

**DRYLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024**

– Paraments **color, White**

Scripture Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

**Theme: Guided In Prayer**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**MOTHERS' DAY PRESENTATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Creator God, You call us.

**All: We say, yes, to your invitation and we gather as one to worship You.**

One: Creator God, You invite us to stay with You.

**All: You never leave us, you never forsake us, You abide with us, and we gather as one to worship You.**

One: Creator God, You love us.

**All: Extravagant is your welcome, great is your faithfulness, your grace overflows, and we gather as one to worship You.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH**

We believe in You, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. You promise to all who trust You forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN #405 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less v1,3,4**  
**From Worship & Rejoice, Hope**

## **RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS**

**Congregational Welcome:** (UNISON)

**We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

### **HOLY SCRIPTURES**

John 17: 6-19

<sup>6</sup>"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. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

<sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

## MESSAGE

ANTHEM Thank you, God, for Loving Me

## PASTORAL PRAYER & 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, forever. Amen.*

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

### \*OFFERTORY

(UNISON)

*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, amen.*

\*CLOSING HYMN #719 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

From Worship & Rejoice, Hope

### \*BENEDICTION

## SONG OF DEPARTURE

Lord be with us on this day, and in thy presence may we evermore adore Thee. And Lord be near and show Thy way, that we may follow in the path You choose.

## POSTLUDE