**Union Congregational Church**

May 18th, 2025 10:00 A.M.

**Fifth Sunday After Easter**

***Musical Prelude***

**As our acolyte brings the light of God into worship,**

**We are invited into this time of centering silence.**

**\*Processional** **Hymn (*PH - 15)***

***“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”***

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Jesus has given us a new commandment:

**Everyone: We are commanded to love one another.**

Leader: Just as Christ has loved us,

**Everyone: So we ought to have love for one another.**

Leader: By this, everyone will know we are Christ’s disciples:

**Everyone: By our love for one another.**

Leader: Come, may we join our hearts in worship:

**Everyone: Worship God by loving one another.**

*(\* If able, please stand)*

**Invocation**

**O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment.**

**Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace.**

**All this we ask in the name of Jesus,**

**in whom we become your new creation.**

**\*The Gloria Patria:**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

 **The Lighting of Candle of Remembrance**

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

**Congregational Response:** *(Remain Seated)*

**Hear our prayers O Lord.**

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**Incline thine ear to us and grant us Thy Peace. Amen.**

**Today’s Scripture Readings**

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

**Sermon**

**Rev. Scott Chase**

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**Gifts of the People**

Invitation

Doxology

**\*Congregational Response:**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.**

**Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn of Sending: *(NCH - 28)***

***“For the Beauty of the Earth”***

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*THREE-FOLD AMEN.**

**\*Closing:**

**“Go Now in Peace”**

**Go Now In Peace...Never Be Afraid.
God Will Go With You Each Hour Of Every Day.
Go Now In Faith, Steadfast, Strong And True.
Know He Will Guide You In All You Do.
Go Now In Love, And Show You Believe.
Reach Out To Others So All The World Can See.
God Will Be There, Watching From Above.
Go Now In Peace, In Faith, And In Love.**

**Leader: Rev. Scott Chase**

**Ministers: All the Congregation’s Members**