



Community United Church of Christ
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An Open and Affirming Congregation
A Peace with Justice Church
March 26th, 2023 10:30 a.m.
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE Performed by Henrique Borges Gomes

WELCOME and GATHERING WORDS Worship Leader

MUSICAL MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from words by John Indermark

One: Coming from places that have seen better days,
All: God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.

One: Coming with our breath taken away by grief,
All: the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us,
renewing our connection with God
and with one another.

One: Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,
All: We celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities!

OPENING HYMN *Now the Green Blade Rises*, NCH #238

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION Written by Rev. Teña T. Nock

Life Giver, come and revive us again. Indwell us with your spirit and let our souls awake to joy. We come boldly that you might breathe on us. May what we experience with you today change us forever and for the better. Amen.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CELEBRATING OUR KIDS AND YOUTH *We Are Marching in the Light of God*, NCH #526

READINGS Ezekiel 37:1-14 and *A Psalm of Life* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

SERMON *Up From Your Graves* Rev. Nicole

COMMUNAL SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Jackie

WORLD PEACE PRAYER *Adapted from the Upanishads*

Oh God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Peace, peace, peace. Amen.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Loving God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Your kin-dom come, your 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Breathe on Me Breath of God*, NCH #292

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG *God Be With You*, NCH #809