



Community of Faith
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Welcome to Community of Faith United Church of Christ!

*"Being a mother is an attitude, not a biological relation."
— Robert A. Heinlein, Have Space Suit—Will Travel*

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Ascension Sunday/Mother's Day

10:30 a.m.

Announcements

Prelude

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

Robert Williams/Arr. Cindy Berry

*Gathering Music

"I Am the Resurrection"

**I am the resurrection and the life;
All who believe in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life;
All who believe in me will live a new life!**

(1st ending)

**I have come to bring the truth,
I have come to bring you life,
If you believe, then you shall live.**

**I am the resurrection and the life;
All who believe in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life;
All who believe in me will live,
will live a new life!**

(4th ending)

*Words of Joy

(adapted from www.churchofscotland.org.uk)

Bill Ransom

God, our Parent,
we gather as your family and open our hearts to You,
knowing that You welcome us home with open arms.
We come to worship You.

You are the One who leads us through times of trial;
the One who supports us in fear and struggle;

the One who holds us in sorrow and grief;
**the One who reminds us of our divine origin
and godly heritage;**

the One who uplifts and sustains us in hope;
**the one who transforms us and even our humblest failures;
the One who rejoices in our triumphs;**

the One who reveals that we are the precious Beloved;
**the One who unites us in the glorious Realm;
Holy One, we come to worship You!**

*Song of Joy "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" #75, Red Book

Children's Message Pastor Delisa

*Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Mothers of Our Faith (adapted from littlepeoplebigword.com)

**God of generations,
thank you for the gift of faith
kindled and rekindled in us through the years.
And thank you for those who have taught us the faith
in sincerity and love.**

**Today, we give special thanks and praise for our church mothers,
the women who steadily and without much recognition
taught generations of your family about the love of Jesus.**

**And we celebrate women of faith,
who build up with compassion, delight and strength
this generation's young people,
and all your children no matter their age,
revealing a deep spiritual life and love
woven into the fabric of our church family.
We thank you for their prayers and inspiration,
their service and selflessness, their commitment and conviction,
which allow us to live into the hope and promise of our Belovedness.
Bless them, and bless us, as we embrace and embody their gifts of love. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we share the grace of God. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Response "I Am the Resurrection" refrain

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**I am the resurrection and the life;
All who believe in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life;
All who believe in me will live,
will live a new life!** (4th ending)

Chancel Choir Anthem "Family of Faith" Pepper Choplin

Good News Lesson Luke 24:44-53

Message Pastor Delisa

Song of Faith

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus", vs. 1-2

#233, Red Book

Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

**Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**
(Pastoral 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.**

Sharing our Gifts and our Offerings

One: God is good!

All: All the time!

One: And all the time?

All: God is good!

One: Let us share the goodness of our God!

Offertory

"For All the Faithful Women"

Finnish Folk Tune/Arr. C. E. Walz

*Doxology

#46, Red Book

Dedication of Offerings

*Song of Love

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#480, Red Book

*Blessing

Postlude

"Living for Jesus"

C. Harold Lowden/Arr. John Turner

Minister: Rev. Delisa Buckingham-Taylor

Music Director: Jennifer Trakas

Christian Education Director: Sheri Buckingham

Greeters: Joyce and Keith Sibert

Ushers: Bob and Carol Struck, Debbie and Mike Chappo

Organist: Bryan Bird

Liturgist: Bill Ransom

In Our Prayers:

Linda & Scott Borthwick	Roger Fuller	Ruth Harrod	
Marilyn Brand	Mary Ann Kloss	Janet Haag	Donna Hawke
Debbie Uehlein's Niece	Brad and Jeff Rea	Ed & Pat Mueller	
Ted & Sandy Vancs	Diane Wallhead & Family	Kiera Schibley	
People of Ukraine and Russia	People of Haiti	People of Middle East	

Today we give thanks for the legacy of the "Mothers of Our Church." In celebration of Mother's Day, and as part of our interim journey, we honor women who shared their gifts of faith with us, and who have received the fulfillment of Christ's promise of eternal life. Please take some time to view the photographs and read how these women impacted the faith of members of our congregation!

The family of Bill Wallhead invites you to join them in the Community Room immediately following today's service for a time of visitation/coffee hour, celebration of Bill's life at 12:30 p.m., followed by a cabbage roll and paprikash dinner.

Today is the deadline to sign-up and pay for tickets to the July 12th Crushers baseball game with fireworks. Please speak with Wendy Truman if you have questions.

Next week we celebrate Pentecost, the day the disciples were anointed with the Holy Spirit, and the birthday of Christ's universal Church! Please remember to wear the color red for this special worship service. Our new members also will join the fellowship of our congregation on this joyful day!

Hear ye! Calling all church members! We need your tabletop-sized mementoes of our founding congregations (St. Paul, Magyar, Lake Ave.) to display for our Birthaversary celebration! All items will be returned. Please speak with Peggy Kobelka or Sandy Vancs if you have questions.

Here's What's Happening...

May 13	Finance Team Meeting, 6:30pm
May 14	WoF Breakfast at Bob Evans, 9:00am Leadership/Executive Teams Meeting, 6:30pm
May 16	Men's Group, 9:00am Fun, Food & Fellowship Night, 6:00pm
May 18	Spring Grounds Clean-Up, 9:00am-12:00pm
May 19	M&O Strengthen the Church Special Offering Noisy Coin Offering for 4-H Pentecost Sunday Service, 10:30am Missions & Outreach Team Meeting, 11:30am Coffee Hour, 11:30am
May 21	WoF Breakfast at City Diner, 9:00am
May 22	Prayer Group, 1:00pm Prayer Group, 6:30pm

“Family of Faith”

Pepper Choplin

Lord, we gather as your people
to lift our humble prayer unto you.

That as your people come,
we will join as one in worship.

Many members, one body,
many hearts, one hope, one faith in you.

And when we disagree,
teach our eyes to see that
we are one in the family of faith.

The family of faith, joined by the miracle of grace.
By the Spirit you give, O teach us to live as one
in the family of faith.

We are brothers, we are sisters all
children of the one Creator of all.

So as we live and grow,
help us always know that we are one
in the family of faith.

Come and lead us on, Lord, we will follow
to your kingdom of glory and power.
And as we live our days, we will sing your praise
as the family of faith.

We are one in the family of faith.