

**Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 15, 2022**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GATHERING PRAYER

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Grace

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Why do we gather?

All: We gather to understand a better way.

One: What is this way?

All: It is the way of peace, love, and grace.

One: Let us humble ourselves and come before our God.

*All: Lord, with open hearts and minds, and in the hope of a bright future,
we lovingly come.*

OPENING HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, #600

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[Refrain:]

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.*

*Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]*

*Neighbors are rich and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]*

*These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]*

*Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]*

*Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]*

UNISON PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for this week of life and light. I thank you for all the times I had to take a deep breath and rearrange my thinking. Lord, I pray that I brought your light into the world in some way. Holy Spirit of God, as I walk into this new day and the beginning of this new week, I seek Your guide and wisdom in all things.

Our 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever, Amen.

GLORI PATRI

Glory Be to the Father, #35

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Loving One Another, Pastor Dave

CHILDREN'S HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

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*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. **(X3)**
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.*

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35

SERMON

This is the Way, Pastor Dave

HYMN

O God of Every Nation, #680

Words William Watkins Reid (1958, alt.)

Music & Harm. David Evans (1927)

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Music: 1927 Oxford University Press

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*O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation
with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.*

*From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and nation
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray.*

*Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.*

MORNING OFFERING

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

We joyfully offer ourselves in God's work using our time, talent, and treasure. If you have not made your offering, please feel free to take your offering up at this time!

Chancel Choir Anthem

Dona Nobis Pacem

Words & Music Hal Hopson

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, #46

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Merciful God, You lovingly give gifts that are too numerous to count. Lord, I lovingly return to You this token of what You have entrusted to me. Lord, may Your Holy Spirit show us ways to bring these gifts and Your light to our neighbor's homes. Holy One, place the wisdom of how best to use these resources within the body's leadership. Amen!

WE PAUSE TO REFLECT AND PRAY

Prayers of the People: You are invited to offer prayers of concerns or joys.
Sharing our joys and concerns
Pastor: God is with you
All: And also, with you
Pastor: Let us pray

PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, #306

WORDS: Psalm 143:1
MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897
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*Hear our Prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us thy peace. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other, #487

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Music John Ness Beck (1977)
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*Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them
or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love,
to practice your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, #432

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*O Christ, the Way, the Truth the Life,
be with us now, we pray;
direct our steps as we go forth
to do your will this day.*

*O faithful Guide, renew our trust
in love that does not fail;
and give us strength to work and pray,
that peace may soon prevail.*

RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE