



**VIRTUAL/ORDER OF WORSHIP  
HAMDEN PLAINS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 15, 2022**

*"The mission of the Hamden Plains United Methodist Church is sharing God's love by creating a safe and welcoming community, connecting people's needs with God's power, and reconciling divisions through Christ."*

**-Mission Statement**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 15, 2022**

**ENTRANCE AND PRAISE**

+ Those able please stand

**PRELUDE**

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH**

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Pastor

**OPENING WORDS / CALL TO WORSHIP**- Liturgist

**Alleluia!**

Christ is alive; let all the people praise him. Let all creation sing with joy.

**Alleluia!**

**SCRIPTURE**

Acts 11:1–18

**+OPENING HYMN**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

**UHM #560****PRAYER OF THE DAY - Pastor**

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

John 13:31–35

**CALL TO CONFESSION- Pastor**

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION-Liturgist**

**God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Silent confession

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS- Pastor**

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION- Liturgist**

In this season of Easter rejoicing, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings for the church and the world saying,

**O God of love, Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For the well-being of your creation, that we may promote its ability to offer praise to you through spacious skies, bountiful seas, verdant lands, and precious creatures great and small.

**O God of love, Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For the life of the church, that our generous witness may broaden your table as all find a place to live and grow in love.

**O God of love, Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For the welfare of your world, that all leaders and people young and old will strive to live together in harmony while serving the common good.

**O God of love, Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For all who suffer any violence, pain, or grief, that they will know the comfort of your presence as you wipe every tear from their eyes.

**O God of love, Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For the love made known to us in Jesus Christ through this community, for this and all other blessings we give you thanks and praise.

**O God of love, Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For all who have died, that you will bring them to the fullness of your joy, where mourning and pain will be no more.

**O God of love, Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For so many blessings, and for answered prayers, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS (Pastor)**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**UMH #895**

***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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### **Revelation 21:1–6**-Liturgist

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

### **+ Psalm 148**-Liturgist

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! <sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! <sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! <sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. <sup>6</sup>He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! <sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! <sup>10</sup>Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! <sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! <sup>12</sup>Young men and women alike, old and young together! <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. <sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

### **THE SERMON**

"What about them?"

Rev. Jeremiah Paul

### **SERMONIC SONG**

"Love Lifted Me"

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**- Liturgist

O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.

## OFFERING

### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**-Liturgist

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Let us with gladness offer to God the gifts of our labor, life, and love.

*Please mail or drop off your tithes and offerings to:*

*15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514.*

*Noisy Offering (coins given for missions) may be dropped off at the church.*

### **ANTHEM**

"There Are Some Things I May Not Know"

TFWS #2147

HPUMC Choir

### **+RESPONSE**

"The Doxology"

UMH #95

### **+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/ DEDICATION**- Pastor

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

## **GOING FORTH**

### **+CLOSING HYMN**

"I Will Trust in the Lord"

UHM #464

## CHARGE-Pastor

Jesus has loved us so that we may love others. John 13: 34 Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

## The Postlude

## BLESSING

May God who has made you a new creation give you the grace to grow in faith, hope, love and justice.

### THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

May 8: ATTENDANCE: In-person: 33 Zoom: 0 Program Views: 11

OFFERING: \$4390

May 1: Offering \$2,593, Venmo: \$750, Native American \$50

### TODAY AT HAMDEN PLAINS

GREETINGS TO ALL worshipping with us on-line or by program view today.

PLEASE JOIN US for Fellowship Time in the Narthex with our hosts Brenda and Ed Pineau.

MASK POLICY: Please wear masks above the nose and under the chin at all times.

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: Pastor J office hours are Wed. & Thurs.'s, 10:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you need a meeting with him please contact the office at 203.248.4654.

HERITAGE SUNDAY: Please join the Book of Remembrance next week, as we honor those who have been members of HPUMC for 50 + years.

FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS: We are taking orders for Father's Day Flowers. Please fill out the form at the end of bulletin and return to the church.

RECORDED PROGRAM WORSHIP at [www.hamdenplainsumc.com](http://www.hamdenplainsumc.com) or [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxwHc1E3\\_YK4W1nHICT5iAA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxwHc1E3_YK4W1nHICT5iAA). Learn more about us at [www.hamdenplainsumc.com](http://www.hamdenplainsumc.com).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE for materials for the weekly bulletin is Wednesday at noon to [secretary.hpumc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.hpumc@gmail.com).

