



May 10, 2020

**St. John's United Church of Christ**

*As believers in Jesus Christ, we strive with unconditional love and selflessness – using our God given gifts – to provide a nurturing shelter for those seeking a Christian home. We offer opportunities for spiritual growth through worship, education, fellowship, prayer and Christian action throughout our community and the world.*

**Called by God  
Sharing with the World**

**May 10, 2020**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## **Gathering**

### **Meditation**

*Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me." John 14:6*

### **Prelude**

*My Father's Heart- Chris Eaton*  
*Ally Murphy- Solo*

### **Opening Hymn**

*Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing  
Praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word  
Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dew fall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass  
Mine is the sunlight  
Mine is the morning  
Born of the One Light Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day

**Welcome and Sharing of the Good News of God's work among us**

## **Opening Prayer**

This is the day the Lord hath made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! This is the hour when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth. This is the moment we encounter the living God and experience God's presence among us. Let us prepare to worship by recognizing our human limits and confessing our sins.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful and mighty God, we confess that we are sinners. Even when we try to follow your law, and do your will, we fall short of the Glory of God.

Let us each take a moment to silently reflect on our week and see where we have done wrong or not done the good that we could have done and confess to the Lord. Amen

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Friends in Christ if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This is God's gift to us and the world so that we can know abundant life.

**Bible Readings**    *Matthew 19: 16-22*    *James 2: 14-26*

**Children's Message and Blessing**

Brenda DeRenzo

**Today's Message**    *"Faith, Deeds and Michael Jordan"*

Jamie Barton

## **UCC Statement of Faith**

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

He calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be his servants in the service of men, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

## **Sending Forth and Final Blessing**

*Blessings to you from St. John's United Church of Christ in  
Orwigsburg.*

*Happy Mother's Day!*