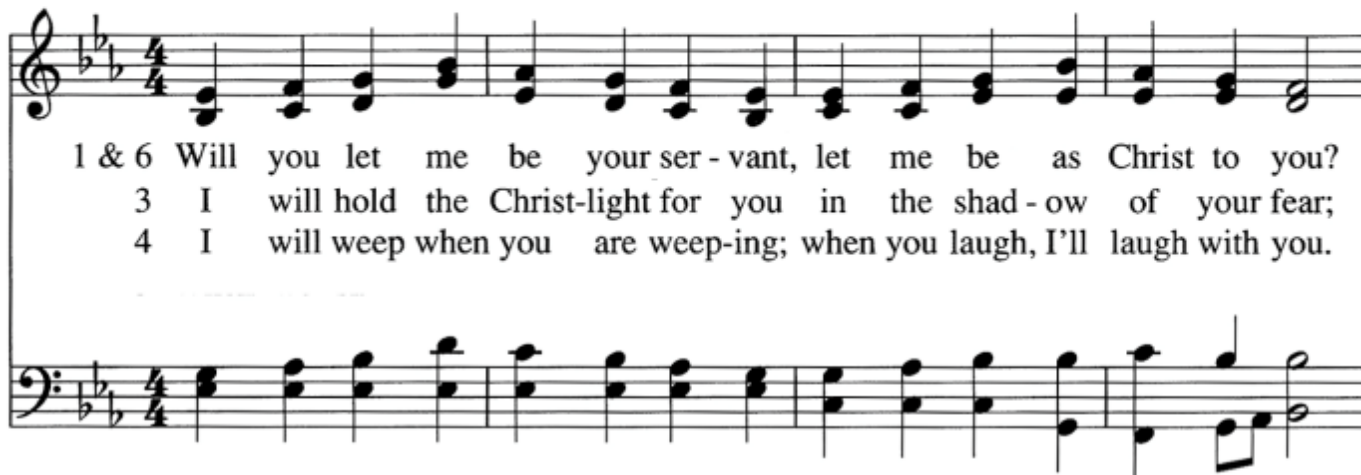
of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.
of par - ents and part - ners and chil - dren and friends.
mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruis - ing their souls.
of peace for the fam - ilies you made from one blood.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?

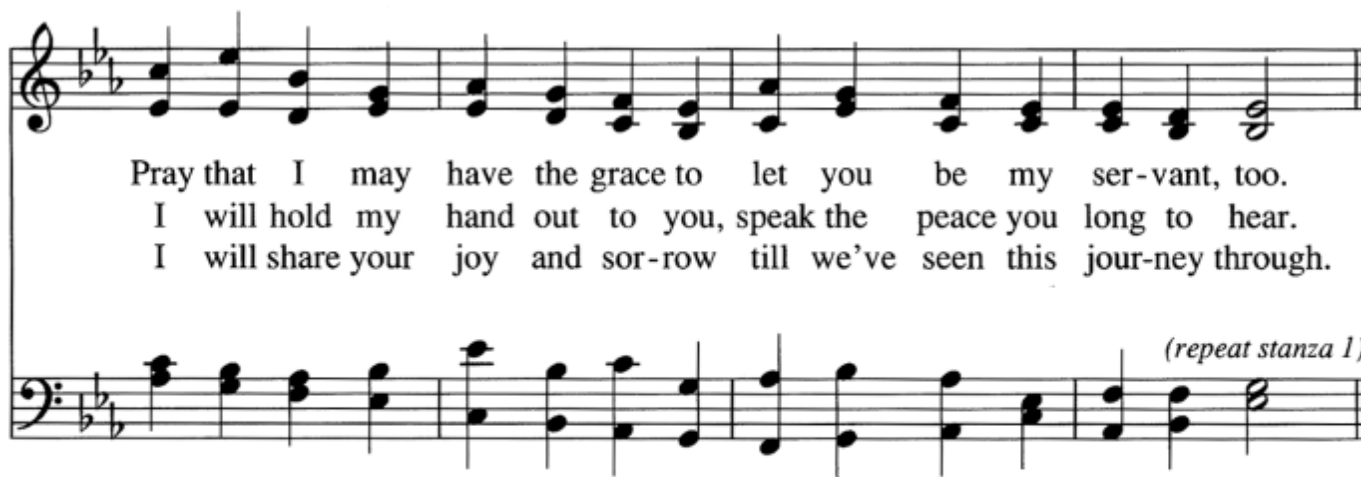
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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29



1 & 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser-vant, too.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor-row till we've seen this jour-ney through.

(repeat stanza 1)

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.

Richard Gillard, 1977

Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.

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