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS for Wednesday Prayer Team may be made by contacting Holly O'Brien. These requests remain confidential to the Prayer Team. PRAYERS AS PRINTED IN THE SUNDAY NOTICES, are assumed to be public information and should be called or e-mailed to Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 or [secretary.hpumc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.hpumc@gmail.com).

### MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

CONNECTIONAL BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP, Tuesdays 6:30–7:30 p.m., via Zoom

PRAYER TEAM, each Wednesday, in Prayer Room.

CHOIR REHEARSAL, each Wednesday, 7 pm, in person,

“DINNER FOR A DOLLAR” serves each Saturday, 6 – 7 p.m.

“DINNER FOR A DOLLAR” Missions seeks cooks and serving hosts. Cook teams work 3 – 5:30 p.m. and serving teams serve 5:30 – 8 p.m. To sign up, go to <https://signup.com/go/LpLESwa> or contact Marty Hartog: 203.506.9788 or [hartogm1@southernct.edu](mailto:hartogm1@southernct.edu) or Charlotte Sroka: 203.530.2860(text) or [charlotte.sroka306@frontier.com](mailto:charlotte.sroka306@frontier.com). HPUMC members and friends serve 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays; community partners host 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays.

Anyone may eat at Dinner for a Dollar. A suggested donation is \$1 per meal, but no one is turned away based on ability to pay. Meals are available each Saturday, 6 – 7 p.m., take-out only through the Church Street doors. May God continue to bless this important ministry.

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Looking for hosts to serve coffee and a light snack. To sign up, see Krystal Ritchie or contact her at 203.587.0406 or [kritchie424@yahoo.com](mailto:kritchie424@yahoo.com). She will also guide new hosts through the process.

CONNECTIONAL BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP: every Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. If interested, contact Pastor J at 475.331.1122 or [pastorji.hpumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorji.hpumc@gmail.com).

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Wednesday's, at 7 p.m. Please contact Pastor J (475.331.1122 [pastorji.hpumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorji.hpumc@gmail.com)) or Dunn Pearson ([dunnpearson@gmail.com](mailto:dunnpearson@gmail.com)) for more information. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS please contact Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 or Melissa Paul at [mrsmasp@gmail.com](mailto:mrsmasp@gmail.com).

**OUR HAMDEN FOOD BANK COLLECTION:** Please bring in any items you feel can be used as inventory is very low. Please place all donations in the collection basket in the Narthex during office hours (Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon) or leave by the back door. Thanks to the many who have donated!

**SEXTON NEEDED:** The Sexton maintains the building and grounds of the church. The hours are flexible and there will be a period of transition working with the current Sexton to learn the job. If you or someone you know would be interested in the position, please contact George Joseph at (203) 675-3595 or [djoseph.home@gmail.com](mailto:djoseph.home@gmail.com) for more information.

**YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT MEANS MUCH!** Please mail gifts to HPUMC, 15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514 or drop them off during office hours, Tues - Fri., 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**WE HAVE A NEW WAY of contributing your tithes and offerings.** You can now give right through an app on your phone by scanning the QR code. [www.venmo.com/HamdenPlains-UMC](http://www.venmo.com/HamdenPlains-UMC). Any questions please call the office.



**NEXT WEEK: 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER: HERITAGE SUNDAY.** We will be honoring our members who have belonged to HPUMC for 50 years or more. Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67 (UMH791); Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29. Liturgist: Preethi Varghese-Joseph. Song Leader: Frances Walker.

**THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** remains open year-round. Check it out in front of the church on Dixwell Avenue. To donate books (children's books as well as adult) of any genre or language, or Bibles, contact Kersten Moore at [disturbedteacher@gmail.com](mailto:disturbedteacher@gmail.com)/ 203.935.6855 or Lisa Collins at [collins11902@yahoo.com](mailto:collins11902@yahoo.com)/ 203.913.7961.

**OUR INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLE PROGRAM** Please bring your used cartridges for recycling in during office hours, Tues. – Fri., 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.; You can also bring them to church on Sunday or leave them in a bag outside the parking lot door at your convenience. Many thanks!

