

Second Sunday of Easter

"Together: One Heart, One Soul, One Community"



April 7, 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 7, 2024
~ Second Sunday of Easter ~



New Community by Abdur Bham

*“The love of God creates in us such a oneing that when it is
truly seen, no person can separate themselves from
another.”*

— Julian of Norwich

Gathering for Worship

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

Prelude

Tim K. Murphy

“Träumerei”

By Robert Schumann

Welcome

Rev. Jen Chapman

* Gathering Words

Dea Harrell

One: Like the earliest disciples we gather together

Many: With our hopes, our fears, our burdens and our joys

One: Some of us strong in faith, and others full of doubt,

Many: All of us loved.

One: Jesus appeared to the disciples saying,

Many: “Peace be with you.”

One: These stories were written so we might believe

Many: And that in believing we would have life

One: Jesus Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!

* Opening Hymn

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"



1. Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days.
2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of des - pair.
3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der; all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend;
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the first and last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

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.

Gratitude and Stillness

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

Dea Harrell

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

"Like A Mighty Stream"

By Moses Hogan & John Jacobson, arranged by Moses Hogan

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

Scripture

Dea Harrell

Acts 4:32-35, NRSVUE

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

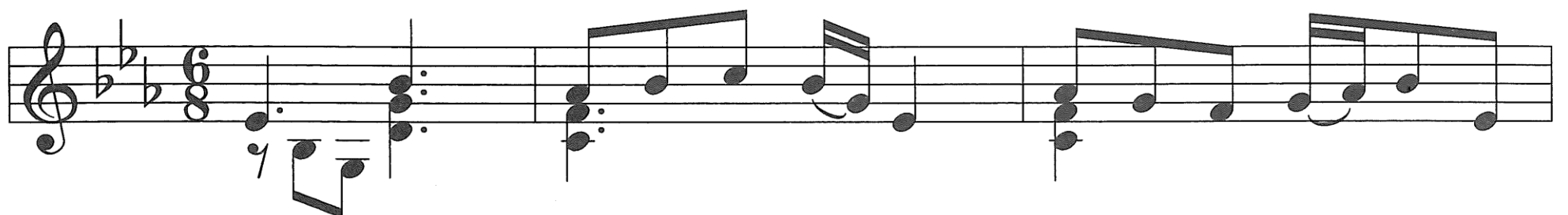
Interpreting for Our Time

Rev. Barry Cammer

"Together: One Heart, One Soul, One Community"

Song of Response

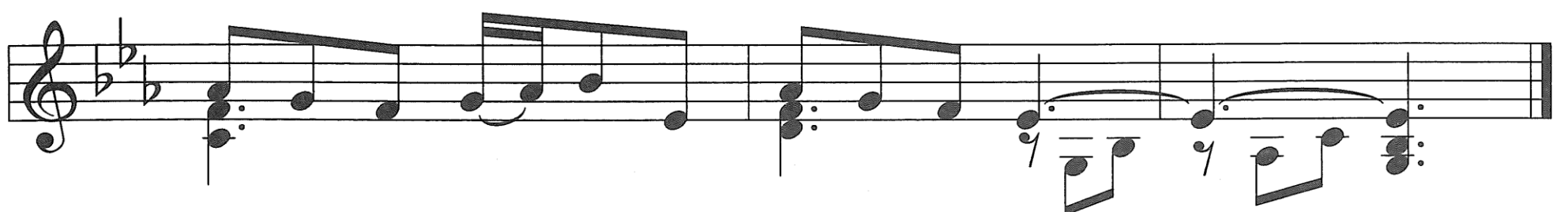
"Weave" CH#495



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.

Celebrating Holy Communion

*At Arlington Community Church, all are invited to participate in communion.
We use unfermented white grape juice and gluten free bread is available.*

Invitation

Rev. Jen Chapman

One: Jesus, at the last supper, taught his disciples to love one another, washing their feet, and promising that when they lived as Jesus taught them to live, everything that belonged to him, belonged to them.

Many: “Because I live, you also will live.”

One: “On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.”

Many: The early believers were of one heart and one soul.

One: According to the testimony in the book of Acts, no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

Many: With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Communion Prayer

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is good to give God thanks and praise!

