

Scripture

John 20:19 - 31

the Forster family

Sermon

Rev. Wendy Vander Hart

Hymn

Come and Taste of Resurrection
(see next page) verses 1, 2, hand 4

C-22 Come and Taste of Resurrection

1. "Come and taste of Re - sur -
 2. Who am I that you should
 3. Yet you stand here watch - ing,
 4. "Put a way then all your
 5. Christ, your name is glo - ry,

rec - tion," speaks the voice so sweet and
 love me? Just a crea - ture made of
 wait - ing, hold - ing out your arms to
 griev - ing, free your heart from point - less
 glo - ry; hope of ev - er - las - ting

clear: "Rise and take a new di - rec - tion; if you
 earth. Ev - ery mor - tal frag - ment of me shrinks a -
 me, si - lent an - swer em - an - at - ing—"Love lasts
 strife. Be not fear - ful but be - liev - ing: Now be -
 grace: Deep in this un - fold - ing sto - ry we have

trust me, have no fear."
 way from such re - birth.
 an e - ter - ni - ty."
 gins e - ter - nal life."
 glimpsed Love face to face.

Our concept of healing is broad:

the love of God in us as
 "earthen vessels"
 bringing about wholeness of mind,
 body and soul;
 reconciliation with God,
 with others,
 with our deepest selves;
 healing of the environment
 and of the world's hurts.

Marjorie Williams

WORDS: Kate Layzer
 MUSIC: Peter Sykes

Come and Taste of Resurrection was commissioned by and is
 dedicated to Paula Stanley, Deacon of First Church,
 who for many years coordinated healing services.

Sung Call to Prayer

Alleluia!

Alice Parker (1925-)

Pastoral Prayer

Response

Alleluia!

Alice Parker (1925-)

Prayer of Jesus

You are invited to unmute and speak the words most meaningful to you, or follow with the version here:

Our God, 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.

Sharing our Gifts and Music

Offertory

Canto de Esperanza

Ester Camac and Edwin Mora

Just when our hope was defeated, clear was the voice of the Spirit:
See how your brothers have not given up in their struggle to better the world
See how your sisters have not given up in their struggle to better the world.
God is uplifting the people, God is the power within us.

Hope is our message and freedom our song and together our voices will ring.
Just when our hope was defeated, clear was the voice of the Spirit:
I will be with you and I will uplift you and give you the strength to endure.
God is uplifting the people, God is the power within us.
Hope is our message and freedom our song and together our voices will ring.

Hymn of Sending

For the Beauty of the Earth

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For the beauty of the earth,	For the wonder of each hour
For the splendor of the skies,	Of the day and of the night,
For the love which from our birth	Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Over and around us lies,	Sun and moon and stars of light,
God of all, to you we raise	God of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.	This our hymn of grateful praise.

**For the joy of human love;
Brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
God of all, to you we raise;
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

Benediction

Postlude *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Jan Sanborn from *Hymns for All Seasons*

Musicians: Holly Fischer guitar; Mark Fischer bass; Ann Gregory-Bjorklund vocalist; Marty Hodel, trumpet.

Please remain in the meeting if you would like to briefly check in over Zoom Coffee Hour.

News to Note

Meet and Greet

In an ongoing effort to join the community of First UCC, Pastor Wendy will be hosting Meet and Greet gatherings on the Zoom platform. The gatherings will include up to four people in addition to Pastor Wendy and will center on two questions to generate conversation. The prompting questions are: 1. Tell us your story of finding First UCC. 2. What are your hopes for First UCC in this time of transition? To sign up for a time you can go to SignUpGenius by clicking [here](#) and selecting a time that works best for you. Once you have signed up, you will receive an email with the Zoom meeting instructions. If you cannot access the sign up online, please call the church office and leave a message with possible times that work for you. We will match you with a date and the info you need to join the meeting by phone.

