



## Rockville United Church

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)/United Church of Christ

1st Sunday after Pentecost

May 31, 2026 ~ Hybrid Worship



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### CELEBRATING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

#### GATHERING MUSIC

*A Voice Is Heard*

Watts/O'Brien

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God — created in love, surrounded by grace,  
and called into community.

***We gather in the presence of the Holy One who is Mystery, Word, and Spirit.***

God is beyond us and among us, within us and between us.

***In every act of justice, compassion, and hope, the Spirit is moving.***

Jesus calls us into lives of courage and mercy.

***The Creator forms us, Christ redeems us, and the Spirit sustains us.***

Not three gods, but one Love — woven through all creation.

***We come to worship the Divine Community that invites all people into belonging.***

***Let us worship God.***

#### \*HYMN

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Chalice Hymnal, No. 22

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam,  
O silver moon with softer gleam,

Refrain:

*O praise God, O praise God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

O rushing wind with voice so strong, you clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise God! Alleluia! O rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
you lights of evening find a voice, (refrain)

O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your God to hear,  
Alleluia, Alleluia! O blazing fire who lights the night,  
providing warmth, enhancing sight, (refrain)

And all forgiven tender hearts, forgiving others, take your part,  
sing praises, Alleluia! You who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God, who knows your ev'ry care. (refrain)

## PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

*God of holy relationship, you are Creator, Christ, and Spirit— threefold mystery and perfect love. Draw us into your presence this day. Remind us that we are created for community, called to justice, and sustained by grace. Open this congregation to the movement of your Spirit, that all who enter here may know welcome, belonging, and hope. Shape us into a people who reflect your love in the world: compassionate in spirit, courageous in faith, and joyful in service. We pray in the name of the Holy Trinity, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.*

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*Bind Us Together*

Gillman

### SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8

NRSV

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

### CELEBRATION OF OUR GRADUATES

Chris Frentrup, Council President

### WORD FOR CHILDREN

Can I Play Too?

Pastor Jennifer

By Mo Willems

Following the “Word for Children,” we invite children (ages 3 years—5th grade) to attend a Sunday School class, dismissing to the classroom on the lower level through the front side door of the sanctuary. Parents/guardians are welcome to accompany your child(ren) if you choose; please pickup children in their classroom following the worship service. Visitors are welcome.

Nursery care for infants through age 3 is available in the nursery on the lower level.

Our nursery caregiver is Caitlin Vredenburg.

**ANTHEM*****Goodness of God***Fielding, Johnson, Cash,  
Ingram, Johnson ~ arr. Rouse**SCRIPTURE****Matthew 28:16-20**

NRSV

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**All: *Thanks be to God.***

**CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *Seven-fold Amen*****SERMON****"Three For One"**

Rev. Guy S. Johnson

**\*HYMN*****Morning Has Broken***

Chalice Hymnal, No. 53

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

**MORNING PRAYER****PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**Refrain:** One: Holy One, in your mercy,

**All: *Receive our prayers.***

**THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TEACHES** (unison)

A New Zealand Prayer Book

*Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:*

*The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.*

*With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.*

*For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.*

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

UCC Book of Worship

*Holy One, blessed are you who entrust to our care and use the richness of creation.  
Through our tithes and offerings, we return to you a portion of that which you have  
given us. May they be a means of serving you in the mission to which you have called us;  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**\*HYMN**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

Chalice Hymnal, No. 233

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; risen now to reign in love.  
Alleluia! Praise the Savior, with the multitudes above.  
There the songs of saints and martyrs thunder like a mighty flood,  
“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! Christ is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget the promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, be on earth our food, and stay.  
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **Thanks to our worship helpers today!**

Liturgist: Denise Rozell  
Digital Host: Dan Hockensmith  
Welcome Table: Mary Wallace

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### **RUC Staff**

*Rev. Jennifer R. Knutsen, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Guy S. Johnson, Associate Pastor  
Jim Levy, Director of Music  
Dalia Marciano, Administrative Coordinator  
Lynne Brady, Communications Coordinator  
Caitlin Vrendenburg, Nursery Coordinator  
Juan Mendez, Sexton*

## Welcome to Rockville United Church!

*We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We trust that you will find RUC to be a welcoming and engaging place to explore the life of faith within a community that honors each person's spiritual journey. We encourage you to ask questions, visit our website, and share your contact information at the welcome table near the front doors. I hope to greet you personally following worship, and invite you to contact me.*

*Blessings,  
Rev. Jennifer Knutsen  
[jennifer@rockvilleunitedchurch.org](mailto:jennifer@rockvilleunitedchurch.org)*

Our complimentary Wi-Fi network is **RUC Mesh**. The password is **heavenly**.



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