

Zion United Church of Christ
Sunday, May 5th --- 10:30 AM
(*Please stand if comfortably able)



AS THE
FATHER
HAS LOVED
ME, SO
HAVE I
LOVED
YOU. ABIDE
IN MY



JOHN 15:9,
ESV

Welcome

Prelude

Roberta Swaim

Acolyte

Adrian Grathwohl

Ringling of Bell

Usher

Liturgist

Bev Adams

**Passing of the Peace*

**Opening Music --- "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" --- #459*

**Call to Worship*

Christ gives us a new commandment:

"Love one another as I have loved you."

When we love one another as Christ has loved us,
we will live lives full of joy.

We will live with God's love deep in our hearts.

Let us worship the one who shows us how to love.

Let us worship with joy! Alleluia!

**Opening Prayer*

Children's Song --- "I'm Glad"

Prayers for the World



PRAY FOR OUR WORLD

Worship Hymn
Sing a New Song

Refrain

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be
sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song
un - to the Lord, sing-ing al - le - lu - ia.

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Tune: Dan Schutte, b.1947
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Holy Scriptures

Epistle Reading

Acts 10:44-48

Listen to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Glory to you, O Christ.

***Gospel Reading**

John 15:9-17

Here ends the reading of the word.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Chosen"

Rev. Stephen Stark

TODAY'S SERMON



Worship Hymn

Bind Us Together

Words and Music by
Bob Gillman

CHORUS

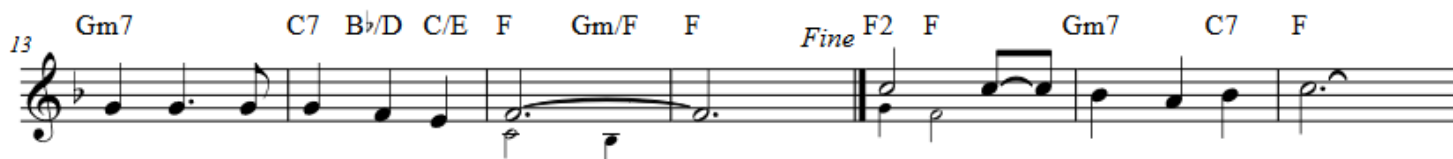


Bind us to - geth - er, Lord; Bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be



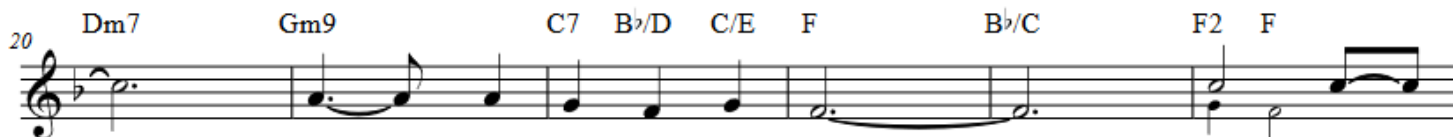
bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Lord;

VERSE



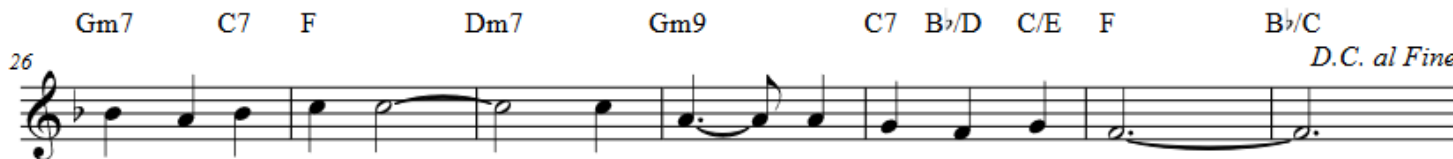
Bind us to - geth - er with love.

1. There is on - ly one God,
2. Made for the glo - ry of God,
3. You are the fam - 'ly of God,



there is on - ly one King.
pur - chased by His pre - cious Son.
you are the pro - mise di - vine.

There is
Born with the
You are God's



on - ly one bod - y;
right to be clean,
cho - sen de - sire.

That is why we can sing: _____
for Je - sus the vic - t'ry has won. _____
You are the glo - rious new wine. _____

Service of Holy Communion

(Red Wine or White Grape Juice)

(Communion liturgy located in hymnal on page 5, option A.)

Hymn of Preparation --- "Let Us Break Bread Together" --- #330

Invitation

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

Communion Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

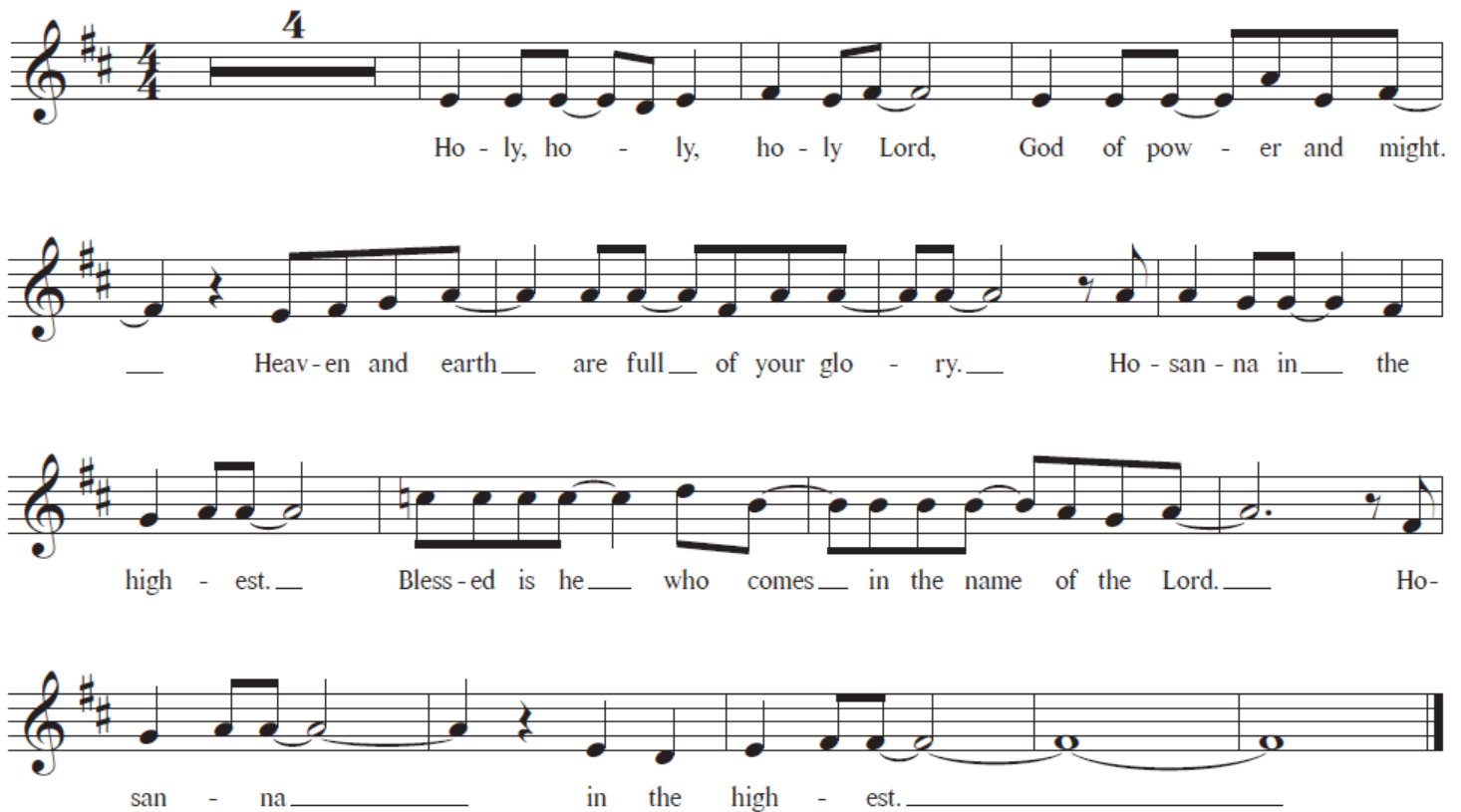
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus



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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

Mystery of Faith

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

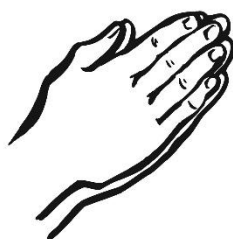
The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Sharing the Elements

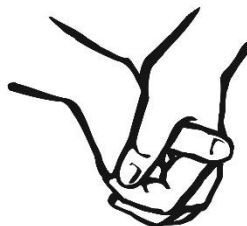
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.



