Saturday 9 am Prayer for May 16, 2020

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Call to Worship

O Creator, let my soul rise up to meet you

**As the day rises to meet the sun.**

**Glory to God the Creator, the Son, and the Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, forever! Amen.**

Prayer of Approach

**We come to worship as we are,**

**known by Abba and called by name.**

**We come with our doubts and our fears**

**to Christ who knows doubt and fear too.**

**We come, weary and weighed down,**

**to the Spirit who breathes new life into us**

**and sends us on our way rejoicing.**

**Amen.**

Moment of Silence

Proclamation of the Word

*Reading of the Psalm*

Psalm 66: 8-29

Litany: Come and Listen by Margaret D. Mcgee

(inspired by Psalm 66)

O God, who made the world and everything in it,

**we pray with one voice, proclaiming your presence to all the earth.**

For skeptics and believers, for clergy high and low;

For those who seek God at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews,

For all who search for life, come and listen:

**And we will tell you what our God has done for us.**

We are alive in the spirit.

We are saved through water.

Because Christ lives, we also live.

**For we too are God’s offspring.**

For presidents and prime ministers, for bosses and wardens;

For those who set the course at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews,

For all who wield power, come and listen:

**And we will tell you what our God has done for us.**

We do not fear what others fear.

We proclaim the hope that is in us.

Because Christ lives, we also live.

**For we too are God’s offspring.**

For friends and lovers, for neighbors and strangers,

For those who eat bread at home, at work, in the streets,

and in the pews,

For all who live in the world, come and listen:

**And we will tell you what our God has done for us.**

In God, we live and move and have our being.

From God, we have life and breath and all things.

Because Christ lives, we also live.

**For we too are God’s offspring.**

For the sick and troubled, for the fearful and alone,

For those in pain at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews,

For all who suffer, come and listen:

**And we will tell you what our God has done for us**.

Our prayers are not rejected.

Our souls are held in life.

In truth, our God has heard us,

and love is not withheld.

Because Christ lives, we also live.

**For we too are God’s offspring.**

For those kept in memory, for those long forgotten,

For all who ever took the breath of life at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews,

For the dead and those who mourn them, come and listen:

**And we will tell you what our God has done for us.**

We are blessed by your presence.

We are filled with the Spirit.

Because Christ lives, we also live.

**For we too are God’s offspring.**

**God of heaven and earth, Companion in life, Spirit of truth,**

**to you alone we turn our eyes and lift our hearts.**

Amen.

*Gospel acclamation (Alleluia)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (x 2)

*Reading of the Gospel*

John 14:27-29

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; but the kind of peace I give you is not like the world’s peace. Don’t let your hearts be distressed; don’t be fearful. You’ve heard me say, ‘I am going away but I will return.’ If you really loved me, you would rejoice because I am going to Abba God, for Abba is greater than I. I tell you this now, before it happens, so that when it happens, you will believe.

*Gospel acclamation (Alleluia)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (x 2)

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Silence

Please join me in singing Red Rocks Worship’s Not Afraid

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SVYcQApc0g>

I invite you to share your thoughts on the morning…

Abba, Spirit, Son be beside us as we together recite our Affirmation of Faith.

Affirmation of Faith – UCC Creed

**We are not alone,**

**we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus,**

**the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others**

**by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God’s presence,**

**to live with respect in Creation,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People

Source of Our Love:

You journey with us,

Offering endless compassion

And enduring visions.

Hear our prayers

As we seek to join with You

In weaving patterns of healing and hope

Wherever the fabric of life is torn.

**We pray for all.**

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**From those whose lives are diminished**

**By difficulty, suffering, or loss;**

**To those whose lives seem full**

**Content and happy just as they are.**

**We name them before you now:**

For those in need of healing…

For those facing difficulty…

For those suffering injustice…

For those seeking courage…

For those harmed by violence…

For those in sorrow…

For those in joy…

For others we name before You now…

**May strength be theirs.**

**May comfort be theirs.**

**May love uphold them.**

**May we, in turn,**

**Reveal compassion to them**

**In our words and our ways.**

**Amen.**

And finally, God we end with the prayer taught to us by Your beloved Jesus:

**Our Father, Our Mother, who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed by thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done in earth,**

**As it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**As we forgive them that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**The power, and the glory,**

**For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the peace of Christ go with you: wherever He may send You;

May He guide you through the wilderness: protect you through the storm;

May He bring you home rejoicing: at the wonders He has shown you;

May He bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors.

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

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