Watch for Updates from Covid-19 Task Force The Covid-19 Task Force will provide an update soon about building use. As spring arrives and the stay-at-home order continues, the Task Force will be sharing additional information to guide decisions about “essential” use of the building. Stay tuned.

Contribution Statements This week, Q1 2020 contribution statements will be sent electronically to households with email address on file. Otherwise, a statement will be mailed. First UCC appreciates your gifts and continued generosity during this time!

ISAIAH News With relatively few meetings left in the legislative session, ISAIAH urges people to contact State Senators to unblock federal money for mail-in voting throughout the state with COVID 19 making voting at the polls risky. Please request passage of an adequate emergency rental assistance bill that both landlords and renters say is needed. Much of it may be covered by federal funds as well. Northfield’s State Senator Rich Draheim is on the Ag, Rural Development and Housing Finance committee, and you can call his office phone number and leave a message at 651-296-5558. (Scripts are available from the people below, if that is helpful.) If you would like to be part of local and regional meetings (and aren't already on the Isaiah email lists), please contact Carolyn (c.fureslocum@gmail.com), Leota (leotagoodney@hotmail.com), or Matt (rohn@stolaf.edu).

Invitation to Prayers of Solidarity During this time of pandemic and stay-at-home orders to protect the most at-risk, we invite you to take a moment of mindfulness or prayer each evening at 7:00 p.m. Pray for those who are living in isolation at home, or in assisted living, or in other care facilities. Together, at the same time each night, we will be praying in solidarity and hope. If you are isolated at home, or in an assisted living or care facility, we invite you to put a post-it note on your clock so you know that there are people all over the community specifically holding you in their hearts each night.

Join Us! New Member Sun, May 17 New Member Sunday is going to be a new version of "receiving new members into our congregation. We will be doing it during the Worship Service on Zoom. The New Member Orientation session will also be held via Zoom after the Worship Service on May 3. We hope that those of you who have not officially become members of First UCC yet will plan to join us! contact Membership Team Chair Jean Haslett email hasletts66@yahoo.com 507-650-0753.

Giving to the Church Due to Stay at Home orders and in an effort to slow the spread of Covid-19, we are worshiping online and connecting in small groups virtually. We still need your gifts! You may give electronically by visiting our website and clicking the "[Donate Online Now!](#)" button, under the Giving tab. You may also visit our website [electronic giving authorization form](#) and mailing it to Finance Manager Andrea Pegram at church. Gifts may be mailed First UCC, 300 Union Street. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support of First UCC's ministries!

CAC Food Shelf Challenge Due to extra anticipated needs in this uncertain time, the [Community Action Center \(CAC\) Food Shelf](#) could use any financial help you can offer. Scott Richardson proposes a First UCC Food Shelf Challenge. The Northfield Community Action Center (CAC) Food Shelf needs help. The pandemic has increased the number of local families who are challenged with food insecurity. The food shelf needs resources to keep its shelves stocked. I am suggesting that members of the congregation, as they are able, take the money they would have spent in coffee houses or restaurants this past week and donate it to the CAC for food security. Northfield Rotary is doing that with money it is not spending on its noon lunches. This is one way we can make a difference while most of us are home." You may contribute directly to the CAC, or contribute through the church, mail a check to the church, with "CAC Food Shelf" on memo line.

Care Ministry Team A note from the UCC Care Ministry Team: the Care Ministry Team wants to know if you have any needs that can be met by us or members of our congregation. We serve as the extra eyes and ears of the church, so please speak with any member of our Care Team if you or someone you know is in need of extra support--anything from meals, child care, crisis help or weekly check-ins. We can connect you with congregational pastor. Barb Altstaetter 507-645-9786, Barbara Crouter, Amanda Pettis Eastvold, Linda Larson 612-709-6795, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Bill Poehlmann 507-645-5422, Katharine Powers, Claire Rafferty, Kathy Sandberg, Jan Shoger 507-645-5236, Kellee Tussing, Gina Washburn, Claire Rafferty, Bonnie and Larry Fowler 507-645-6930.