PRAYERS

of Thanksgiving



Announcements for the Good of the Community

Invitation to Giving

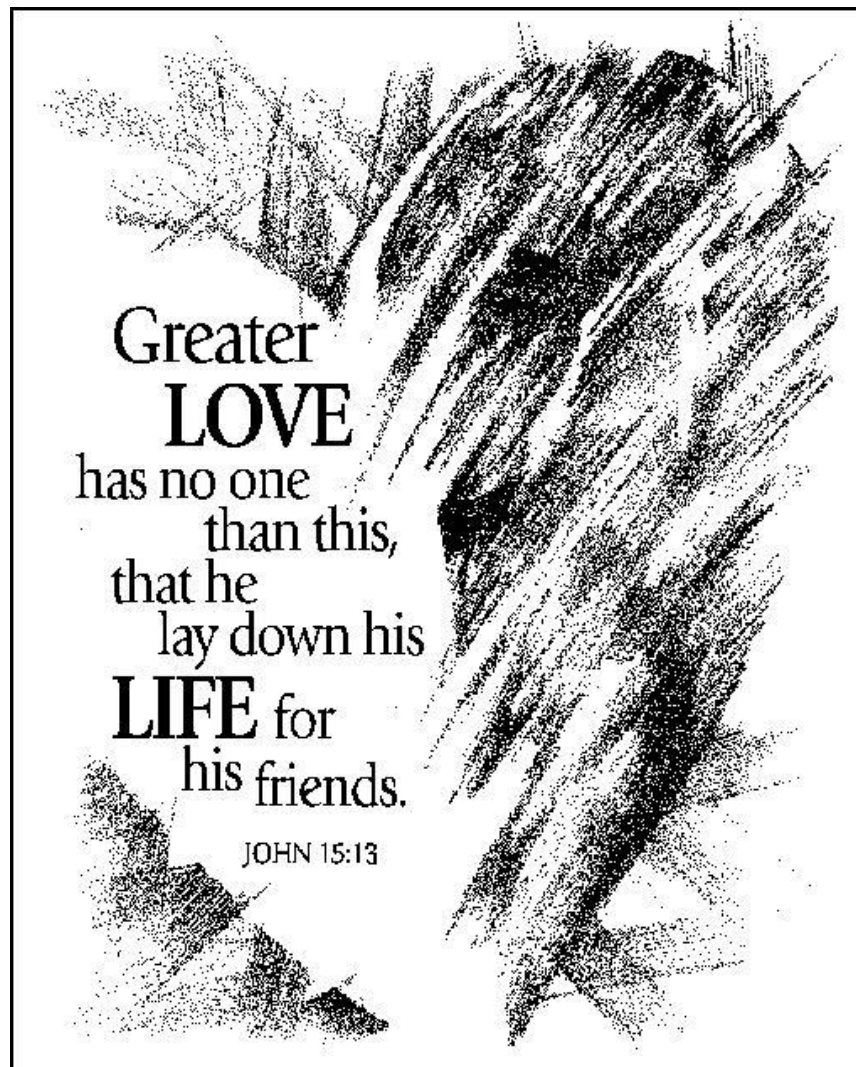
Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we remember that one of Christ's most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.

**Closing Music --- "Blessed Assurance" --- #473*

**Benediction*

**Postlude Music*



Today, We Pray for...

**Dorothy Bridgeforth, June Mitchell, Bill Malina, Jody & Larry Cox,
Rebecca Catlin, Jim & Judy Korte, and Logan & Zoey Vallee**

**Please keep the Ahner family in your prayers this week
as they mourn the loss of Eldon Ahner.**

Darmstadt Holy Ghost UCC (Rev. Tarrah Vaupel) and DuBois St. Mark's UCC

Announcements...

- **Community Dinner volunteers needed!**
- **Send in your graduate's information to church office by May 26th.**
- **Join us for Confirmation Sunday**

Upcoming Events...

- May 8th - Community Dinner @ 5pm
- May 18th - Kindercottage Trivia Night @ St. Paul UCC in Belleville, 6pm - 10pm
- May 19th - Confirmation @ 10:30am service
- May 20th - Council @ 7pm
- May 22nd - BCE Mtg @ 7pm
- May 23rd - ONA Mtg @ 6:30pm
- May 27th - Memorial Day; Office Closed

May 12th Service Volunteers

- Liturgists: Charissa Thorpe & Molly Stark
- Techs: Rodney Washburn & Bev Adams
- Acolytes: Carly Zotz & Jonah Stark

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Pastor: Rev. Stephen Stark

Service Credits

Chosen and Appointed: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B,
Rev. Jacob Nault, Pastor of Union-Congregational Church in Waupun, WI. UCC

Worship Ways, [East-6B-May-5](http://www.zionuccnb.net)

Prayer for Others, Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Homepage.

<http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

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