

**Congregational Church of Birmingham  
United Church of Christ**

**A Just World for All**



**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 15, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

**Welcome Visitors!** We hope you enjoy this church home. Please take a moment to join us in signing and passing the Ritual of Friendship book in the pews. We heartily welcome you to this church family.

**Our Nursery** is available during worship. An usher can direct you.

**You May Contact** Rev. Ralph Brown for any pastoral request or emergency at 586-872-1618 or [brown.ralph.h@gmail.com](mailto:brown.ralph.h@gmail.com)

**Prayer Requests?** Text them to Rev. Brown (586-872-1618) by 9:30 AM Sunday for inclusion in the Sunday prayers, or email them to the church office by 9:00 AM Monday ([ccbinfo@ccbucc.org](mailto:ccbinfo@ccbucc.org)) to be included in the Weekly Prayers email.

**Get in the Loop!** Stay current on CCBUCC news. Contact the church office to receive our email communications.

**View Sunday Worship Live Streams** and all previously recorded services at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CongregationalChurchofBirminghamUCC>

**WORSHIP IN OUR SANCTUARY IS LIVE STREAMED** so that those unable to be with us in person can worship online on our YouTube channel (see link below). We're happy to be accessible to everyone and are deeply grateful to Chris Hiner for creating the technological set up! We invite others to be trained to monitor the sound and live chat. Our Media & Communications Specialist, Daniel Jaros, runs the streaming technology during the service. Interested in how it works? Worship up in the balcony and learn the ropes!

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**ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> graders go to their classrooms after Children's Time in worship each Sunday through May 22. Collect them there later at 11:15 AM after worship. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on MAY 29 (Memorial Day Weekend). The Leadership Club (confirmation students) will meet again after worship next Sunday, May 22, at 11:15 AM, to explore their own faith in God and go on a field trip to the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills. See the Summer Sunday School announcement later in this bulletin. Questions? Contact Carmel at: [carmelf711@yahoo.com](mailto:carmelf711@yahoo.com)

## WORSHIP GUIDE

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PRELUDE

“Abide with Me”  
with *Etude Op. 10, No. 3*

Monk/*Chopin*,  
arr. Ham

THRESHOLD MOMENT

Pastor Ralph

When life is stressful and confusing, we can find ourselves wanting the comfort of familiar routines and well-worn patterns. We might even think, “Better the devil you know than the devil you don’t.” But we come here looking for a better way and a better world, certainly not the same old, same old. During Eastertide we turn our attention to the life-changing and unexpected appearances of the Risen Christ. If our faith isn’t unsettling, if it doesn’t disturb our patterns of thinking, feeling, or behavior from time to time – well then, we are not paying attention. Let’s join together in singing an Easter song.

SONG

“The Strife Is O’er”

CH #221

**The strife is o’er, the battle done,  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun.  
Alleluia!**

**The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions has dispersed:  
let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!**

**The three sad days are quickly sped,  
Christ rises glorious from the dead:  
all glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!**

**Lord, by your wounds on Calvary  
from death’s dread sting your servants free,  
that we may live eternally.  
Alleluia!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marie Hochstein and All

ONE: Dear friends, if you lift your net and it is empty, come here!

**ALL: We'll help you cast it out again into God's great abundance.**

ONE: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, come here!

**ALL: We'll help you find the Risen Christ among us.**

ONE: If you are feeling lost and alone, come here!

**ALL: We will sing and praise God together!**

ONE: Let us pray:

**ALL: Risen Christ, we have gathered in this place to draw close to you, to be inspired by your story and to follow in your way. Come, be present with us and fill us with your joy. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE

**"Jesus, Stand Among Us"**

**CH #283**

**Jesus, stand among us in your risen pow'r.**

**Let this time of worship be a holy hour.**

**Breathe the Holy Spirit into ev'ry heart.**

**Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.**

THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-14 (NRSV)

Marie Hochstein

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So, they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

For the word of God in Scripture, for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us, **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

THE WORD IN MUSIC      "God, Known and Unknown"      video,  
by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan      CCLI #741179

TIME WITH CHILDREN      Dr. Carmel Tinnes  
(Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade children may now go to their lessons.)

