



**May 1, 2022, 10 a.m.
Confirmation Sunday**

**Union Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Elk River, Minnesota 55330**

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Welcome!

Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ welcomes everyone, no matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey.

We offer worship via Facebook Live broadcasts every Sunday at 10am. You can be here in person or participate virtually during, or any time after the service. Every Sunday, the service is recorded and broadcast on Facebook. You can contact the church at any time. See office hours below.

Please SILENCE cell phones during the service.

The wi-fi password is: stillspeaking1203



VISION

God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

(Micah 6:8, (NIV))

Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ Mission Statement



God calls us to minister to each other. This ministry goes beyond our congregation into the community, wider world, and to the earth itself. We seek to reach those in the margins of society, to empower the powerless, and to leave this earth a better place than when we each arrived



is located in the Vestry.

(the room off of the sanctuary)

Also, in the back of the sanctuary, is a table with items and bags for activities appropriate for the kids to work on and play with during the service. Children are welcome to sit at the table or bring the bag back to sit with parents.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

WORDS OF CENTERING

God knows my situation. I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

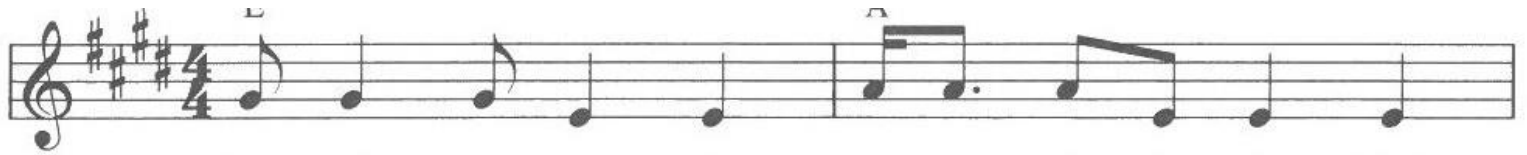
~Bishop Barbara Clementine Harris

WELCOME

If you are in-person, we invite you to fill out the friendship pad to let us know you are here.

If you are worshipping virtually, we invite you to click a reaction button on Facebook to let us know you are with us.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP SPP 22 "Come, All You People"



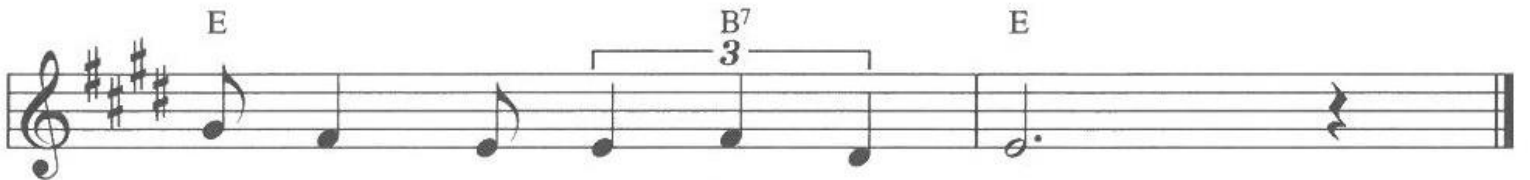
1. Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High.
2. Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior.
3. Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it.



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Come now, and wor - ship our God.
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CALL TO WORSHIP (PLEASE JOIN IN CALL AND RESPONSE)

One: Sometimes worship is being together and sometimes it is being apart.

Many: Sometimes worship is live in-person and sometimes it is virtual.

One: Sometimes worship is celebrating and sometimes it is being sad.

Many: Sometimes worship is unstructured and sometimes it is very organized.

One: Among us are people who are teaching, serving, supporting and loving.

Many: Among us are people who are hurting, doubting, and wondering.

One: Today we have all come together to acknowledge God and to be with one another.

Many: We come with acceptance, love, grace, and most of all each other, as today we celebrate the confirmation of Libby, Kate and Arabelle.

HYMN 351 "I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry"

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I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt

Unison

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

I was there when you were but a child, with a
Should you find some-one to share your time and you
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D *to beginning*

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE & PEACE PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

In the same spirit in which we receive the unconditional love of God in Jesus Christ, let us offer to one another our own sign of peace.

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also, with you.

ANTHEM "Filla-Me-Up" *by Pepper Choplin*

Senior Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Confirmands

THE RITUAL OF CONFIRMATION

INVITATION

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

THE CONFIRMAND'S STATEMENTS OF FAITH

RESPONSE OF THE CONGREGATION let us say together

We believe you have each thoughtfully considered your beliefs and grown in your faith during these past years. We have heard in your statements of faith a commitment to God and to this community of faith. We are proud of you. We pledge to you our friendship and support as together we share in this ministry. We love you as our own.

PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION let us pray together

Loving God, in baptism you received these, your children into the church family. Increase in each one of them the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Grant them love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, and self control in all things. In all these ways strengthen Arabelle, Kate and Libby for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ who saves us. Amen.

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION let us pray together

We rejoice, O steadfast God, with this gathered body in the gift of the Holy Spirit and in the power of that Spirit to awaken us to new truth and to inspire us to venture into fullness of life. We give you thanks that Libby, Arabelle and Kate have been moved to affirm their baptism. Help them to live not only for themselves, but for you and for all of creation that you love so dearly. Keep them steady and abounding in hope, never giving up, pressing toward the goal of new life with you in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ADDRESS TO CONFIRMANDS

QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME

THE CONGREGATION'S WELCOME

let us say together

We promise you Arabelle, Kate and Libby, our continuing friendship and prayers as together we share the hopes and labors of the church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses to that love.

GREETINGS OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

PRAYER

let us pray together

Ever loving God, our Creator, may your hand be ever over your servants confirmed today. May your Holy Spirit be ever with them. Lead them in knowledge and love that they may serve you and this world with peace and justice. Amen.

HYMN 492 "I Would Be True"

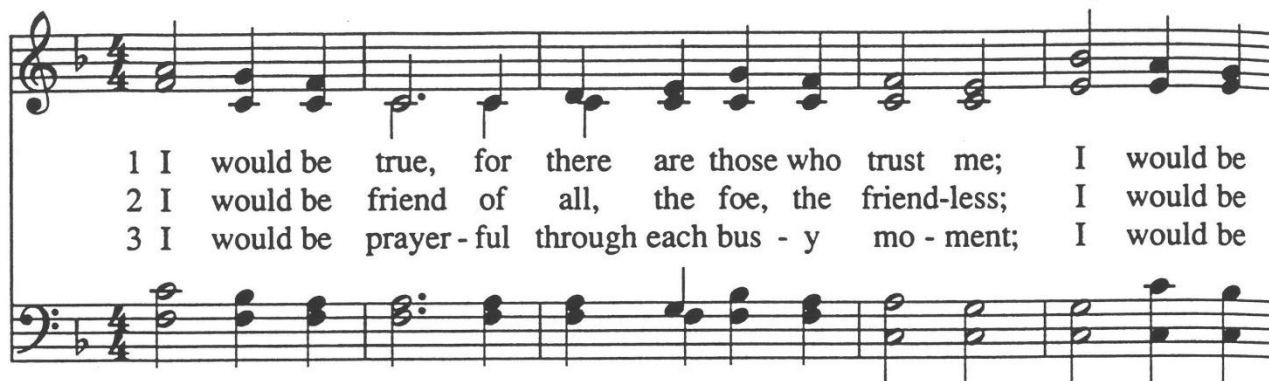
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I Would Be True

