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“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”

May 17, 2026 – Seventh Sunday After Easter

“In the World”

Worship Leaders:

Pastor: Michael Small

Liturgist: Deb Farrell

Greeter: Ruth and Earl Niedermann

Special Music: Kiki Carter Webb and Greg Webb

Keyboard: Sabbastian Wilson-Webb

Tech: Ace Diehl (Video), Samuel Batson (Audio)
Spiritual Life, Chancel and Communion Preparation

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

RINGING OF THE HOUR

† HYMN

"O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder"

#35

CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 68*)

One: Let God rise up! Sing to God; lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds—the Holy One— be exultant before God.

All: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!

One: Let God rise up! Ascribe power to God, full of majesty and power.

All: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!

One: Let God rise up! Awesome is God in the sanctuary, who gives power and

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strength to the people.

All: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy! Blessed be God!

A TIME OF CENTERING

(During this time of centering, open your hearts to God; be in the present, here and now.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Righteous God, you offer the newness of life and we cling to dry and desolate places. We withhold our trust and cling to the ways of the world while retreating from witnessing to your goodness in the world. We allow hopelessness to reign in our lives and direct our attitudes and actions. Help us, O God, to believe that resurrection is not a one time event but a way of being we commit to living. Let the resurrected live in us transform our being, thinking, and doing in the world. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

(Each person can take this time to surrender to God privately anything weighing heavy on their heart.)

WORDS OF GRACE

† PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Focus Scripture: John 17:1–11 *Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation* (p. 709). Bloomsbury Publishing. Kindle Edition.

- 1 After Jesus said this, he looked up to heaven and said,
“Abba, the hour has come!
Glorify your Only Begotten that I may glorify you,
- 2 through the authority you’ve given me over all humankind,
by bestowing eternal life on all those you gave me.
- 3 And this is eternal life: to know you, the only true God,
and the one you have sent, Jesus, the Messiah.
- 4 I have given you glory on earth

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by finishing the work you gave me to do.
5 Now, Abba, glorify me with your own glory,
the glory I had with you before the world began.
6 I have manifested your Name
to those you gave me from the world.
They were yours, and you gave them to me;
and now they have kept your word.
7 Now they know that everything you've entrusted to me
does indeed come from you.
8 I entrusted to them
the message you entrusted to me,
and they received it.
They know that I really came from you;
they believe it was you who sent me.
9 And it's for them that I pray— not for the world,
but for these you've given me— for they are really yours,
10 just as all that belongs to me is yours,
and all that belongs to you is mine.
It is in them that I have been glorified.
11 I am in the world no more, but while I am coming to you,
they are still in the world.
Abba, holy God, protect those whom you have given me
with your Name— the Name that you gave me—
that they may be one, even as we are one.

REFLECTION

"In the World"

HYMN

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (vss. 1-4)

#489

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please use words that are most familiar to you)*

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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SPECIAL MUSIC

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

DOXOLOGY: *(as collection plates come forward)*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

†HYMN “Called as Partner’s in Christ’s Service”

#495

PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE

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In the World: Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday in Easter Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

