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**Sunday, May 4, 2025  
10:30 am Worship**

***Adapting, Welcoming, Serving,  
Growing in Faith***

# One United Church of Christ

Pastor.....Rev. Rebecca Hoover  
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Director of Music.....Jeff Miller

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**Bold face type indicates optional congregational responses.**

\* Indicates please rise in body and/or spirit

## *Gathering*

Welcome & Greetings

Call to Worship with John 8:12 (*responsively*)

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won’t walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” We seek to follow in Jesus’ light:

**learning to see by his illumination,**  
trusting in his power beyond our sensing,  
**growing with his energy,**  
changing direction with his leading,  
**and shining his light into the world.**

This is the way.

**and we will follow in the light of life!**

\*Hymn      “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” – Hymnal #489

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast.”*

*I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad,*

*And there I found a resting place,  
where Jesus made me glad!*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
draw near, and drink, and live.”*

*I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I am redeemed.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this lost world’s Light,  
Look unto me; your morn shall rise,  
And all your day be bright.*

*I looked to Jesus, and I found  
My guiding Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll go  
Till traveling days are done.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy One, we try to follow in the brightness of your way. We try to make sense of Jesus’ resurrection and figure out logically what can’t be explained through the world’s logic. Yet you are not revealed through carefully constructed arguments. You are revealed through doing: being in relationship, breaking of the bread, extending grace. Forgive us when we try to understand instead of when we *do* to understand, Remind us again, “try not. Do. Or do not. There is no try.” Amen.

Musical Response (*unison, singing*)

# How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Stuart Townend

I will not boast in an - y - thing: No  
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His  
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward? I  
 can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with all my heart: His  
 wounds have paid my ran - som.

Words of Assurance (*responsively*)

Beloved in Christ, with God there is only doing: loving, forgiving, inviting. Know that God loves us, forgives us and invites into a renewed way of life.

**Thanks to be to God! Amen.**

Musical Response (*unison, singing*)

# On The Third Day

Matt Maher, Marc Byrd

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On the third day, be - hold the King. On the  
third day, the saints re - joice. On the

third day, death has no sting. On the third day, we're for -  
third day, we lift our voice. On the third day, we're u -

giv - en and rec - on - ciled. \_\_\_\_  
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## *Listening*

### Introduction to the Scripture Reading

#### Scripture Reading

#### **John 1:1-14 (CEB)**

In the beginning was the Word  
and the Word was with God  
and the Word was God.

2 The Word was with God in the beginning.

3 Everything came into being through the Word,  
and without the Word  
nothing came into being.

What came into being

4 through the Word was life,  
and the life was the light for all people.

5 The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

6 A man named John was sent from God. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. 8 He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

9 The true light that shines on all people  
was coming into the world.

10 The light was in the world,  
and the world came into being through the light,  
but the world didn't recognize the light.

11 The light came to his own people,  
and his own people didn't welcome him.

12 But those who did welcome him,  
those who believed in his name,  
he authorized to become God's children,

13 born not from blood  
nor from human desire or passion,  
but born from God.

14 The Word became flesh  
and made his home among us.

We have seen his glory,  
glory like that of a father's only son,  
full of grace and truth.

### Children's Message

\*Song "Jesus, the Light of the World" (Contemporary Hymnal)

***"Hark!" the herald angels sing  
Jesus, the light of the world  
Glory to the Christ-child bring  
Jesus, the light of the world***

***Joyful all ye saints arise  
Jesus, the light of the world  
Join the triumph of the skies***

*Jesus, the light of the world*

*We will follow the light*

*Beautiful light*

*Come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright*

*Shine all around us by day and by night*

*Jesus, the light of the world...*

*Jesus, the light of the world*

*We will follow the light*

*Beautiful light*

*Come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright*

*Shine all around us by day and by night*

*Jesus, the light of the world*

*We will follow the light*

*Beautiful light*

*Come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright*

*Shine all around us by day and by night*

*Jesus, the light of the world*

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*Jesus, the light of the world*

Sermon

Special Music    “You Light Up My Life”    Christy Hylton, piano

Intercessory Prayers/Lord’s Prayer (*responsively*)

