



***Normandy Park United Church of Christ
CROP Walk, Communion, and a Musical Celebration ~ May 7, 2023***

***Bolded text is read and sung in unison
* indicates to please stand if you are able***

PRELUDE ~ “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” arr. by Lloyd Larson

WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WORDS OF GATHERING

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God’s love is for you and for all people everywhere.

That we may share God’s love and life,

May we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

The living Christ is with us, indeed! Amen! Alleluia!

***SONG ~ “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” #4 NCH**

OPENING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ “Lord, Here Am I” arr. John Ness Beck

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Living God, in times when we experience spiritual homelessness,

We long to hear Jesus’ reassurance that he has prepared a place for us.

We yearn to be formed and transformed by your Holy Spirit,

**To live in spiritual houses that are sturdy in foundation,
Able to withstand any storm.
Grant us courage and give us confidence,
As we live in community with one another.
In your holy name we pray, Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Place your trust in the movement of the Holy Spirit. The good news is that God meets us in our yearnings and has already forgiven us in the ways that we miss the mark.

***SONG** ~ *“Take My Life, God, Let It Be”* #448 NCH

SHARING OUR SACRED STORY

John 14:1-14 (CEB)

“Don’t be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Father’s house has room to spare. If that weren’t the case, would I have told you that I’m going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too.

You know the way to the place I’m going.”

Thomas asked, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us.”

Jesus replied, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don’t speak on

my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

SERMON ~ *“Prayer Instructions”*

***SONG** ~ *“As We Gather at Your Table”* NCH #332

COMMUNION

LORD’S PRAYER ~ *sung by Michael Moser*

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Alice, Madison’s grandmother
- The family of Eileen A.
- Gloria J.
- Ida, Nancy S.’s sister
- Joan A.
- Jon C.
- Judy H., Nancy B.’s friend
- Lee W.
- Mack V.
- Marilyn, Mack’s friend
- Megan
- Pat K-H., the Pangelinan’s friend
- The family of Pat M.
- Sue B.
- Terry, Wenden and Bob’s friend
- Tom, Bob and Wenden’s friend
- The Vaughan family
- Wes, Judy J.’s friend
- The Wright family
- Yoko S.

PASTORAL PRAYER

AMEN (x5)

SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

COMMISSIONING OF CROP WALKERS

We believe in a world
Where there is enough for all
Today, we join our hearts and hands
Lifting our united voices
And praying with our feet
As we say:
NO to HUNGER!
NO to POVERTY!
NO to INJUSTICE!

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE ~ "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" (x2)

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system is labeled "Refrain" and includes the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;". The second system includes the lyrics "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name." Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, Dm, Gm, C, and F.

*BLESSING

*SONG ~ "We Are Marching in the Light of God" NCH #526

POSTLUDE ~ "This Little Light of Mine" arr. by Hayes, piano duet

*Pastor: Rev. Amy Hitchens
Ministers: Every One of Us
Music Accompanist and Choir Director:
Cindy Dow
Deacons of the Month:
Mark H., Stacie L., and Gaddy P.*

*Lay Leader: Mark H.
Greeter and Usher: Stacie L.
Flowers: Marina M. and Deborah T.
Technology: Alex K. and Vicki N.
Coffee Hour: Cathy B.*

Thank you to Carole and Dick Kite for their special musical contributions!

Worship Credits:

Sermon @ Rev. Amy Hitchens, 2023

Liturgy: Adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2023, 5th Sunday after Easter

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