

May 2, 2021 * Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter

We Gather – at a Distance

GREETING & GATHERING MUSIC

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WELCOME & TIME OF SINGING

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Beloved Let Us Love One Another

Beloved, let us love one another.
For love comes from God,
and everyone that loves is born of God
and knows God.
He that doesn't love, doesn't know God,
for God is love.
Beloved, let us love one another,
First John, 4:7 and 8.

You Are the One

Chorus

You are the One You are holy. You are the One You are worthy.
You are the One You are the One everlasting. You are the One I will worship.
You are the One I will serve all my days.
You are the One You are the One everlasting.

They that wait upon the Lord

They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings as eagles.
They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
Teach us Lord teach us Lord to wait.

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COMING TOGETHER

Waiting for God to renew our strength;
God waiting for us to use God's strength,
That love that calls us beyond dividing lines,
Revealing those lines to be superficial indeed,
Compared to the one, whole life beneath,
Which is deep and wide and rich enough
To gather in and hold us all, forever!
So may it be! Amen!

OPENING SONG

Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
 2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
 4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 we are the old — who yearn for your face,
 here we will take the bread of new birth,
 not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, but



see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. ———
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race. ———
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth. ———
 now is the King - dom, now is the day. ———



Gath - er us in — the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in — the
 Gath - er us in — the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in — the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in — all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. ———
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. ———
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. ———
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone. ———

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A PRAYER

Gather us in and hold us together, gather us in and make us your own;

Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone! That sounds intense, God! Like it might even hurt! What would such inner fire do? Would it melt us somehow, so that our “defining differences” could no longer hold us apart? Would it burn up our excuses, bring down our defenses, make it harder for us to hold our ground? Would the fire of love in our flesh and our bone soften us into a place deeper than skin color, political leaning, religious grouping? Would it enable you to finally gather us in and make us your own, as we already are, in Christ? Amen.

We Lean in, Listen, Engage

SHARING PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A STORY & SOME TIME WITH THE CHILDREN: Another story that brings Jesus to life for us is the one where “Jesus Washes His Disciples’ Feet” (pg.96). This happened at the Last Supper which we recall today. The story asks us how can we serve one another and take care of each other’s needs?

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8

GIFT OF MUSIC

All I Need
Tom Witry

Dillon, Cash, Barnes

A MESSAGE

“ConneXions

Jeff Hansen

KEY VERSE: “Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.” *John 15:4*

We Receive, Give and Receive in Gratitude

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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OFFERING THANKS AT THE TABLE

The God of all is with you!

And also with you!

So lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to offer our thanks and praise.

A prayer of thanks is offered, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

*OUR 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 THE BREAD & CUP

CLOSING PRAYER

It is good to be gathered in as your people, God, even if we’re in different places physically. In the truest and deepest sense, we are one in you. As this simple meal reminds us of that, may we become reminders for each other, as we live into that deep and endless connection, with all of our siblings, human and non-human, and indeed the entire creation, in the name and spirit of Christ. Amen.

We Scatter—Together, in Christ, Always

CLOSING SONG

We Are One in Christ Jesus (Somos Uno en Cristo)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: We are one in Christ Je-sus, all one bod-y, all one So-mos u - no en Cris-to, so-mos u - no, so-mos spir-it, all to-geth-er. We are geth-er. We share one u - no, u - no só - lo. So-mos só - lo. Un so - lo God, one might - y Lord, one a - bid - ing Dios, un so - lo Se - ñor, u - na so - la faith, one bind - ing love, one sin - gle bap - ti - sm, one Ho - ly fe, un so - lo a - mor, un so - lo bau - tis - mo, un so - lo Es - Com - fort - er, the Ho - ly Spir - it, u - nit - ing all. pí - ri - tu y e - se es el Con - so - la - dor.

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SOMOS UNO
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A BLEST SENDING

We are one in Christ Jesus,

All one body, all one spirit, all together!

So, let's live like we get that – til it gets us! All of us, completely, for good! Amen. God send you, the Spirit fill you, Christ go with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere!

Amen! God bless. Go in peace. Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC

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Statement of Call: We are called by God to be radically inclusive, caring community of faith offering personal and social transformation through Jesus Christ.

Reconciling Statement: We are a reconciling congregation welcoming people of all sexual orientations.

Climate Statement: As Christians and Stewards of the Earth, we are called to adopt practices and support public policies to combat the climate change crisis. Spirit of Hope UMC pledges to consider climate impact in its practices and policies.