

**GREENSBORO UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, April 28, 2024 | 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Hal Parker, Music Director

Rev. Dr. Ed Sunday-Winters, Pastor

**Prelude**

Remembering the Rain- Bill Evans, Andrew Koehler

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

One: We delight ourselves in the presence of Christ and his love for all creation.

**All: Let us open our hearts to receive Christ’s abundant love.**

One: Christ calls us to see him as the vine and for us to become the branches.

**All: Let us seek to produce much fruit in God’s Garden where all are welcome.**

One: Come, let us worship the Master Gardener, Creator of all that was, is and forever will be.

**All: Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Gloria Patri #36**

*Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\*Hymn: #386 (Songs of Spirit)**

We Are One In Spirit

**Scripture**

Acts 8:26-40

Judy Dunnan

**Anthem**

Largo from New World Symphony- Antoni Dvorak, Andrew Koehler

**Sermon**

Spirit-Driven

Rev. Ed Sunday-Winters

**A Time of Silence**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Compassionate God may these gifts be blessed by your light that cultivates love for all creation. As our gardener, O God, sprinkle water on our dry branches of despair to bring us hope. Shine your light of peace on our weariness to bring us justice for all. With Christ as our vine, save us from all that seek to bring us harm. May these fruitful gifts be a blessing in your garden of love. Amen.**

*\* Those who are able, please stand.*

**\*Hymn: #224 (Songs of Spirit)**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

**Prayers of the People and 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.

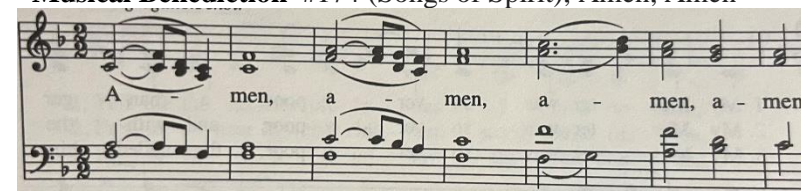


**\*Hymn: #439 (Songs of Spirit)**

Everytime I Feel The Spirit

**\*Benediction**

**\*Musical Benediction #174 (Songs of Spirit), Amen, Amen**



**Postlude**

Moment Musical – Franz Schubert, Andrew Koehler

**Our Church’s Wider Mission:** As we support Our Church’s Wider Mission, we lift up the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCKK) who prioritizes the process of discernment and collective action to promote unity and healing among its members. Promoting human rights has been a guideline for cooperative discipleship among the churches. In 1974, when the dictatorship’s suppression of human rights reached its peak, the NCKK established the “Human Rights Committee” (now the NCKK Human Rights Center) and declared its commitment to pray and act together with marginalized people to defend human rights and establish justice in Korean society. For the 50th anniversary of the NCKK Human Rights Center, it is joining with other ecumenical groups to host a “Congress for Asian Human Rights Defenders”.

## **PARISH NEWS:**

**COFFEE HOUR:** Please join us after Sunday service for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

Please bring your cell phone to worship on Sunday.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>:** On May 1, 2024, International Workers Day, Migrant Justice is rallying farmworkers and supporters at the Hannaford's store in Williston to call on the supermarket chain to protect farmworker rights and join the Milk with Dignity Program. We will leave from GUCC at 9:30 that morning. We will be at the rally from 11 to 12. Contact Ed if you have any questions.

**Celebration of Palestinian Culture and Resilience:** May 4, doors open at noon, Program from 2 to 4, at GUCC. Everyone is invited to hear Palestinian-American speaker Hamed Bakir share his reflections on aspects of Palestinian culture dear to his heart. Many part of Palestinian life will be shared, and there will be a silent auction to support Medical Aid for Children in Gaza. More details can be found in the weekly email newsletter. Sponsored by the Greater Hardwick Peace Vigil Committee.

**Book Discussion:** A Little Liar by Mitch Albom. This discussion will only be one meeting on Tuesday, May 14. Please join us at 7PM in the church Library.

**Special Offering:** Strengthen the Church offering is May 19, 2024

**Peace Vigil:** Thursdays at 5pm at the Hardwick Peace Park. We are horrified by the violence on both sides. Join us in calling for an end to the bloodshed.

**GUCC Directory:** Have an edit? Send it to [greensborochurchdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:greensborochurchdirectory@gmail.com)!

## **FELLOWSHIP HALL CLASS SCHEDULE:**

- ☉ Bone Builders: Mon & Wed 10-11 am      ☉ Global Campus: Tuesdays, 12-3pm  
☉ TaiChi: Thurs, 9:15-10:30, 10:30-11:30 am      ☉ Pilates: Tue & Thurs 4-5 pm

**Zero Waste DIY Class by Greensboro Free Library:** Tuesday, April 20, 5-6:30 pm, FH

**Parents Group:** Wednesday, April 124, 11-1, Classroom

**Mission and Outreach Committee:** Wednesday, May 1, 4-5 pm, Library and Zoom

**Church Board:** Wednesday, May 1, 6 pm, on Zoom

**Gaza Medical Relief Fund-raising Event:** Saturday, May 4. Set up from 9 am-noon, Event from noon to 4 pm, FH, Kitchen and Sanctuary

**Next Week's Lectionary:** Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17

# **Greensboro United Church of Christ**

*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

Greensboro, Vermont

802-533-2223

greensborochurch@gmail.com

www.guccvt.org



## **To Our Visitors**

*If you are new among us, welcome!*

*Whoever you are, wherever you are on  
life's journey, you are welcome here.*

*You are invited to become a part of our life together.*

*Our goal is to be a loving and caring church,  
and we hope you feel this*

*Please help us to know you by introducing yourself,  
filling out a green pew card, and joining us in  
fellowship following the service*

*May you go forth refreshed by the Spirit here.*

Our Mission: To love as Jesus loved, caring for others and joyfully serving God, our community and our world.

## **Worship During COVID: Masking is now optional**

- *Stay home if you are ill (even a little)*
- *Distance from others around you*