

Seventh Sunday of Easter

"Together: United & Sent"

May 12, 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, May 12, 2024

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Peace in its most
fundamental form is the connection
of one human spirit to another.

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Gathering for Worship

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

Prelude

Tim K. Murphy
“L'estasi stellare”
By Ennio Morricone

Welcome

Rev. Jen Chapman

* Gathering Words

Susan Russell

One: Once again, Love has gathered us together

Many: Jesus said, “What’s mine is yours”

One: Jesus said to abide in Love, and we would be like him.

Many: Jesus prayed that we would be one.

One: Together, we are called to put love in action

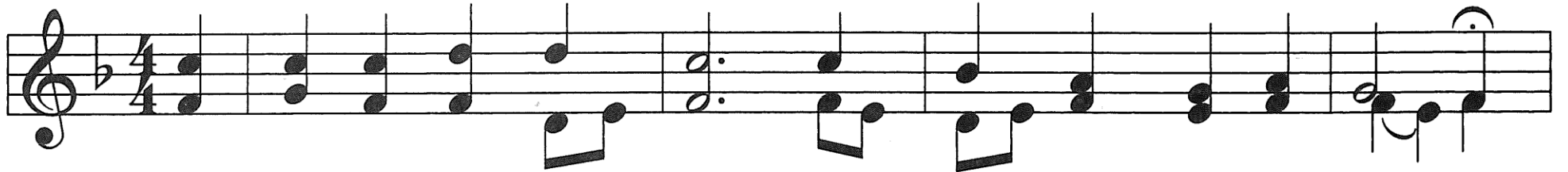
Many: Together, we must resist the divisions of hate

One: The Spirit that gathers us goes before us, transforms us and empowers us

**Many: Transform us, empower us, and make us one.
Amen.**

* Opening Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God" CH#715



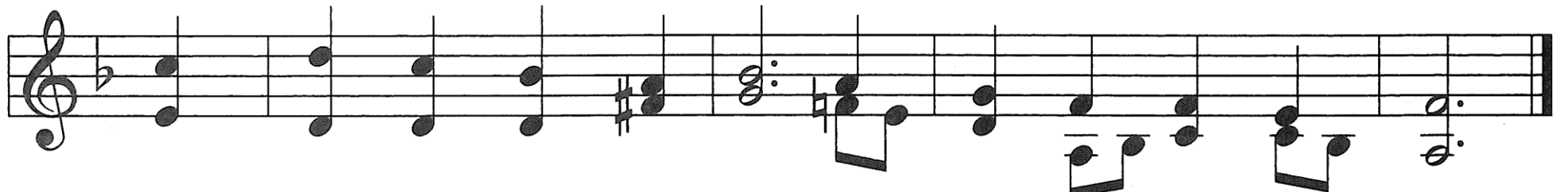
1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,



who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
and keep us full of grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

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

Susan Russell

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 Mother who is within us

We celebrate your many names.

Your wisdom come, your will be done,

Unfolding from the depths within us.

Each day you give us all that we need.

You remind us of our limits, and we let go.

You support us in our power, and we act with courage.

**For you are the dwelling place within us, the
empowerment around us, and the celebration among us,
now and forever. Amen.**

Response

“Courage My Friend”

Listening for God's Still Speaking Voice

Scripture

Susan Russell

John 17:6-11;13-18, NRSVUE

[Jesus prayed,] “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ...But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from evil. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.”

Special Music

The ACC Choir

“I Will Not Leave You Comfortless”

Adaption by Carlton Young

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

The Original Mothers' Day Proclamation

Julia Ward Howe, 1870

Arise, then... women of this day!

Arise, all women who have hearts, whether our baptism be that of water or of tears! Say firmly: We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.

From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says: Disarm, Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice. Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor violence vindicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of council.

Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them then solemnly take council with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after his own kind the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women, without limit of nationality, may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient, and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.



A demonstration against the first World War, 1915. Credit: U.S. Library of Congress

Interpreting for Our Time

Rev. Jen Chapman

“Together: United & Sent”

Song of Response

“Weave” CH#431

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

Susan Russell

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
"All Night, All Day"

Spiritual, arranged by Martha Lynn Thompson

* 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.

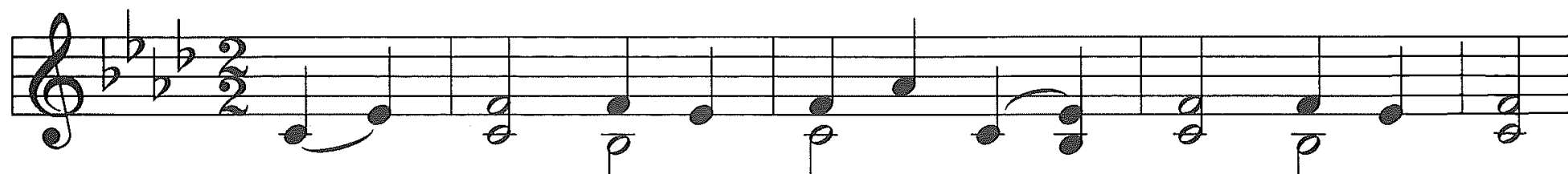
* Prayer of Dedication

All: Loving, Mothering, Uniting God, receive these gifts and use them to bring hope and new life to many. Be with us as we go into the world, empowering us to love boldly. Help us to remember that we belong to you and to one another. Weave us together and lead us to abundant life. Amen.

