

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Just Peace Open & Affirming

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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2013

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ring the Bell

***Greeting One Another**

Centering Music "To You, O God, All Creatures Sing" arr. B. Reichez
Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 104:25, Genesis 1:31, Matthew 9:37)
Cong'l Response: Inspire us, O God!

***Gathering Song** NCH #17 "To You, O God, All Creatures Sing" Lasst Uns Erfreuen

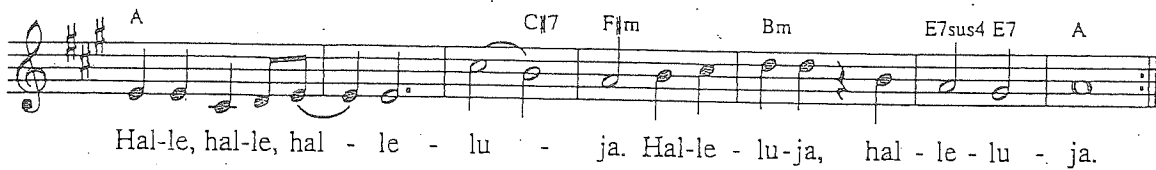
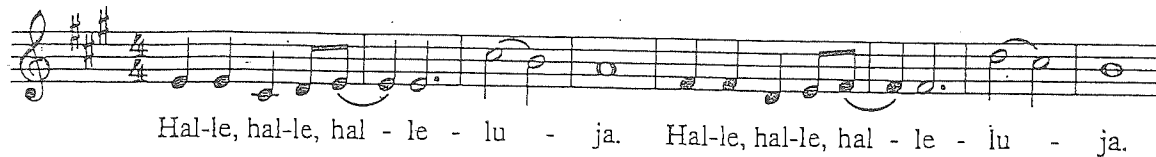
Opening Prayer

Silent Reflection

Readings from the Bible

Psalm 130 (p. 705 in the OT of your pew Bible)

Ecclesiastes 3:16 - 4:12 (p. 757-758 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

**Children's Message**

Hannah Hannover

Prayers of the People

You are invited to offer joys and concerns aloud for which the whole congregation will pray. If you have something to share, simply raise your hand and a deacon will bring the microphone to you.

Pastoral Prayer

The minister will offer a series of prayers each followed by "Amen," concluding with "The Lord's Prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer comes from Matthew 6:9-13. Here is a traditional translation, which we will all pray together.

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.

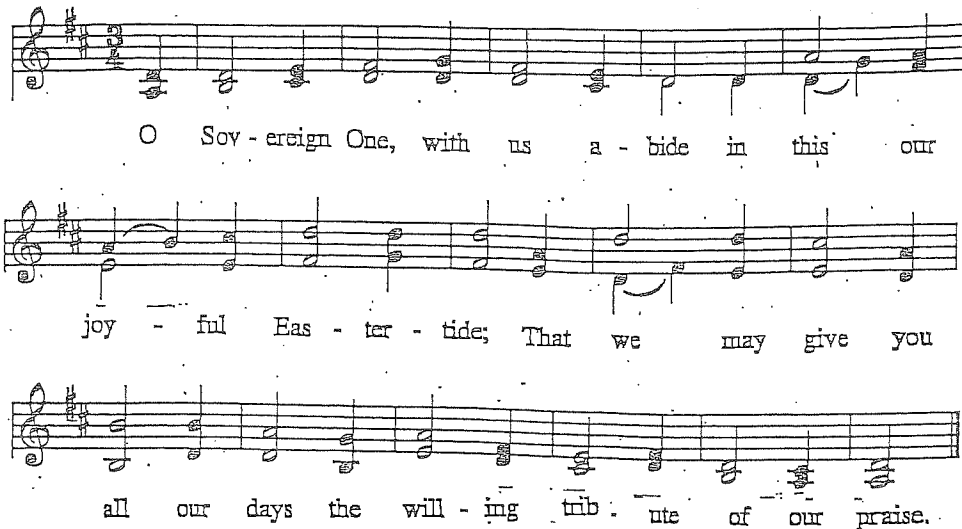
Offering of Gifts

“Earth and All Stars”
Chancel Choir, Bradley Duckstein, tenor

David N. Johnson

***Sung Response**

“Joy Dawned Again On Easter Day”



O Sov - er - eign One, with us a - bide in this our
joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; That we may give you
all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.

***Prayer of Dedication**

The gift of resurrection reminds us that all we possess comes to us by the grace of God. May these gifts and offerings serve as a token of our love and gratefulness. May they be used to further God's justice and love in the world. May we live in new life and share that life with others. Amen.

***Song (see insert)**

“A World of Time and Peace”

Terra Beata

Sermon

“Realism and Hope”

Jonathan Page

***Closing Song NCH #28**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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***Sending Blessing**

Parting Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Kristin Shields

Preacher: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Emily Kenneke

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Organist: Karen Stewart

Next Week of April 14:

9:30 a.m. - Children's Sunday School: Pre-K (ages 3-5) & Rotation (grades K-6)

Youth Group: Meet in the Youth Room with Emily

Learning Center: Journeys of Faith - Church World Service—Russ Melby

Sermon: "The Path to a New Life" Charles Kniker

Texts: Psalm 30, Luke 24:13-35

Announcements:

Flowers on the communion table are from Barbara Rusk in memory of Carl's birthday, April 14, 1921.

GNEA Fundraiser today at 5:30 p.m. at Lucullan's

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance provides rent and utility assistance and food vouchers for Story County residents in need. We are a founding congregation of GNEA and Judy Blair sits on their board of directors. Join in the effort! 100% of your donations will go to direct aid.

Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship meets over the noon hour on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are invited to bring a lunch and drink or not as we gather for light conversation. Hope to see you there!

Movie Night Friday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall - Come and have fun while we watch *Chariots of Fire* (1981). In the movie, two British track athletes, one a determined Jew and the other a devout Christian, compete in the 1924 Olympics. Winner of multiple awards at Cannes and at the Academy Awards in the U.S., including Best Picture of 1981, the film raises issues of faith, duty and covenant.

Congregational Dinners—April 19-21 & 26-28

Volunteers still needed to host. If you have any questions about the dinners, contact Hannah.

Attention Team Coordinators: Newsletter deadline is April 17