

PRAYER of DEDICATION and THANKSGIVING

Generous God, we pray that these gifts will bring glory to your name and bless your creation through good stewardship, Spirit-led discernment, and generous love. Amen.

***SONG "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"**

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BENEDICTION

SUNG "Amen"

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Bold- Words in bold are said in unison.

Our worship has ended ~ Let our service begin!

Going On: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday in Easter Year A was written by the Rev. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Carol Steinbrecher will be our preacher today. She will be available after worship to address the possible journey to call a UCC pastor after Pastor Marilyn retires on April 4, 2027 next year.

April 26th we will celebrate Earth Day Sunday with Paul Dale as our speaker addressing our achieving a Level One Green Church journey.

Warm Birthday wishes go out to:

Phillip Arpano Sr. April 4th

Ella Cummins April 11th

Michelle Garry April 15th

Jeanne Dietel April 29th

April Kristoff April 5th

Erica Hoag April 11th

Bob Lidstone April 15th

Phillip Arpano Jr. April 30th

Happy Anniversary goes out to:

Fred & Teresa Sontag April 9th

Please keep our special members and friends in your prayers: June and Edie K.

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April 19, 2026

Pastor, Rev. Marilyn Wilcox

Musician, Kate Lyczkowski

Lay Reader, Mike MacInnis

Ministers, The People of God

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING *of the BELL/TIME of CENTER*

***CALL to WORSHIP**

One: We call upon the name of the Holy One who hears our cry and responds to our prayer. What shall we return to the Holy One for all the blessings we receive?

Many: We will call upon the name of the Holy One for as long as we live.

One: The Holy One has been our companion in suffering and our Comforter in anguish.

What shall we return to the Holy One for their presence among us?

Many: We will serve the Holy One and be companions and comforters for God's people.

One: The Holy One has given a new covenant of salvation, redemption, and restoration for the world. What shall we return to the Holy One for the gift of covenantal love?

Many: We will declare the goodness of God with praise and thanksgiving. Hallelujah! Bless the name of the Holy One!

***SONG of PRAISE and SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE**

"Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill"

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***PRAYER of the DAY**

Living God, you are the fire that burns within us. You open our hearts to your presence, revealed in word and song, in hospitality and friendship, in sacrament and presence.

Open our minds again so that we may recognize you when you meet us in unexpected moments. Let us encounter you in every phase and movement of worship that we might know you and love you more than before we gathered. And, may that love burn brightly like the sun cutting through the gloom of the storm to inspire us to go on with renewed hope and spirit. Amen.

***AFFIRMING and CONNECTING (Passing of the Peace) We sing: "Peace be with You".**

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen. *(Be seated)*

Moment for All God's Children

Lord's Prayer 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 and ever. Amen.

***SONG "It is Well with My Soul"**

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SCRIPTURE Psalm 116: 12-19 (Common English Version)

PRAYER of TRANSFORMATION and NEW LIFE

Spirit of the Living God, we ask you to meet us in those moments when we recognize that we have caused, through action or inaction, through words or silence, through participation or lack of participation, that we have caused or allowed harm to take place. In those moments, allow our hearts to break in order to be mended with the burning fire of repentance and sharpening. In those moments, let our hearts cry, "what should we do?" In those moments, guide us to wisdom and discernment of the Holy Spirit, so that we would not be forgiven but gifted with the work or repair and restoration. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Luke 24: 13-25 (Common English Version)

Meditation - Rev. Carol Stenbrecher, UCC Area Conference Minister

MUSICAL MEDITATION

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

Passing of the Plate

DOXOLOGY (Use whatever words are comfortable for you)

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

