

# Third Sunday of Easter

*"Together: We Will Be Like Him"*



April 14, 2024



**Arlington Community Church  
United Church of Christ**

*...called to be stewards of creation & to build a just  
society based upon the inspiration of our faith*

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
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*“Our DNA is divine, and the divine indwelling is never earned by any behavior, group membership, or ritual whatsoever, but only recognized and realized and thus fallen in love with.”*

— Richard Rohr

# Gathering for Worship

*\*Indicates that the congregation is invited to stand if able.*

Prelude

Tim K. Murphy

*“Sonntags am Rhein [Sunday on the Rhine]”*

*From Op.36, Robert Schumann*

Welcome

Rev. Jen Chapman

\* Gathering Words

Jan Kosel

One: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God;

**Many: And that is what we are.**

One: In this world, we don't always recognize one another as God's children

**Many: What we will be has not yet been revealed**

One: Beloved, we are God's children now!

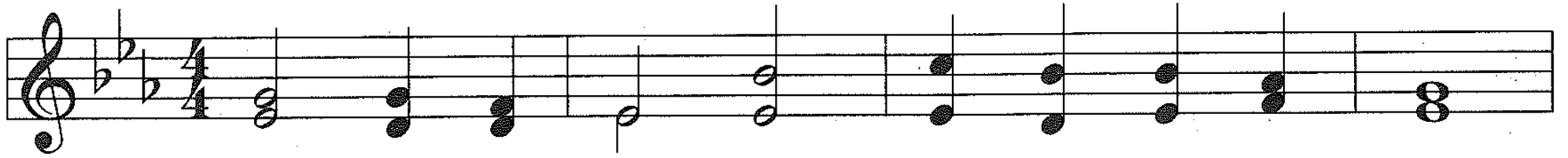
**Many: As Christ is revealed, we become like him.**

One: May Christ be revealed. May we see him as he is.

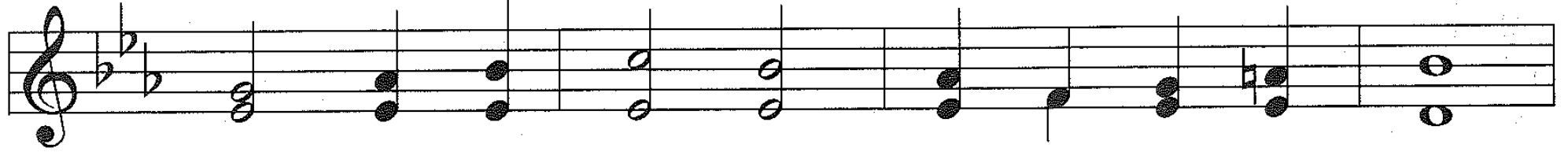
**Many: May we know that we are God's children now, and abide in God's love. Amen.**

## \* Opening Hymn

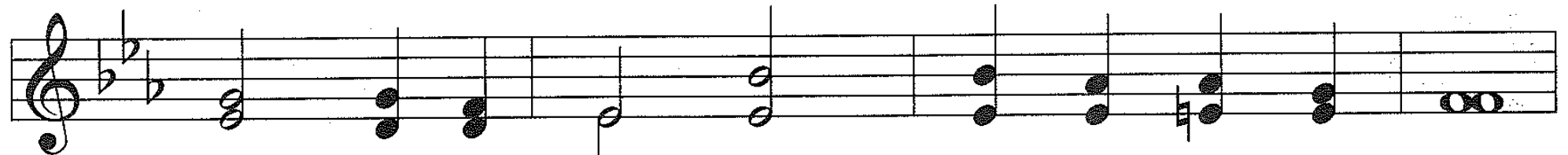
*"Abide with Me"* CH#433 VS, 1, 2, & 5



1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



1. the dark - ness deep - ens, God, with me a - bide;  
2. earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;  
5. shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



1. when oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,  
2. change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
5. heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



1. Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
2. O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
5. in life, in death, O God, a - bide with me.

## Declaration of God's Love

## Silence for Meditation & Bell

*In our busy, noisy world, we offer a few minutes of silence to meditate and let your soul arrive in this place of worship.*

## \* Passing the Peace

*To share the peace with those worshipping online, please face the camera behind the lectern and offer a heart, a wave or other sign of peace.*

## Naming Our Gratitude

*We name into our space those things  
for which we are grateful.*

# Praying for Our World

Call to Prayer

*“Courage My Friend”*

By Eric Bogle

**Courage (courage)  
my friend (my friend),  
You do not walk alone.  
We will (we will)  
walk with you (walk with you),  
And sing your spirit home.**

Lighting of the Prayer Candles

Jan Kosel

*Each Sunday we light candles for victims of the wars of our world and for those affected by gun violence, praying for justice, freedom from oppression, relief from suffering, and peace.*

Celebrations & Concerns

Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

*At the end of the Morning Prayer,  
please join in with words that are comfortable to you.*

**Our [Father/Mother/Creator] who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come, your 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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the Kingdom, the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Response

*“Courage My Friend”*

# Listening for God's Still Speaking Voice



Special Music

The ACC Choir  
*"Here Am I, Send Me"*  
By Frank J. Wells

Scripture

Jan Kosel  
*1 John 3:1-3, NRSVUE*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Moment for the Young & Young at Heart    Rev. Jen Chapman

## Scripture

*Luke 24:36b-48, NRSVUE*

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

## Interpreting for Our Time

Rev. Jen Chapman

### *“Together: We Will Be Like Him”*

## Song of Response

*“Weave” CH#495*



Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth - er in  
u- ni- ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to - geth - er.  
Weave us to - geth - er, to - geth - er in love.

# Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts

Invitation to Give

Jan Kosel

One: As we celebrate the hope of new life and the call to live out our faith in community, we are inspired to serve and to give. May we continue to support the work of this church and the wider United Church of Christ with our ongoing pledges and our morning offering.

Offertory

The ACC Bell Choir

*"We Gather Together"*

Traditional Netherlands Melody, arr. by Frances Callahan

\* Response

*"What Does the Lord Require of Me?"*

What does the Lord re - quire of you? What does the  
Lord re - quire of me? Jus - tice kind - ness  
walk hum - bly with your God. To seek jus - tice  
and love kind - ness and walk hum - bly with your God.

Prayer of Dedication

**All: Loving God, receive these gifts and use them to bring hope and new life to many. Help us to know that we are your children, and to live as if that were true. As Christ is revealed among us, may we see him and become like him. Weave us together and lead us to abundant life. Amen.**



# Moving Out to the World

## Announcements

### \*Closing Hymn

*"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"* CH#589



1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
3. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in-a my heart, in-a my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in - a my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in - a my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in - a my heart.



In-a my heart, in-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
in-a my heart, in-a my heart, in-a my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in - a my heart. (in-a my heart.)  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in - a my heart. (in-a my heart.)  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in - a my heart. (in-a my heart.)

### \* Words of Blessing

Rev. Jen Chapman

### Postlude

Tim K. Murphy

*"From A Distance"*

By Julie Gold, arranged by Dan Coates

## Worship Ends & Worship through Service Begins

*Join us for Social Hour in the Social Hall after Morning Worship!*

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Liturgist: Jan Kosel  
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**Notes to Worship:**

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# Upcoming Events at Arlington Community Church

## The Week at a Glance

Sun, Apr 14	11:15 AM	Book Discussion
Mon, Apr 15	10:00 AM	Virtual Memoir Group
	5 & 6 PM	Choir & Bell Choir Rehearsal
Tues, Apr 16	9:00 AM	SOUper Center Lunch Prep & Service
	11:00 AM	Checking In & Reaching Out
Weds, Apr 17	9:30 AM	Mindfulness Yoga & Meditation
	1:00 PM	Council Meeting on Zoom
	7:00 PM	Mid-Week Sermon Reflection
Sun, Apr 14	10:00 AM	Morning Worship & Social Hour
	11:15 AM	Film Screening: <i>Common Ground</i>

### **TODAY!** Book Discussion: *Together* by Vivek Murthy

As a companion to our Easter sermon series, we're reading "Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World" by US Surgeon General, Vivek Murthy. This week's discussion is...

**April 14 - Section I: Making Sense of Loneliness, pg. 3-182**

### Virtual Memoir Group- *Death & Taxes*

Do you remember this expression: *there are only two certainties in this life – death and taxes*. Since our next discussion/writing prompt is on Tax Day, the infamous 4/15, tell us your thoughts about taxes? Very bright minds have struggled with the whole taxation thing ever since the Boston Tea Party. See you on Zoom!

### SOUper Center Lunch Prep & Service

This Tuesday volunteers will be making sandwiches at 9am and serving lunch at the Souper Center from 11 – 1:45pm. If you are interested in serving, please contact Joe Pratt or Pastor Jen.

### Yoga & Guided Meditation

Wendy Beckerman will be offering a sample of her Mindfulness Yoga & Meditation classes on **Weds, April 17**. Yoga begins at **9:30 AM** & Meditation at **11 AM**. If we have a good turnout, we'll be able to offer the classes weekly!

### **NEXT SUNDAY!** Film Screening: *Common Ground*

Join us in the Fireside Room after Morning Worship for a film brought to you by BMSJ. *Common Ground* provides hope for future generations with concrete ways to fix a broken planetary system. The film explores how regenerative agriculture can help heal the soil, our health and the planet.

### Spiritual Journeys: Susan Francis

Join on Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM for a Spiritual Journeys conversation, where we interview different members of ACC about their backgrounds and the role of faith in their lives. This month's guest is Susan Francis.

Check our website for updated programming! [www.arlingtoncommunitychurchucc.org/events-at-acc](http://www.arlingtoncommunitychurchucc.org/events-at-acc)



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God calls **Arlington Community Church**  
To be an Open and Affirming  
Spiritual center, which welcomes people  
Of all ages, races, mental and physical abilities,  
Sexual orientations and gender identities  
into our diverse **community**.



As a **Jubilee congregation**, we believe in  
building an economy that serves, protects,  
& promotes participation of the most vulnerable.



**A Creation Justice Church**  
Where all individuals who feel called to be a "voice for  
this planet" can be part of this mission, regardless of  
religious affiliations.