

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Together: Even Them"



May 5, 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 5, 2024

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“For things to
reveal themselves
to us, we need to
be ready to
abandon our views
about them.”

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Gathering for Worship

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

Prelude

Tim K. Murphy

Excerpt from "Appalachian Spring Suite"

By Aaron Copland

Welcome

Rev. Jen Chapman

* Gathering Words

Susan Francis

(inspired by Psalm 98, Acts 10:44-48, John 15:9-17)

One: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

Many: Let our joy be complete!

One: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

Many: Love one another!

One: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the song:

Many: Friendship, love & joy for all!

One: Come, let us make a joyful noise,

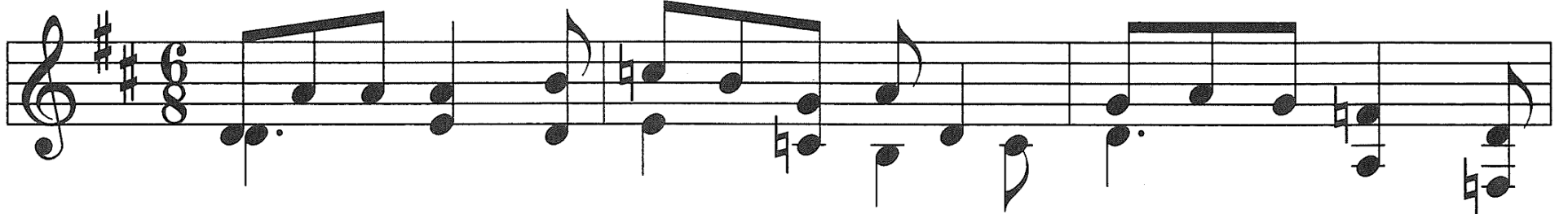
**Many: Rejoicing in our belonging,
Expanding our welcome**

One: Singing, loving, and living joyfully as the Spirit leads

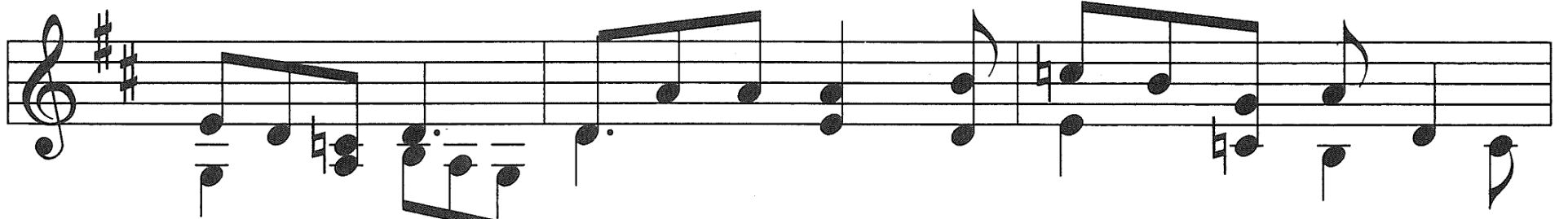
Many: Amen

* Opening Hymn

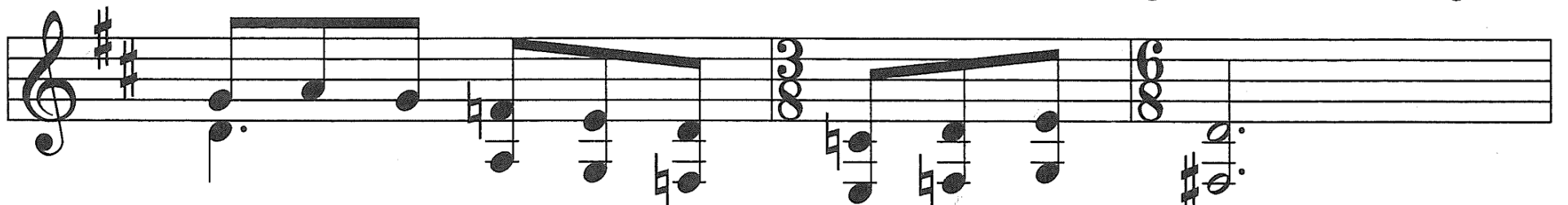
"Gather Us In" CH#284



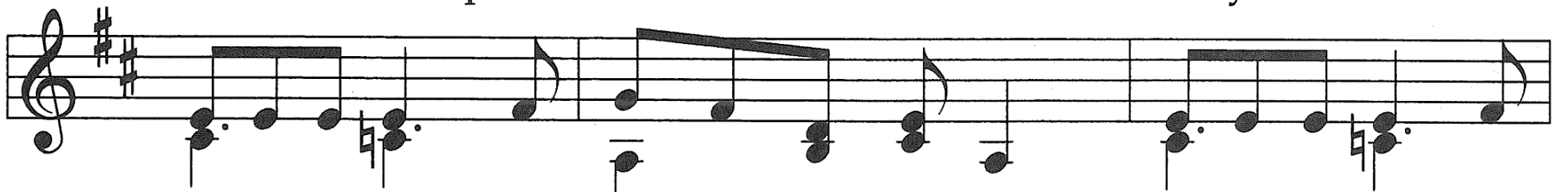
1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are
2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
3. Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav - en,