**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.**

## *Holy Communion*

Communion Hymn      “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”  
Hymnal #331

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
Such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as conquers death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such a light as shows a feast;  
Such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes a guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy as none can move;  
Such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.*

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayers (*responsively*)

May the force of God’s love be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Story of the Last Supper

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Meal



*If you are joining us online for virtual communion today, we ask you to have some sort of bread product and either grape juice, wine, or water to serve as your elements. If you are joining us in person, communion elements will be provided at the altar. You will be invited to come forward at this time to receive the bread and the cup.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

**Thanks we give, holy God. Refreshed us at your table you have, for the presence of Jesus Christ, you grant. Our faith strengthen, our love for one another increase. Into the world in courage and peace, send us, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ***Sending***

\*Song                      “Shine, Jesus Shine” (Contemporary Hymnal)

*Lord the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me... shine on me*

*Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word  
Lord, and let there be light*

*Lord I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness*

*Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me... shine on me*

*Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word  
Lord, and let there be light*

*As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me... shine on me*

*Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word  
Lord, and let there be light*

*\*Blessing*

*The liturgist for today is: Bob Lehr*

*The greeters for today are: Nadine Griggs and Robin West*

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“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”—Lyric by Horatius Bonar;  
Music by William H. Havergal

“Jesus, the Light of the World” –Music – George D. Elderkin; Lyric  
Charles Wesley; Arrangement – Jeff Miller

“You Light Up My Life” –by Joseph Brooks

**“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” –Music by Ralph Vaughn Williams; Lyrics by George Herbert**

## “Shine, Jesus, Shine” –by Graham Kendrick

All of the liturgy was written by Rev. Rebecca Hoover.

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Welcome to worship with One UCC! We're glad to share this time of prayer and praise together!

Please check our website ([www.oneucc.org](http://www.oneucc.org)), weekly email news, and Facebook page for updates to our ministry. The contact information for the church is found on the front cover of the bulletin. Videos of our church life together and Sunday worship can be found on One UCC's YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHUua\\_X9q0AuoIlgEn7vahO?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHUua_X9q0AuoIlgEn7vahO?view_as=subscriber)



**Pastor Becky office hours:** only on Sundays 9 am - noon.

**Nancy McNabb office hours:** Tuesdays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

**Katie Hoover office hours:** Mondays 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm and Thursdays.

Please call the office before you stop by to make sure there is someone available.

*In case you need the contact information:*

- We are on Facebook and search for One United Church of Christ! Like our page!
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The fastest way to reach Pastor Becky is by texting her cell phone.

***Please keep in your prayers the following people and situations:***

*Sheldon Ash, Gavin Baker, Gwen Baker, Gene Bare, Dan Brouse, Parker Burkert, Randy Bond, Diane Clouser, Colleen, Catherine Conkey, John Constable, Andrea Curtis, Margaret D'Amico, Dan, John and Liz Dumond, Renee and Phil Ferraro, Frankie, Jim Geiger, Catherine Good, Adam Griffin, Joy Himmelmann, John Hoover, Katie Hoover, Ken and Cathy Hoshauer, Nate Hosler, Joan, Grace Kauffman, Kevin & Nancy, Alice Kline, Cheryl Kohl, Spencer Kohl, Josh Knarr, Larry, Kenneth Lausch, Maggie & Skyler Lutz, Ashley Long Malvern, Susana Matthews, Sissy McCaffery, Becky Miller, Brittany Nelson, Laura Perry, Sally Pierson, Nancy Ritter, Izzy Rivera, Gleniz Rodriguez, Rosie, Noel and Kathie Roy, Ray Saylor and family, Steven Sharp, Caitlyn Sine, Sam Snyder,*

*Stephanie Sowers, Katie Szajek, Bonnie Szajek, Carol Thomas, Brenda Walker, Sadie West, Gary Winters, Holly Wood, Clarence Yoh, Zach, those with addictions and those who love them, and our U.S. military personnel*