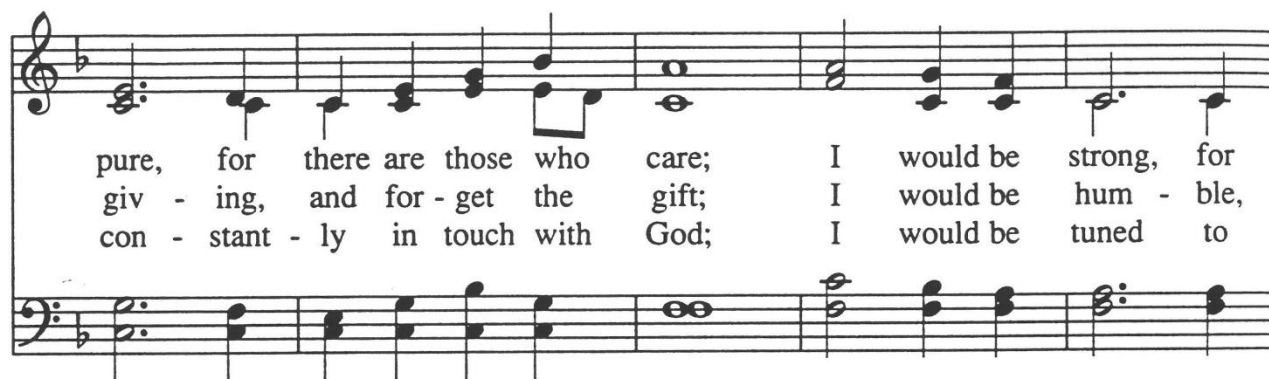
Phil. 4:8-9

St. 1, 2, Howard Arnold Walter, 1917

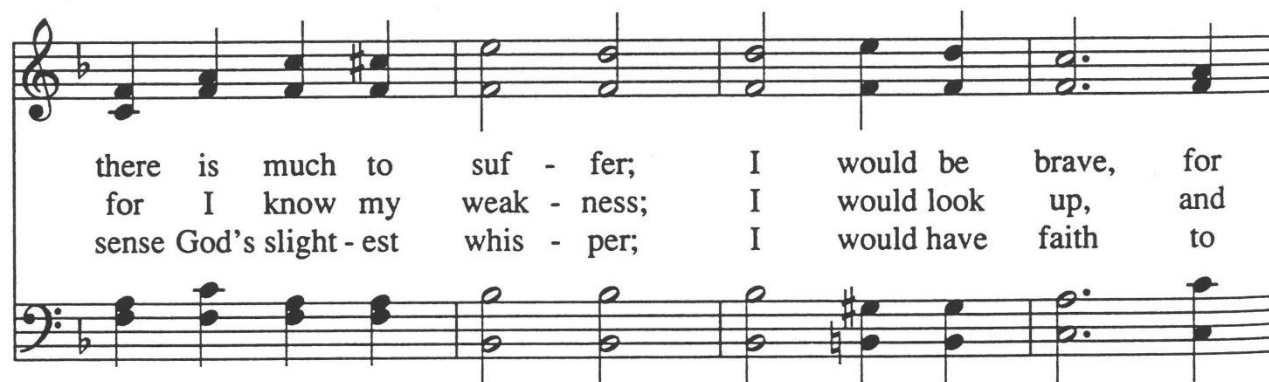
St. 3, anon.; alt.



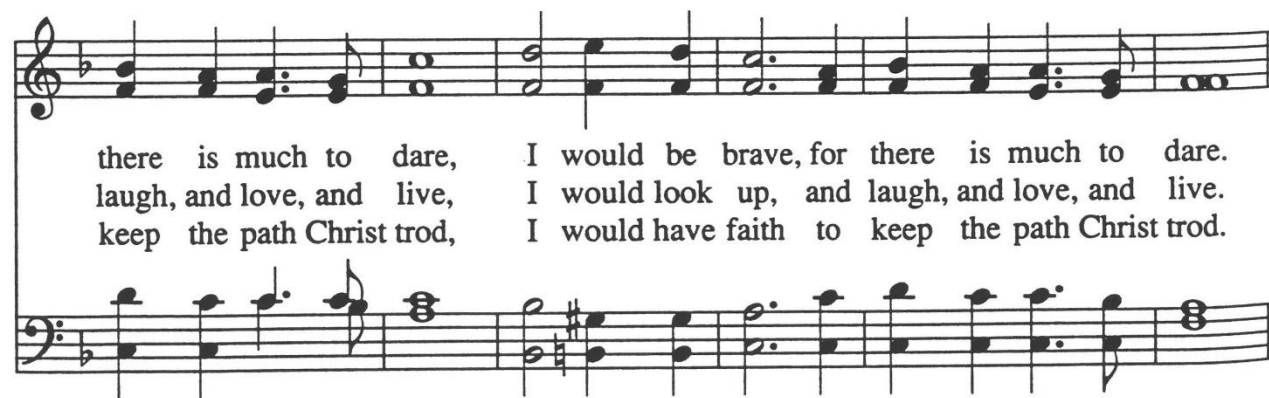
1 I would be true, for there are those who trust me; I would be
2 I would be friend of all, the foe, the friend-less; I would be
3 I would be prayer-ful through each bus-y mo-ment; I would be



pure, for there are those who care; I would be strong, for
giv-ing, and for-get the gift; I would be hum-ble,
con-stant-ly in touch with God; I would be tuned to



there is much to suf-fer; I would be brave, for
for I know my weak-ness; I would look up, and
sense God's slight-est whis-per; I would have faith to



there is much to dare, I would be brave, for there is much to dare.
laugh, and love, and live, I would look up, and laugh, and love, and live.
keep the path Christ trod, I would have faith to keep the path Christ trod.

OUR TIME OF SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT (let us pray together)

Our Creator 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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE/RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY 236 "Halleluja"



Musical notation for the first line of the doxology. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: A, E, A, D, Bm, and E. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.