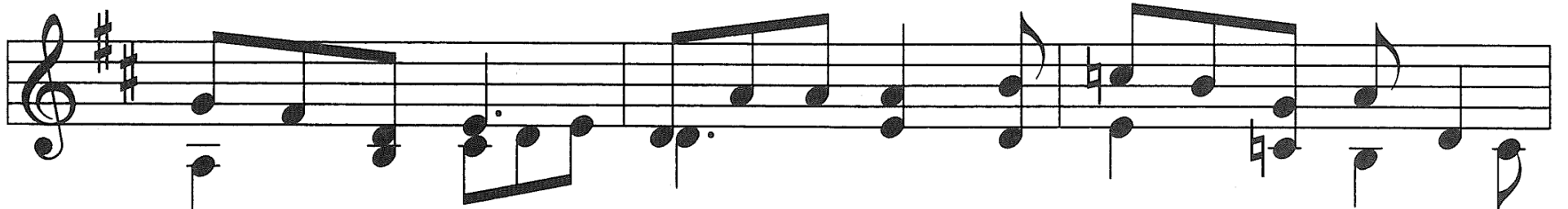
van-ished a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and yourdaugh-ters,
light years a - way, here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



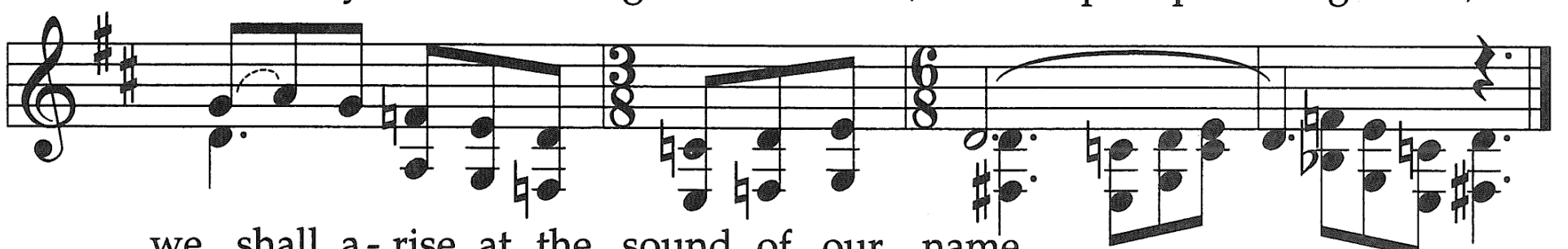
brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.



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



spir - its in - flame. 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.

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 Francis

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

Scripture

Susan Francis

1 John 5:1-6, NRSVUE

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Special Music

The ACC Bell Choir

"Lead Me, Lord"

By Samuel S. Wesley, arranged by Martha Lynn Thompson

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

Scripture

Susan Francis

Acts 10:44-48, NRSVUE

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Interpreting for Our Time

Rev. Jen Chapman

"Together: Even Them"

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

* Song of Invitation

"I Come with Joy" CH#420

Unison



1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -
4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that

1. loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
2. all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in
3. vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
4. ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
5. God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

1. love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
2. Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3. strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
4. live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
5. love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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.*

Sharing the Elements

Communion Distribution

Tim K. Murphy

Excerpt from "Symphonic Variations"

By Cesar Franck

* Communion Song

"Courage My Friend"

By Eric Bogle

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts

Invitation to Give

Susan Francis

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 Choir & David Latulippe

"I Walk a Stranger on this Land"

By Dale Wood

* 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.

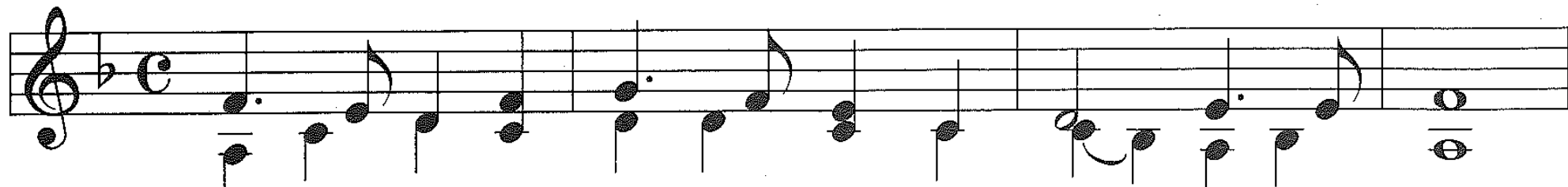
* Prayer of Dedication

All: God who shows no partiality, receive these gifts and use them to bring hope and new life to many. Teach us to love like you, to include like you, to follow where the Spirit leads. Weave us together and lead us to abundant life. Amen.