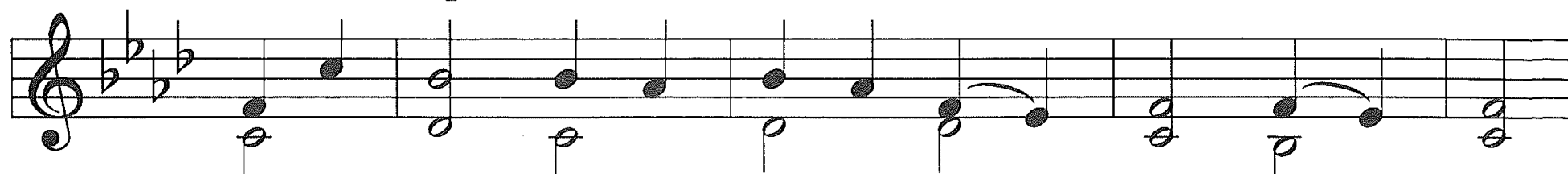
Moving Out to the World

Announcements

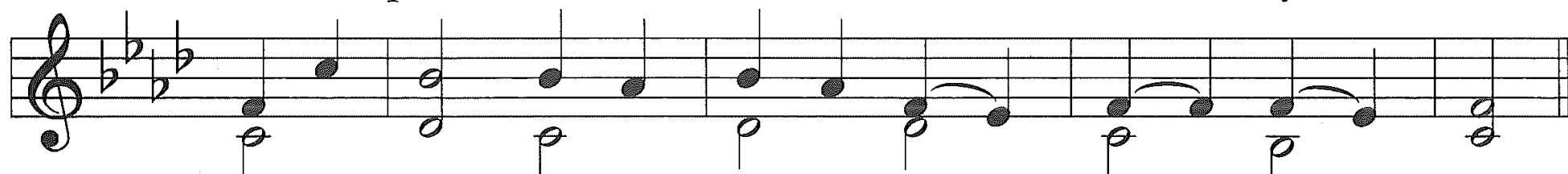
*Closing Hymn *"They'll Know We Are Christians"* CH#494



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Cre - a - tor, from whom all things come,



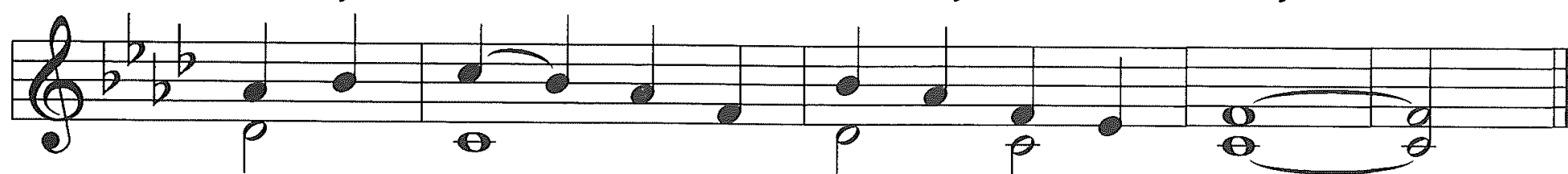
we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love,



yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

* Words of Blessing

Rev. Jen Chapman

Postlude

Tim K. Murphy

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

By William Steffe, arranged by Brendt Edstrom

Worship Ends & Worship through Service Begins

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

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Notes to Worship: Cover Image- *We the People, Must Come Together*,
by Kelly Simpson Hagen, [@kellysartfromthesoul](https://www.instagram.com/kellysartfromthesoul)

Upcoming Events at Arlington Community Church

The Week at a Glance

Mon, May 13	5 & 6 PM	Choir & Bell Choir Rehearsal
Tues, May 14	11:00 AM	Checking In & Reaching Out
	12:00 PM	Sermon Scripture Study
Weds, May 15	9:30 AM	Mindfulness Yoga
	11:00 AM	Meditation
	1:00 PM	Zoom Council Meeting
	7:00 PM	Midweek Sermon Reflection
Sun, May 19	10:00 AM	Morning Worship & Social Hour

Wednesday May 15 at 1PM- Zoom Council Meeting

Monthly meeting of Church Council led by Church Moderator, Dudley Thompson via Zoom. Council meetings are open to anyone that would like to attend. Reach out to Eleanor Crump for the link.

Spectrum Book Discussion: *Together* by Vivek Murthy Part II

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

As a companion to our Easter sermon series, all are invited to read "*Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World*" by US Surgeon General, Vivek Murthy. We will meet twice to discuss this book, on Sundays following worship:

"May Flowers" Meditation & Labyrinth

Join us on Thursday, May 23, from 6 to 7:30pm for an evening of meditation, labyrinth walking, food and fellowship. Bring a flower and invite a friend!

Spiritual Journeys: Rev. Barry Cammer

Faith Formation is pleased to announce that the next Spiritual Journey presentation on May 28 will feature Barry Cammer. Barry will be interviewed by Nick Crump. Please join us at 7 pm on Zoom to hear Barry discuss his spiritual path.

Love in Action: UCC4Ceasefire

Members of the UCC have created a public statement advocating for a JUST WORLD FOR ALL by calling for a Permanent Ceasefire in Palestine. Use the link in the ParishScope to read the statement & add your name.

Check our website for updated programming! www.arlingtoncommunitychurchurchucc.org/events-at-acc



Picture taken by Robert Stokstad

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.