Musical notation for the second line of the doxology. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we thank you for each other. We thank you for the spring rain and the changing season. We thank you for our questions, our acceptance of one another, and our love for one another and you. These are your gifts of love to us and through their use, may our faith find expression. Bless our gifts and our giving. Amen.

ANTHEM "Come Bring Them to the Table" Senior Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Leader: Come to the table. This is the welcome table – the table of grace – the table of love. God has prepared a feast of good things, a feast of peace and justice. Come and taste. Eat and be filled. Drink deep and never thirst again. Come to the feast that God prepares – the table to which God invites us all – no matter who we are.

People: We come with a hunger for connection and a thirst for justice.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger and all who listen to me will never be thirsty."

People: We come in celebration and remembrance. We come knowing that it will never be in the proclamations of the governments of this world, nor in the brutality of war that our world will be saved.

Leader: It will be in the simple routines of life, such as gathering around the table, breaking the bread, and sharing the cup, that we will recognize our neighbor as sister, brother, creature.

People: We are invited to this holy meal whoever we are, from wherever we are in life. We need not bring anything but ourselves.

Leader: May God be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Open your hearts.

People: We open them to God and to one another.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God:

People: It is good and right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: It is a right and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give you our thanks and praise, hope-breathing, love-giving, still-speaking God. You have shaped us with infinite care, creatures of delight and passion, setting us as gifted creatures in this abundant world. It is right and good and our joy to give you thanks.

REMEMBERING THE STORY

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

One: These are the gifts of God, for you, the people of God.
Come, for all is ready.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (let us pray together)

Gracious and loving Creator, you gather us together as your beloved community, celebrating at this table of plenty. Now send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal the broken, to free the imprisoned, and to make the powerful care. Grant us the strength to persevere in resisting evil, courage to proclaim peace and justice in all we say and do, and teach us always to abide in your love. Amen.

Hymn 347 "Let us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

Refrain (first time *p*, second time *f*)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

BENEDICTION

One: May you love God.

Many: May you befriend one another.

One: May you serve the spirit.

Many: May we be at home with our faith, share our love, and live in gratitude every day.

One: Go in peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Elk River Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Pastor: Rev. Robin Raudabaugh

Deacon: Lisa Cawthra

Office Administrator: Giuliana Beckwith

Liturgist: Confirmands

Senior Choir and Handbell Director:

Greeter/Usher: Paula & Ron Benfer

Gigi Nauer

Children's Time:

Piano & Organ: Carson Schneider

Announcements

Office Hours

Office hours for the church are Sunday 9:00am to 1:00pm before and after worship, Monday/Wednesday 8:00am-1:00pm. Call the church at (763) 441-1203 if you have general questions or need a pastor. Office email - churchoffice@elkriverucc.org.

Pastor Robin is generally in the office M, T, W mornings. If you would like to meet with her in person, it is a good idea to call ahead.

Pastoral Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, an accident, or a death, even while Pastor Robin is on vacation, please contact her directly via **text** at 651.216.9012, **phone** or **email** revrobin@elkriverucc.org. You may also contact the church office though the response may take longer.

Church Materials

Copies of the Sunday sermon and bulletin are available in person or via Facebook, our website, and the UCC Squared Newsletter (email).

KEPT IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers our congregation members: Nancy Hassett, Ella Rivers, Musz Bailey, Jim Babcock, Shelley Sherper, Bobbie Berg, Susan Olsen, Joanne Burdick, Ruby Cawthra, Jane Houlton, Marion Marcott, Cheryl Wold, Judy Halgren, Bailey Rosdahl, Jimmy Stevens, Dee & Jim Stevens (Jimmy's parents), Linda Fenton, Dave Halgren, Joan Axen, Marv and Nancy Andersen, and Laurie Lazaretti.

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Communion Sunday

Confirmation Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship Service In-person
and live via Facebook

Confirmation Reception to follow
service.

Monday, May 2, 2022

6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

6:30 p.m. Virtual Bible Study

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

3:30 p.m. SARI Demonstration
Sherburne County Gov't center

6:00 p.m. Handbells

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, May 5th, 2022

6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Friday, May 6th, 2022

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

6:30 p.m. 4-H Club

Sunday, May 8, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship Service In-person
and live via Facebook

11:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

6:30 p.m. Virtual Bible Study

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

3:30 p.m. SARI Demonstration
Sherburne County Gov't center

6:00 p.m. Handbells

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday, May 12, 2022

1:00 p.m. Outreach and Justice

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Friday, May 13, 2022

6:30 p.m. 4-H Club

Saturday, May 14, 2022

1:00 p.m. Leland Memorial Service