

Lyonsville Congregational United Church of Christ

May 21, 2023 at 10:00am
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Dissolution Service

Worship Is In person in Lyonsville Chapel

or

zoom.us/j/7082461255 or call 312-626-6799.

The meeting ID is 708 246 1255. The password is 60525.

If dialing in, press # when asked for an ID.

To manage noise, all participants are muted except for congregational participation.
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We welcome Rev. Molly Carlson, Illinois Conference UCC Minister

Rev. Gary Faleide, Pastor

Mike Molloy, Worship Artist

Diane Marelli, Worship Artist

Nayna Byers, Liturgist

Readers:

Jean Hegner, Karen Oberg, Lynn Chindlund

Communion Servers:

Linda Clarke & Bill Gurin

Renee & Ian Hegner

Gathering Music/Prelude

"Here I Am Lord"

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INTROIT

"One Family in His Grace"

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Greeting

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Pastoral Greeting

Rev. Dr. Robert von Trebra

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Robert vonTrebra

One: God, whose creative glory we see in the rushing wind and the swirling waters,

All: and whose love is revealed in the smile of a child, will remain with us.

One: God, whom we have discovered in the scriptures, and who has discovered us,

All: and who comes clear to us in Jesus in the lives of the saints, will remain with us.

One: God, whom we encounter in the worship and service of faith communities,

All: whose Spirit is within the pastoral caring and the justice-seeking of this church, will remain with us.

One: God, gracefully known in the hard places of our earthly life's journey,

All: and who laughs and celebrates joyfully with us here, will remain with us.

One: God, who will be with us as this life ends,

All: who is with us in time and beyond time, will remain with us.

One: Let us worship our loving and faithful God.

Opening Song

"Morning Has Broken"

Chalice Hymnal #53

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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!

Passing the Peace

Nayna Byers

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please greet your neighbor. *(Pause for greeting)*

One: Let us take a moment of silence to invite God's peace to wash over us.

Morning Prayer

Nayna Byers

Special Music

"R'TZEI"

by Stephen Richards

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Jill vonTrebra

Words From Former Pastors & Leaders

Letters from: Rev. John McCall, Rev. Nan Conser

In person: Rev. Dr. Robert vonTrebra

Rev. Dr. Penny Taylor

Rev. Dr. Bill Ressler

Letters from: Rev. Dr. Thom Bower

Sean Williams

Letter from UCC President: Dr. John Dorhauer

Nayna Byers

Karen Oberg

Rev. Molly Carlson

Song of Praise

"Gloria Patri"

Glory to God Hymnal #581

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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.

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Jeremiah 29:10-14

Matthew 25:14-30

Jean Hegner, Reader

Karen Oberg, Reader

Lynn Chindlund, Reader

Lyonsville Choir Anthem

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

arr. Timothy Shaw

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Rev. Molly Carlson

Sermon

"We Are A Resurrection People!"

Reflection Song

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

Chalice Hymnal #75

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I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

Prayers of the People

Nayna Byers

The Lord's Prayer

Release of Staff

Litany of Release and Farewell

Led by Moderator: Sanna Bashor

Moderator: Will Worship Artists, Diane Marelli and Mike Molloy, Bookkeeper, Steve Swenson, and Pastor, Rev. Gary Faleide please come forward.

Moderator: We began our journey together when we called you each to serve this congregation.

Staff Together: I have been blessed by each of you, by those who are unable to be with us today, and by the warmth of the Lyonsville Congregational Church community. I have grown in your embrace and challenge. I am grateful for your loving kindness and patience. You are a special people who have allowed me to be myself. Thank you! Thank you for these years walking together as God's people. Please forgive my mistakes and failures. Please forgive the times my dream for you made it hard to perceive God's dream for us. As I leave, a part of the divinity within you journeys onward with me.

People: We receive your gratitude with our hearts and minds. We offer forgiveness and accept that you now leave to minister among another people. Thank you for your commitment and love. Please forgive us for our mistakes. A part of the divinity within you remains with us as your faith journey leads you elsewhere.

Staff Together: Thank you for your gratitude. I forgive you as you have forgiven me. I pray that our ministry during these years and in the years to come will further God's desires for each of us.

Moderator: (addressing the congregation): Do you, God's people in this place and time, release Diane, Mike, Steve, and Gary from their duties?

People: Trusting in the Holy Spirit, we do.

Moderator: Do you, Diane, Mike, Steve, and Gary release Lyonsville Congregational Church and the church community from turning to you and depending on you?

Staff Together: Trusting in the Holy Spirit, I do.

Moderator: Do you promise to pray for this community? Do you offer your encouragement and confidence in their future ministries?

Staff Together: With faith in God, I do.

All: Let us pray. Divine One, we thank you for this time we have had as a community, as friends, as lovers of justice and bearers of kindness. As our paths diverge, we thank you for your presence in the past and in the years to come. We each re-commit here today to listen to your still-speaking voice and act and love as you would have us act and love. In the name of Jesus, who breathed in your divinity and breathed our healing, hope, and expansive love, we pray. Amen.