**OTHER WAYS TO BE IN MINISTRY AND MISSION DURING THE PANDEMIC:**

- Bring your "Cans for the Congo" during office hours or on Sundays.
- Drop off food for the Hamden Food Bank.
- Stay abreast of developments by reading your e-mail or checking the website.
- Read the upcoming Sunday scriptures as an act of spiritual formation.
- Pray for our church and governmental leaders and our Reopening Team.
- Serve at "Dinner for a Dollar" (take-out only). Sign up at [signup.com/go/LpLESwa](http://signup.com/go/LpLESwa) or contact Marty Hartog at 203.506.9788 or [hartogm1@southernct.edu](mailto:hartogm1@southernct.edu)
- Check in by phone or send a note to someone home-bound or elderly.
- Continue to mail in your tithes and offerings.

**PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING A NOTE** to any of the folks below who either live alone, have care needs or both. **This is the current list.** Megan Malanson is tracking these contacts. If you make one and would like to report that to Megan, please reach her at [megmalanson@yahoo.com](mailto:megmalanson@yahoo.com). If there is someone you think should be contacted by the pastor, please notify the office.

**ADDRESSES FOR PEOPLE LIVING ALONE OR WITH CARE NEEDS:**

*(Some opted not to be on this list.)*

Bales, Mary, 33 Woodruff Street, #113, Hamden, 06518  
Gursky, John, 1492 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, 06514  
Hartsoe, Lois, 5324 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, 06492  
Leno, Pat, 850 Mix Avenue, Hamden, 06514  
Mayo, Elizabeth, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Apt. 213, Hamden, 06517  
Morrison, Claudette and Jimmy, 112 East Gate Lane, Hamden, 06514  
Raccio, Jean and Carmine, 15 Sunrise Cove Road, Branford, 06405  
Reynolds, Marianne, 656 Center Street, Apt. D208, Wallingford, 06492  
Shaw, Rosemary, 345 Fountain Street, Apt. 202, New Haven, 06515  
Teodosio, Frank, 330 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, 06525  
Williams, Trudy, 41 West Helen Street, Hamden, 06514  
Wycoff, Denise and Pieter, 135 Grandview Avenue, Hamden, 06514

**BIRTHDAYS:** Elias Joseph 5/19, Arelyah Paul 5/22, Savannah Paul 5/22

**ANNIVERSARY:** Bill & Lorraine Welch 5/22/1977

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**All our Church Families that have tested positive and recovering from COVID:**

**Continuing care:**

Holly Wesman, partner of Karen Sroka, cancer  
Morgen Campbell Leg surgery  
Enkela's 2yr old Luca, seeing a Pulmonologist (Randi Harrell's co-worker)  
Lorraine Welch, recovering at home Nancy Campbell, broken arm  
Bernadette, breast cancer (Margret Turner's niece) Charlene Welch  
Alan, recovering from cardiac surgery (Brenda Pineau)  
Cassondra, cancer (The Pineau's) Paul, Bob, Lori, cancer (The Pineau's)  
Sarah and James Galloway, Carol's parents, for on-going medical issues  
Jason Calabrese (brother of Stacey Riccardi)  
Stephanie, health issues, daughter of Ed & Brenda Pineau

**In Rehab facilities:**

Marianne Reynolds Frank Teodosio

	<b>TODAY May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Next Week, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Heritage Sunday</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Preethi Varghese-Joseph	Kersten Moore
<b>Song Leader</b>	Frances Walker	Terri Bennett
<b>Ushers</b>	Megan Malanson	TBA
<b>Attendance Clerk</b>	Randi Harrell	Megan Malanson
<b>Fellowship Time</b>	Brenda & Ed Pineau	Book of Remembrance
<b>Counters</b>	Krystal Ritchie Kersten Moore	Lynn Brantley Perjah Delgado
<b>Broadcast Ministry</b>	George Joseph	George Joseph

**Program view of worship at 10:15 a.m. Sundays**

**Minister: All Congregation Members**

Rev. Jeremiah J. Paul, Pastor, [pastorjj.hpumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjj.hpumc@gmail.com)  
Dunn Pearson, Musician Ministry, [dunnpearson@gmail.com](mailto:dunnpearson@gmail.com)  
Nancy Estes, Parish Secretary, [secretary.hpumc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.hpumc@gmail.com)



## *Father's Day Flowers*

*June 19, 2022*

*NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS - ASSORTED COLORS*

*Cost is \$4.50 for a 4 inch pot*

*Please make check payable to Nancy Estes or enclose cash in an envelope and place in the collection plate marked "FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS" or mail to Nancy Estes, c/o 15 Church St., Hamden Ct 06514. No later than June 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_*

*In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_*

*In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_*