OUR CONVERSATION      "No Going Back"      Rev. Ralph Brown

DRAWING CLOSE TO GOD IN PRAYER      Pastor Ralph

We Continue to Pray for:

- Afghan and Ukrainian citizens and refugees, in dire circumstances seeking safety and peace
  - All at risk in contracting COVID-19
  - Ben Sharpe, with anxiety and depression challenges
  - Bob Rauth and family, grieving the death of his wife, Marilyn
  - Charles Sinclair, an 11-month-old receiving cancer treatments
  - Cindy Kyle and family, grieving the death of her mother, Annabelle
  - Cliff & Jacquie Wagoner, adjusting in their new spaces
  - David, brother of Paul von Oeyen, gratefully in remission from leukemia, and dealing with lingering complications from decreased immunity
  - Elie Schulz, recovering from ACL repair surgery
  - Greg Peterson and family, grieving the death of his aunt, Judy Brooks
  - Jean Thomson, in assisted living following a stroke
  - Jeff Foust's mother, diagnosed with breast cancer
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- Liz Kircos, in rehab following hip surgery after a fall
- Lynn McClinton, Leslie Benyo's sister, recovering from a mild stroke and dealing with other infirmities
- Mary Peterson and family, grieving the death of her mother, Edith Price
- Melissa Crook and family, separated from her daughter, Calliope
- Oxford students, teachers, and all families, grieving in the wake of gun violence
- Ruth Biersdorf, in treatment for cancer
- Shirley Fogarty, recovering in Florida after a fall
- Sue Potter and family, mourning the death of her brother, Robert
- Victims of war, violence, and natural disasters everywhere
- Youth and adults with mental health challenges

## **THE PRAYER OF JESUS**

**All People**

**Our Loving God beyond and within, holy is your name.**

**Your community come,**

**your way be followed on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us, today, our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the way, the power and the glory,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **SUNG RESPONSE "Lord, Listen to Your People Praying" CH #305**

**Lord, listen to your people praying,**

**Lord, send your spirit in this place;**

**Lord, listen to your people praying,**

**send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!**

## **OUR GIFTS & SERVICE**

Your offering is welcomed in support of our ministry and may be made online at [www.ccbucc.org](http://www.ccbucc.org); placed in the offering plate at the worship welcome area before, during, and after worship; or mailed to the church Attn: Treasurer.

**SONG****"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"****CH #344**

(verses 1, 2 &amp; 4)

**I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus—  
no turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me—  
no turning back, no turning back.**

**Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
No turning back, no turning back.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

Pastor Ralph and All

One: As we leave this place, let us go forth  
with open hearts, open minds and open hands.

**All: Open hearts so that we may love others as God loves us.  
Open minds so that we may discover the unfolding wonder of  
all God has done and is doing.  
Open hands so that we may share our love of God and  
neighbor.**

One: And may the God who is always more than we can know or imagine  
go with us. May it be so.

**All: Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Shout to the Lord"

Zschech, arr. Ray

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**WE THANK** our greeters, ushers, liturgist, Tech Team: Daniel Jaros & Chris Hiner, Worship Design: Leslie O'Day-Benyo, and Music Team: Joe Bentley & Yalan Piao, for all their help with today's service.

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(Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad in your pew.)

## OUR MINISTRY UPDATES

**PLEASE CHECK THE LOST & FOUND** at the coat rack near the front entrance. All unclaimed items will be added to Rummage TODAY!

## OUR 2022 RUMMAGE SALE WEEK IS UNDERWAY!

### We Need Your HELP!

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| <u>TODAY</u> .....        | 11 AM - 5 PM.....        | Move furniture, Set-up rooms, Drop-off Rummage, Sort & Organize |
| Mon, May 16.....          | 9 AM - 5 PM.....         | Drop-off, Sort & Organize                                       |
|                           | 5 PM - 8 PM.....         | 'Late Shift' - Sort & Organize                                  |
| Tues, May 17.....         | 9 AM - 5 PM.....         | Sort & Organize – NO DONATIONS Please                           |
| <b>Wed, May 18.....</b>   | <b>5 PM - 8 PM.....</b>  | <b>Opening Night Sale - 25% Markup</b>                          |
| <b>Thurs, May 19.....</b> | <b>11 AM - 3 PM.....</b> | <b>Regular Sale</b>   |
|                           | 3 - 4 PM.....            | Closed  |
|                           | <b>4 PM - 7 PM.....</b>  | <b>Bag Sale &amp; 1/2 Price</b> (large items)                   |
|                           | 7 PM - 8 PM.....         | Bagging leftovers for charity pickup                            |
| Fri, May 20.....          | 10 AM - Noon.....        | Bagging leftovers for charity pickup                            |
| Sat, May 21.....          | 10 AM - 1 PM.....        | Cleanup / Prep church for Sunday                                |

**Drop-Off Your DONATIONS of Good Stuff!** Books, Clothing, Collectibles, Decorative Items, Electronics, Housewares, Linens, Sporting Goods, Tools, Toys/Games, etc. Furniture only in great condition and desirable. Clean items in working order sell best. Think "Would I buy that?" Accepting your Friends & Neighbor's Donations, too. Receipts provided for tax purposes.