Moderator: Please be seated.

Word in Music

Mike Molloy

"Remembrance" (Communion Song)

by Matt Maher & Matt Redman

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Servers:

Linda Clarke and Bill Gurin

Renee and Ian Hegner

Rev. Molly Carlson

Rev. Gary Faleide

Invitation

This is the table not of this church, but of Jesus Christ. All who wish to be present at Christ's table are welcomed.

Giving Thanks

One: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: **We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks and praise to God most high.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

Remembering Jesus at Table

Affirmation of Memory and Hope

One: Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All: **Dying, Christ destroyed our death.**

All: **Rising, Christ restored our life.**

All: **Christ will come in glory**

Prayer of Consecration

Call to Communion

Prayer after Communion

One: Let us pray.

All: **Your table, O God, spans every place and time. We thank you for inviting us to this blessed feast, where you offer peace that surpasses all understanding. Help us to bring that peace to our coming and going, not only to ourselves but to those around us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Announcements

- An information sheet about other United Church of Christ churches in surrounding suburbs and a schedule for visiting them together will be linked to the 5/24 E-news, which be our last issue.
- Nayna Byers will continue the Lyonsville prayer chain for an indefinite period of time, so if you have prayer concerns please contact me, nlbyers@aol.com.
- The Lyonsville office phone number and email will be forwarded to Nayna Byers' cell phone and email, also for an indefinite period of time.
- We plan to continue having fellowship breakfasts on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00am. Please let Judy Birmingham know if you would like to be contacted about attending. (jbirmingham57@comcast.net)
- If you have confirmed that you will be attending today's luncheon at Via Bella in Countryside, we will see you there at 11:45am.
- The Lyonsville Cemetery Association has once again arranged for the American Legion to commemorate Memorial Day with a brief ceremony at the flagpole in the Northeast corner of the Lyonsville Cemetery on May 29, 2023 at approximately 10:00am. Arriving by 9:45am is encouraged, as the American Legion arrival time can be variable. The Cemetery Board will provide complimentary snacks and beverages.
- If you have requested church items (other than the pictures in the lounge), please reach out to Judy Birmingham (630-299-6552 cell) to arrange a time to have them picked up. All items must be removed before May 31st.
- Rev. John T. Kurien, Pastor of Ebenezer Pentecostal Church of God is inviting us to attend the dedication Service on Saturday, June 10th from 10:00am-12:30pm. Ebenezer is deeply honored of the fact that this facility has been part of the historical Lyonsville Congregational Church, which is the oldest congregational church in Cook County. The event is being organized to dedicate the renovated facility. Kindly let Rev. Kurien (pastor@epcchicago.org) know if you will be able to attend this event. Refreshments will be served after the dedication service.

Prayer of Dissolution

Rev. Molly Carlson

One: Eternal God, whom the highest heaven cannot contain, much less a building made by human hands, hear our prayer: For Church universal, of which this building has been a symbol,

All: we praise you, O God.

One: For all the saints who, in times past and present, have formed a congregation of your people and have met in this place to offer their prayers and praise to you,

All: we praise you, O God.

One: For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace, who in this place were renewed from sin, buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, and raised to new and eternal life.

All: we praise you, O God.

One: For your presence whenever your Word has been proclaimed and your sacramental gifts of bread and wine received,

All: we praise you, O God.

One: For your blessing upon each of your children, welcomed and nurtured here,

All: we praise you, O God.

One: For all who came to ask your blessing in marriage, seeking to love with your love,

All: we praise you, O God.

One: For faithful stewards who have served you by loving neighbors,

All: we praise you, O God.

One: For all who were gathered from this place, having lived this life in faith, who now live eternally with you,

All: we praise you, O God.

One: For the knowledge that your church and your ministry among us will continue today, tomorrow, and forever,

All: we praise you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

One: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare this building vacated by the congregation of Lyonsville Congregational Church and the congregation dissolved.

Closing Song

“I Love to Tell The Story”

Chalice Hymnal #480

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I love to tell the story, of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies by longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Spoken Blessing

Rev. Molly Carlson

Good and faithful servants, you and your ancestors have served God faithfully for 180 years here at Lyonsville Congregational United Church of Christ. God is pleased. As you leave today, God remains with you. As you find your new place in the Body of Christ, may you carry with you the great cloud of witnesses that has formed you. May you continue to be shaped by all you have learned and done through Lyonsville Congregational United Church of Christ. May your hearts be comforted by the Holy Spirit and your lives be inspired by Jesus the Christ. Go in Peace!

Sung Blessing

“Go In Peace”

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**Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.**

Postlude

“This Little Light of Mine”

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Special thanks to the Lyonsville Choir for their
gift of music this morning, and to Mike Molloy for leading
the choir:

Doug Adams
Judy Birmingham
Linda Clarke
Bill Gurin
Carrie Molloy
Bill Ressler
Edie Helms Ruiz
Maddie Ruiz
Penny Taylor
Jill vonTrebra
Bob vonTrebr