

GREENSBORO UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, May 5, 2024 | Communion and 6th Sunday of Easter

Hal Parker, Music Director

Rev. Dr. Ed Sunday-Winters, Pastor

Prelude

solo organ, Hal Parker

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Christ gives us a new commandment:

Many: “Love one another as I have loved you.”

One: When we love one another as Christ has loved us, we will live lives full of joy.

Many: We will live with God’s love deep in our hearts.

One: Let us worship the one who shows us how to love.

Many: Let us worship with joy! Alleluia!

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: #43 (New Century Hymnal)**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Unison prayer of Confession

Jesus, our sibling and friend, we confess that we do not always love one another. Our divisions and disagreements so often prevent us from knowing the joy of meaningful relationships. Even as we seek to follow your example, we forget that we are chosen and appointed by you to bring hope to a weary world. Help us renew our focus and live by your will...that we may follow you with joy in our hearts. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

John 15:9-17

Hal Gray

Anthem

Sermon

Love One Another

Rev. Ed Sunday-Winters

A Time of Silence

Offertory

***Doxology**

** Those who are able, please stand.*

*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**

Loving God, we remember that one of Christ’s most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.

Communion

***Hymn: #456 (New Century Hymnal)**

More Love to You, O Christ

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.

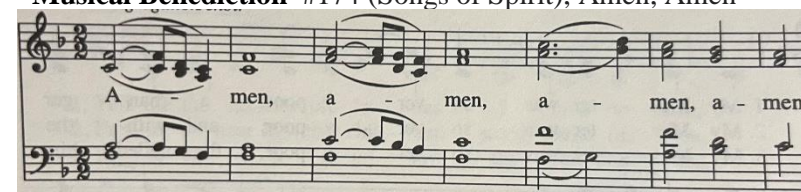


***Hymn: #327 (New Century Hymnal)**

Jesus Loves Me

***Benediction**

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



Postlude

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Our Church's Wider Mission: As we support Our Church's Wider Mission, we lift up the work of Church of the Disciples of Christ in Congo, committed to sharing the gospel through teaching, healing, training, and addressing socio-economic issues in the country. Accomplished through training and orientation projects supported by Global Ministries, we organize training sessions in trades that enable and promote the integration of beneficiaries into society. Additionally, we provide professional development opportunities for church leaders. These include project writing and management, agricultural techniques, and English language proficiency.

PARISH NEWS:

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

If you are concerned about the continuing loss of life in Gaza and would like to see the violence ended, please consider signing the UCC For Ceasefire Statement here: <https://bit.ly/UCC4Ceasefire> and join other UCC members in calling for a permanent ceasefire now.

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!

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

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

Deacons: Wednesday, May 8, 6-3-5 pm, on Zoom and in the Library

Writers Club: Saturday, May 11, 4-7:30 pm, FH

Next Week's Lectionary: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 111 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19

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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*