

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21 *(All male pronouns for God and the Spirit in this printed text have been changed to reflect the divine feminine.)*

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 I will ask the Mother, and she will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. 17 This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees her nor recognizes her. You know her, because she lives with you and will be with you.

18 "I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. 19 Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. 20 On that day you will know that I am with my Mother, you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Mother, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

IMPROVISED MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Anton Faynberg

During this time, we invite you to embrace the transition from hearing the word to gathering ourselves in prayer by taking a moment for quiet reflection either in your pew, or by coming forward to light a candle to give light to the prayer(s) on your heart that have no words to be expressed.

Come and Light a Candle...**PASTORAL PRAYER**

We will continue to share prayer concerns among the congregation by lifting up the name of a person, or naming a situation, at which point Pastor Jeff will repeat the concern raised. Once Pastor Jeff has repeated the concern the entire congregation will respond with "God in your mercy, hear our prayer". Once we have concluded sharing our prayer concerns Pastor Jeff will begin today's pastoral prayer, followed by the prayer of Jesus.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *(in unison)*

Our Creator (Father) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM 'If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments' arr. Thomas Tallis

CALL FOR OFFERINGS¹

OFFERTORY 'Old Ship of Zion' arr. Thomas A. Dorsey

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** 'I Thank You, Jesus' No. 116

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹**

***HYMN** 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling' *(sung to the tune of HYFRYDOL)*

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'Amen' No. 312

POSTLUDE Anton Faynberg

Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Anton Faynberg, Organist/Pianist

Alisa Cassola, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter


Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

Rev. Ursos, Epenito "Rambu." "Easter 6a - May 14." *United Church of Christ*, 21 Apr. 2023,
www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-6a-may-14/.



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EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Applications due
June 1st

If you are headed to higher education and a part of our beloved community, you are welcome to apply for the scholarships we have available. We will recognize scholarship recipients on Sunday June 11 in morning worship.

Click the link in the Nearly Weekly for the application or contact Dani at ce@brocktonucc.org with any questions

Come Down, O Love Divine

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1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek now this soul of mine,
 2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till love cre - ates the place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes its dwell - ing.

WORDS: Bianco of Siena (15th century); tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1867; alt.
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

DOWN AMPNEY
 66 11D

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Unison

1. God of man - y names, gath - ered in - to One,
 God of hov - ering wings, womb and birth of time,
 2. God of Jew - ish faith, ex - o - dus and law,
 God of Je - sus Christ, rab - bi of the poor,
 3. God of wound - ed hands, web and loom of love,
 God of man - y names, gath - ered in - to One,

in your glo - ry come and meet us, mov - ing, end - less - ly be - com - ing;
 joy - ful - ly we sing your prais - es, breath of life in ev - ery peo - ple,
 in your glo - ry come and meet us, joy of Mir - i - am and Mo - ses;
 joy - ful - ly we sing your prais - es, cru - ci - fied, a - live for - ev - er,
 in your glo - ry come and meet us, car - pen - ter of new cre - a - tion;
 joy - ful - ly we sing your prais - es, mov - ing end - less - ly be - com - ing.

Refrain (Harmony)

Hush, hush, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Shout, shout, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Sing, sing, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Sing God is love, God is love! love!

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1985
 MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1985

MANY NAMES
 55.88 w. refrain

O Word of God Incarnate

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1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2. The church from you, our Sav - ior, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
 3. O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light as of old.

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 Your word is chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, we see you face to face.

WORDS: William W. How, 1867, alt.
 MUSIC: Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

MUNICH
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I Thank You, Jesus

1. I thank you, Je-sus, thank you, Je-sus,
 2. You've been my fa-ther, been my moth-er,

(Thank you, Je-sus,) (thank you, Je-sus,)
 (Been my fa-ther,) (been my moth-er,)

thank you, Je-sus, my Sav-ior God, for you brought me, yes, you
 been my sis-ter, my broth-er, too, for you brought me, yes, you

brought me from a might-y, a might-y long way, (a might-y long
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WORDS: Kenneth Morris, 1948

MUSIC: Kenneth Morris, 1948; adapt. and arr. Joyce F. Johnson, 1992, alt.

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