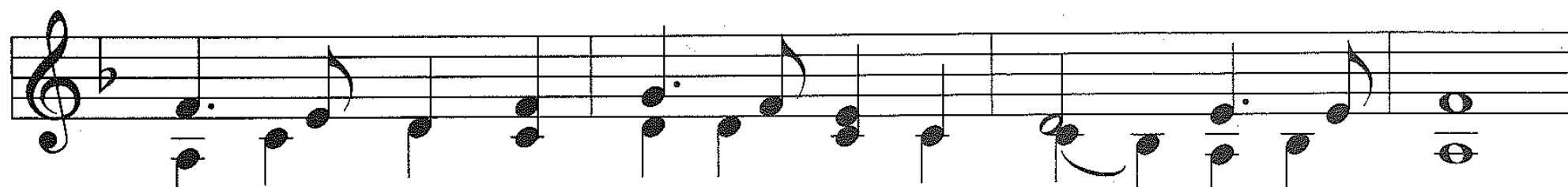
Moving Out to the World

Announcements

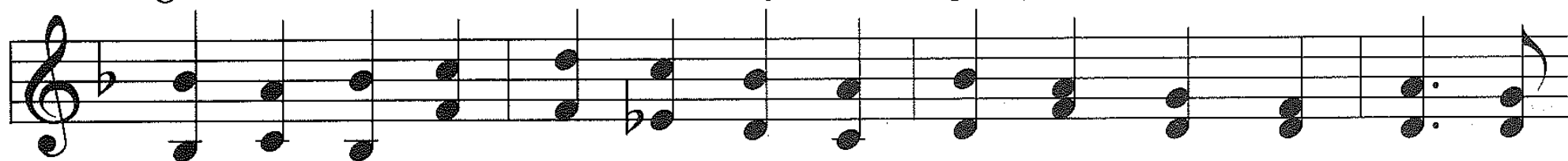
*Closing Hymn "Go My Children With My Blessing" CH#431



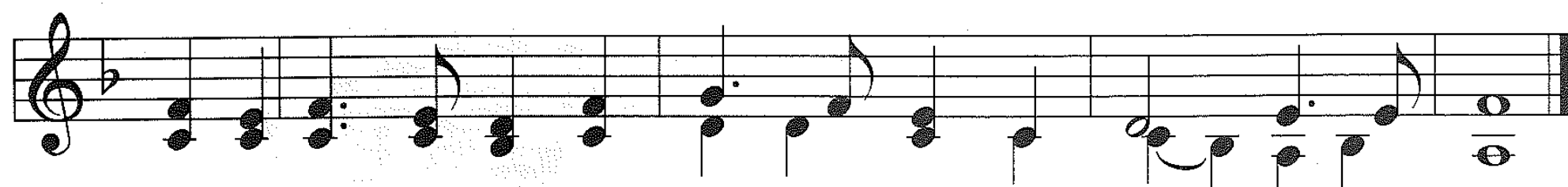
1. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
2. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure,
3. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;



wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own;
here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;
grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



in my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for
here you heard my Son's dear sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort



ev - er, go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing you are my own.
glo - ry, go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en at peace and pure.
stilled you; go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

* Words of Blessing

Rev. Jen Chapman

Postlude

Tim K. Murphy

"Street Tango"

By Astor Piazzolla

Worship Ends & Worship through Service Begins

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

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Greeters: Ruth Robinson & Ron Yourd
Liturgist: Susan Francis
Guest Musician: David Latulippe, *flute*
The ACC Choir: Russell Baker, Elena Caruthers,
Chieko Chambers, Joe Pratt, Larry
Brookes, Ron Yourd, Susan Yourd,
Susan Russell, & Linda Young
The ACC Bell Choir: Faith Abel, Elena Caruthers, Chieko
Chambers, Joe Pratt, June Ough,
Linda Young, Roger Abel, Ron Yourd,
& Anne Malamud
Ministers: All the Members

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Notes to Worship: Cover image, *The Risen Lord*, by He Qi, China

Upcoming Events at Arlington Community Church

The Week at a Glance

Mon, May 6	5 & 6 PM	Choir & Bell Choir Rehearsal
Tues, May 7	11:00 AM	Checking In & Reaching Out
	12:00 PM	Sermon Scripture Study
Weds, May 8	9:30 AM	Mindfulness Yoga
	11:00 AM	Meditation
	7:00 PM	Midweek Sermon Reflection
Sun, May 12	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.

"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!

Love in Action: UCC4Ceasefire

Members of the United Church of Christ have created a public statement advocating for a JUST WORLD FOR ALL by calling for a Permanent Ceasefire in Palestine, and hope to gain 1000 signatures by Pentecost when the statement will be delivered to politicians in Washington DC. You can read the statement and add your name by using the link in the ParishScope.

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