## **Things You Need to Know This Week at One UCC**

The next Eat-Pray-Meet gathering will be on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> following worship. The theme for May is Pancake Party! Pancakes and sausage will be provided. Please sign up to bring something by clicking the link OR scanning the QR code:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA8AC2FABFAC34-56428005-mayeatpraymeet>



**The Remembrance Candle!** A candle is placed in the sanctuary that we will light to remember our loved ones who now live in the eternity of God's care. If you would like to sign up for the Remembrance Candle, please do so on the sheet



outside of the sanctuary or contact the church office. On your week for the Remembrance Candle, you are welcome to bring in a picture of your loved one to place next to the candle. There is no fee to sponsor the Remembrance Candle.

**One UCC is officially a partner with CommunityAid!** Going forward, we will be collecting clothing, shoes, and accessories in good and sellable condition at church. These items then will be taken to CommunityAid for resale, and One UCC directly receives financial credit for any donations made under our name and with our partner number. The Mission Ministry team has set up a collection container in the church building. If you wish to take items directly to CommunityAid (any location), you can donate them under One UCC's name and partner number, and our congregation will get credit for your donation. **Our partner number is 50161.** For more information about CommunityAid and the types of donations they accept, please visit [www.communityaid.org](http://www.communityaid.org).



***\*\*We're so excited to tell you we have an online giving platform, easyTithe! If you would like to set up a gift on the new platform so you can become familiar with it and***



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<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/oneucc>

You can set up an account or contribute without setting up an account. (If you think you would like to regularly give to One UCC online, you might wish to set up an account.) When you donate online, you can select what category in which you would like your contribution to be designated. All physical envelope offering categories are included. If you have no idea where you would like your contribution to go, please select "General Fund" or other category.

We are continuing to test easyTithe, and so any feedback you have is most appreciated. If online giving is not your thing, that's

perfectly fine. One UCC will continue to receive your financial contributions as we always have.



**\*\*Want to sing in choir, or be in the bell choir? Or** want to try it to see if you enjoy it? No commitment! Simply talk to Jeff, or contact him via cell (610-406-1664), or email ([jeff@simonapple.com](mailto:jeff@simonapple.com)). For now,

rehearsals are as needed, not weekly. Choir rehearsal is occasional, at 10:10 am on Sundays, prior to the service. Bells are also occasional, typically on a Wednesday, for 45 minutes starting at 6:30 or 7pm. Reading music is not required, or necessary. It's all very low-key, no pressure, and flexible to accommodate everyone's schedule. Also, anyone who would like to perform special music in the service at any time, please contact Jeff.



### **Help Both Our Church and Our Planet at the Same Time!**

Recycle your used printer ink cartridges through Planet Green Recycling! Drop off used ink cartridges at church and we will submit to "Planet Green Recycling." The church will receive funds directly from Planet Green Recycle, \$1.00 for every cartridge (commonly used cartridges).

**If you choose to mail in your cartridges yourself, it is very important to make sure to include the church's Organization Program Code so we receive credit for your cartridges. See the weekly church email for details about how to send in cartridges yourself.** *Thank you so much for your support!!!*

**The Little Food Pantry is getting good use in front of the church!** It is now that time of year when it's colder outside and we need to make sure any donations to the Little Food Pantry will not freeze. We appreciate all your donations!





We are still collecting  
aluminum cans for recycling  
- **ONLY** aluminum cans.  
No other trash is accepted.  
Thank you for your  
consideration!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **CHURCH CALENDAR: May 4 through May 11**

#### **Sunday (5/4)**

10:30 am      Worship/Communion  
11:30am      Worship Ministry Meeting

#### **Wednesday (5/7)**

6:30 pm      Alcoholics Anonymous

#### **Thursday (5/8)**

10:00 am      C, D & B Senior Group

#### **Saturday (5/8)**

6:30 pm      Narcotics Anonymous

#### **Sunday (5/11) Happy Mother's Day!**

10:30 am      Worship

*\*Note: if you have an event or meeting that is scheduled at the church, please let the church office know (oneucckenhorst@gmail or 610-777-5211) so that it can go on the calendar for the bulletin. Thank you!*