



MAY 4, 2025

South Congregational Church, UCC

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*Welcome to South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ! Whoever you are,
whatever your faith tradition, whatever creed you profess, whatever your age, ability, race,
sexual orientation or gender expression: You Are Welcome Here!*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Fries and Toni Callahan

PRELUDE

Prelude in E Major, by JS Bach

Richard Nelson, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

David Fries

The earth awakens from its slumber; the buds burst forth with color and life.

We come with hearts ready to bloom in God's presence.

The warming wind whispers of new beginnings and fresh hope.

We gather to be refreshed by the Spirit's breath.

In every bird's song and every blade of grass; in every flower and in every ray of sun, we
see the handiwork of our Creator.

We lift our eyes to the beauty of creation and give thanks.

This is the season of renewal, of resurrection, of joy returning.

We rejoice in the promise of life made new.

Come, let us worship the God of seasons, the God of growth, the God of grace.

We come with praise, with wonder, and with open hearts. Amen.

*HYMN #31

All Things Bright and Beautiful (*all verses*)

UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH

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David Fries

PASSING THE PEACE

David Fries

CHORAL ANTHEM

Now is the Month of Maying by Morley arr. Roger Emerson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Fries

**Creator of life and light, as the earth awakens in the song of spring, open our hearts
to the renewal You bring. Let the budding trees, the warming soil, and the return of
birdsong remind us of Your promise— that life can always begin again. Shine Your
wisdom into our minds as we turn to listen to beautiful music and words of Spring
and renewal today.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 150

Abby Charbeneau

POETRY AND MUSIC

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kathy Daniels

PASTORAL PRAYER

Toni Callahan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Creator, who brings life to all seasons,
blossoming is Your name. Let Your garden bloom on Earth as in Heaven,
where all is green and whole. Give us this day the freshness of spring —new
beginnings, tender mercies, and nourish us like rain on thirsty soil. Forgive us our
winters and wilted ways, as we forgive those who trampled our gardens. Lead us
not into drought or despair, but guide us to fields of wildflowers and peace. For
Yours is the sunshine, the song of birds, and the rebirth forever. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Faith Scofield

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Emily Geoghegan

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“Donate” button on the website, or mailing/dropping off a check to the office.
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OFFERTORY

Calliope House/Cowboy Jig

Leanne Tigert and Betsy Clark

*SUNG RESPONSE Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (1st verse; Amen at the end)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Emily Geoghegan

*HYMN #28

For the Beauty of the Earth (*verses 1 and 2*)

*BENEDICTION

Abby Charbeneau

POSTLUDE

Cortege by Gordon Young

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

*Flowers are donated by by Ann and Jerry Walls
celebrating love, friends and family.*



Minister: Rev. Dr. Tanya Sadagopan
Pianist: Abigail Charbeneau
Music Director: Sue Berlenbach
Christian Education Director: Julia Wagner
Memorial Bells Director: Carlene Ruesenberg
Zoom Technician: Sarah DeFreitas
Sexton: Walt Irvine

Today's Participants

Ushers: Cal Genzel and Kathryn Bradley
Lay Leader: David Fries
Counting and Deposits: Richard Nelson and Chris Simmers
Assistive Listening Technician: Suzanne Winchester