Breaking of Bread and Pouring of Wine

*We celebrate communion with white grape juice.
Gluten-free bread is available, so all who wish might partake.*

Communion Song

Rev. Barry Cammer & Jeffrey Paul

“Remember Me”

Words & music by Gerrit Gustafson & Martin J. Nystrom

Sharing the Elements

Communion Distribution

Tim K. Murphy

“On The Nature Of Daylight”

By Max Richter

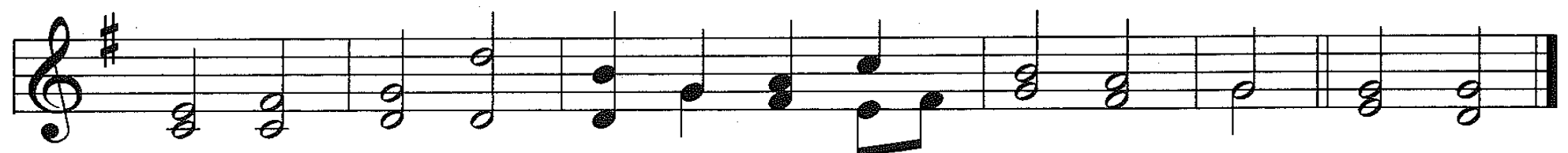
* Song of Thanksgiving *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



heaven - ly hosts: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts

Invitation to Give

Dea Harrell

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

Chieko Chambers & Tim K. Murphy

"Melody"

From the movie *High Pass* by Myroslav Skory

* 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: God of new life, receive these gifts and use them to bring hope and new life to many. Like the earliest believers in the resurrected Christ, may we be united, one heart and one soul. Teach us to share, and to truly live as one community. Weave us together and lead us to abundant life. Amen.

Moving Out to the World



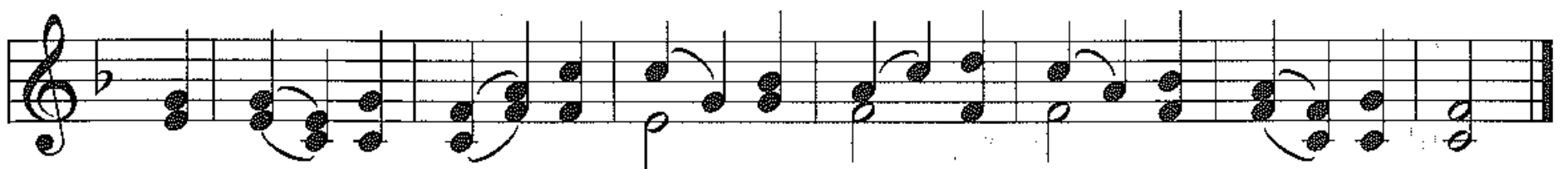
Announcements

*Closing Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" CH#433



1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christ - tian love:
2. When we are called to part, it gives us in - ward pain;



the fel - low-ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

* Words of Blessing

Rev. Jen Chapman

Postlude

Tim K. Murphy

"El Mundo De Los Dos"

By Albino Gomez & Astor Piazzolla

Worship Ends & Worship through Service Begins

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

Please **recycle** your used bulletin.

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Ministers:	All the Members

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Upcoming Events at Arlington Community Church

The Week at a Glance

Mon, Apr 8	5 & 6 PM	Choir & Bell Choir Rehearsal
Tues, Apr 9	11:00 AM	Checking In & Reaching Out
Thurs, Apr 11	4:30 PM	Black Wealth Builders Community Event
Sun, Apr 14	10:00 AM	Morning Worship & Social Hour
	11:15 AM	Book Discussion

NEXT SUNDAY! Book Discussion: *Together* by Vivek Murphy

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. Discussions will follow Worship on:

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

May 19 - Section II: Building A More Connected Life, pg. 185-284

SOUPER Center Lunch Prep & Service- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers make sandwiches at ACC for the GRIP SOUPER CENTER in Richmond every 3rd Tuesday at 9AM.

Another group of volunteers serves lunch at the SOUPER Center from 11AM to 12:45PM.

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!

Join Us at Arlington Community Church for a

FOOD TRUCK FUNDRAISER

Benefiting the **BLACK WEALTH BUILDERS FUND**



20% of proceeds will be donated to the Black Wealth Builders Fund which provides Black homebuyers with zero-interest down payment loans.



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**THURSDAY
APRIL 11
4:30 - 6:30PM**
Speakers at 6:00PM

Enjoy a delicious dinner & support local Black owned businesses

FOOD TRUCKS: Southern Jazz Kitchen & Don Taco

Free ice cream for anyone who makes an additional donation!



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Check our website for updated programming! www.arlingtoncommunitychurhucc.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.