

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

(The leader continues.)

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Please hold the bread and cup after served.)

The Pastor offers "blessing" words so we may eat and drink together.

Our elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice.)

Meditative Interlude

The Prayer of Thanksgiving *(in unison)*

**Because we have shared in one common loaf and shared from
the one cup of Christ's new covenant of unity, we lift up our
prayers with one voice to you, the one great God, who
embraces our differences and accepts us as one body in
Christ. Amen.**

✠ Hymn

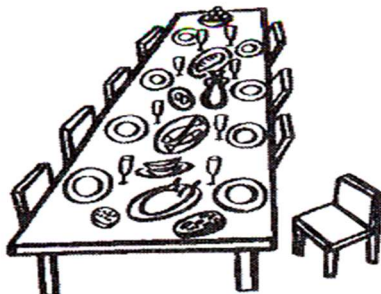
"The Summons"

#350

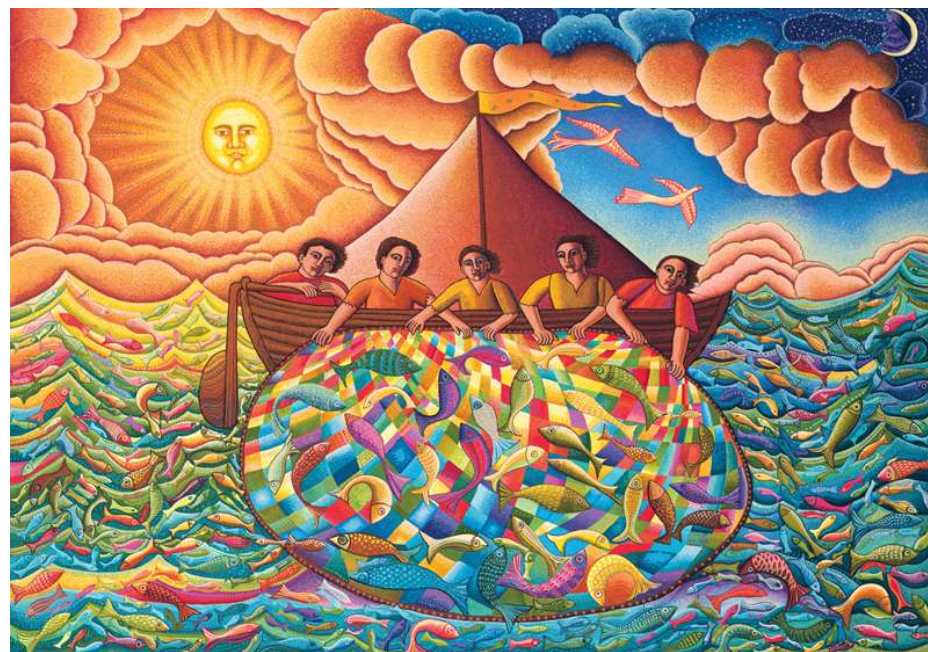
✠ Benediction

(please be seated)

Postlude



*The First Congregational Church
of West Brookfield
United Church of Christ*




*May 4, 2025
10 a.m.*

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Words in **bold** are to be spoken in unison.*

 *Please stand as you are able.*

Congregational Announcements

Karen Murphy

Pastoral Greeting

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Al Randall

God of all times and places,
we gather in your presence.

God of eternity and each moment,
we take this time as yours.

God the here and now,
we are here for you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Christ is risen!

Alleluia! Amen!

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Al Randall

We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Fill your church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection so that, in the midst of the sinful world, we may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

 Hymn

"Christ Is Alive!"

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Call to Offering and Offertory Music

Choir Anthem:

"Hymn of Promise"

(Offering plates are in the front and rear of the sanctuary for your gifts; you may place them in the plates during the music)

 Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

Blessing of Offering

Youth Message

"We Are the Church"

#550

Scripture Readings

Acts 9:1-6

Al Randall

John 21:1-19

Response:

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon

"Do You Love Me?" Rev. Dennis TeBeest

 Hymn

"Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult"

#345

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 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.

The Invitation to Christ's Table

The Communion Prayer

(Leader's spoken prayer, leading to:)



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We are a church where all are welcome to worship together, to share in fellowship and to grow spiritually in our journey with Christ. We value justice, diversity, and freedom of expression. We strive to serve our community and all God's creation and to spread the love of God to all people.

Welcome members, friends, and visitors to our service this morning! If you are a guest with us, we invite you to sign our guest register and/or fill out a visitor card. Activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for children who are with us in worship.

Prayer Requests

Would you like to ask for prayers for someone? You may write your request in the red prayer book on the table located in the back of the sanctuary. A deacon will share them with the pastor. Please see a deacon with any questions.

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