

RINGING THE BELLS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bill Wassner

OPENING PRAISE *"Pocketful of Faith"* (Cantelon, Herbert, Wickham, Hughes)
Kasey Gathercole, Katie Maurer, Andrea Williams

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Mary Hurley

Leader: God of the Ages, we come today as Your people who have been called to rise up and follow You.

People: We walk on the ancient pathways of the saints.

Leader: Today we celebrate tomorrow's leaders, the heroes and heroines of a history yet to be made.

People: We hold out our hands to them and beckon them to join us on the journey.

Leader: Today we celebrate a new generation of faith, Your daughters and sons, drawn to follow Jesus Christ.

People: Let us welcome them into this church community, as we all worship God together!

*OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

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*OPENING PRAYER

Wonderful, amazing God, we gather as those who have caught a glimpse of Your glory and goodness. Your love has surrounded us from our birth and drawn us to Yourself. Thank You for calling us into this community of faith. Help us to love You, one another and the world with the love revealed to us in Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

*SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE and LOVE

PRELUDE TO PRAYER

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of pray,

That calls me from a world of care and bids me at my Father's throne

Make all my wants and wishes known!

In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,

And oft escaped the tempter's snare by Thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

MORNING PRAYER

Pastor Bill

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And with you also.

One: Let us pray...

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pastor Mary

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

"New Doxology"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we dedicate these gifts to You in hope -- a hope which begins here and now, yet stretches further than human eye can see. Show us, we pray, how our own behavior day by day may give Your caring love a visible presence in this world. May we cease to live for ourselves and live for Him who for our sake died and was raised to life -- Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAISE SONG

"May It Be" (Bhraonain, Ryan, & Ryan)

Combined Choirs

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17: 6-11 (NLT)

SERMON

GUTs and TOEs

Pastor Bill

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"* (on screen)

ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

Overview and Introduction of the Candidates

Pastor Bill

Charge to the Candidates

Kris Igleheart-Mindrup, *Head of Deacons*

Questions of the Candidates

Don Schuldt, *Head of Elders*

*UCC Affirmation of Faith (on screen) DJ MacLeod, *Vice President of Congregation*

Act of Confirmation

Laying on of Hands

Unison Prayer of Confirmation

Kim Armstrong, *Director of Youth & Outreach*

We rejoice, O merciful God, with these youths in the gift of the Holy Spirit, and in the Spirit's power to awaken us to new truth and to inspire us to venture into fullness of life. We give You thanks that they have been moved to affirm their baptism. Help them to live not for themselves, but for Christ, and to love all people as Your children. Keep them steady and abounding in hope, never giving up, pressing toward the goal of life with You in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome to the Candidates

Pastor Mary

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND GIFTS

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The 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.
Amen.**

*CLOSING PRAISE *"The Power of Your Name"*

*SENDING FORTH *with joined hands* Pastor Bill

*Immediately following Worship, the Confirmands will gather
in front of the altar for their group picture.
Afterwards, the Congregation is encouraged to welcome the new
Members as we join for a Celebration Reception in the Parish Hall.*



Rev. Dr. William J. Wassner, Senior Pastor

Rev. Mary Hurley, Associate Pastor

Andrea Williams, Director of Traditional Music

Kasey Gathercole & Katie Maurer, Co-Directors of Discovery Music

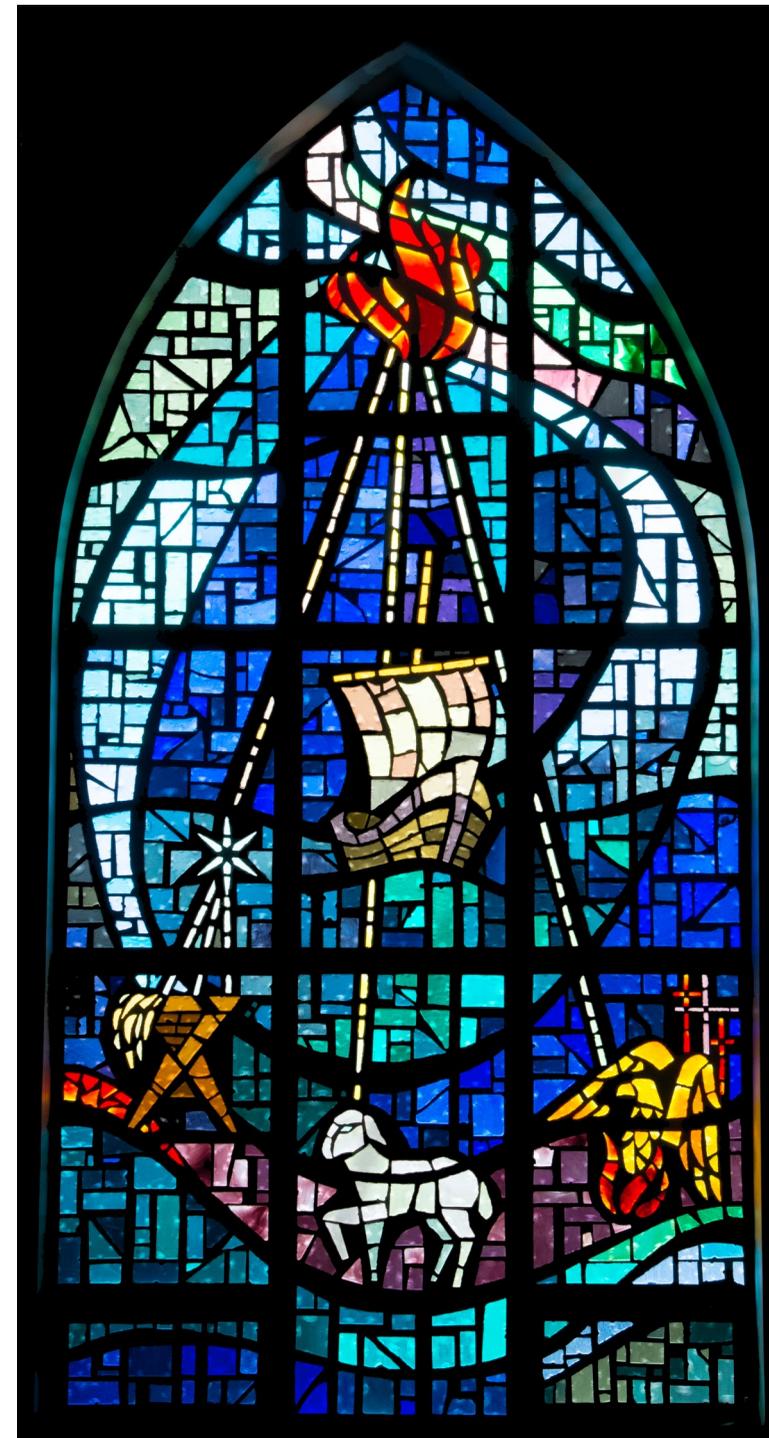
Rick Hobbs, organist

Pam Schuck, Dirck Stahl, Micah Pricher, Song Leaders

Dirck Stahl, guitar; Nick Gathercole, bass; Bob Koch, drums

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Combined
Worship
May 7, 2017
10:00 AM



Celebration of First Communion & Confirmation