**Volunteer Early Shopping** while you work. 'Hold Area' in Sanctuary to place items of interest. 'Hold tags' on larger items (pending pricing). Allow time for department leaders to price items on Monday/Tuesday. The opportunity to buy before the general public is worth the 25% markup!

**Special 'Late Shift'** for those with day jobs. Come to CCB on Monday, 5 PM – 8 PM to help sort and price.

Food provided for volunteers! Make it a family activity!

Teenagers – earn community service hours! Masks Optional!

**All Proceeds Benefit the Outreach and Missions of the Church!**

**Feel free to bring a friend to volunteer!**

**Questions?** Contact Steve Olson (248-514-8746) or Lynn Wilsher (248-514-1563).

**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING:** In the last year, investments in technology allowed many United Church of Christ congregations to enhance their online worship services. Other funds enabled new and renewing churches to grow their communities, one in a gentrifying neighborhood, others on a college campus and a town square. COVID-19 grants empowered 50 churches to better serve their neighbors and their congregants gathering virtually during the pandemic.

All of these ministries were supported through gifts to Strengthen the Church (STC). The STC offering will be collected at CCBUCC this year on Sundays, May 22 & May 29. Make donations online at [www.ccbucc.org](http://www.ccbucc.org), mail checks directly to the church (Attn: Treasurer), or place them in the offering plate at the entrance to the worship area before, during and after worship. Please identify all donations specifically for "Strengthen the Church."

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:** There will be no Sunday School on May 29, during Memorial Day weekend. Summer Sunday School starts on June 6. The children will be learning about the Heifer Project and animal care this summer. They'll be inviting the congregation to participate in raising funds to support this great program. Questions? Contact Carmel at: [carmelf711@yahoo.com](mailto:carmelf711@yahoo.com)

**NEEDED: FERNDAL PRIDE 2022 LEAD VOLUNTEER** - CCBUCC has a table reserved at Ferndale PRIDE on Saturday, June 4, from 12 PM-7ish. We're looking for a person to lead volunteers from our church to promote CCB. Please contact Steve Payer if interested at [stevejpayer@gmail.com](mailto:stevejpayer@gmail.com)

**MINISTRY TEAMS SIGN-UP:** Use the following link to the Google sheets sign-up documents for all the CCBUCC Ministry Teams throughout the year: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-SdAgQsKF\\_zVLNdWYhS-UYS8cuhK1U48\\_GWqE3PH-Bs/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-SdAgQsKF_zVLNdWYhS-UYS8cuhK1U48_GWqE3PH-Bs/edit#gid=0) Check often for continuing and new opportunities to participate. Access the document as many times as you wish. Change/update your choices as needed. Paper sheets are also available on a table outside the Sanctuary. Questions? Email Cathy Rupert [cathyrupert@hotmail.com](mailto:cathyrupert@hotmail.com)



**TILLY THE DUCK UPDATE!** As of May 5<sup>th</sup>, Tilly has laid 8 or 9 eggs and is now in the incubation stage. The plant we brought home from church on Easter is providing leaves to keep the eggs warm. Twenty-eight days from now the ducklings should hatch!  
Sara Maxfield

## What's Happening @ CCBUCC This Week

**Bold** indicates CCB and/or UCC related event. Regular font indicates outside usage.

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| <b><u>Sunday</u></b><br><b><u>5/15/22</u></b>    | <b>9:45 AM</b> Nursery<br><b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> (S and/or YouTube)<br><b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b> (classrooms)<br><b>11:00 AM</b> <b>Rummage: Set-Up, Drop-Off, Sort &amp; Organize</b> (to 5PM)   |
| <b><u>Monday</u></b><br><b><u>5/16/22</u></b>    | 7:00 AM Sober Morning AA<br><b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Rummage: Drop-Off, Sort &amp; Organize</b> (to 5PM)<br>12:00 PM New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA<br><b>5:00 PM</b> <b>Rummage: 'Late Shift' Sort &amp; Organize</b> (to 8PM)  |
| <b><u>Tuesday</u></b><br><b><u>5/17/22</u></b>   | <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Rummage: Sort &amp; Organize</b> (to 5PM)<br>12:00 PM New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA  |
| <b><u>Wednesday</u></b><br><b><u>5/18/22</u></b> | 7:00 AM Sober Morning AA<br><b>Rummage: Sort &amp; Organize</b><br>10:00 AM New Beginnings Al-Anon<br>12:00 PM New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA<br><b>5:00 PM</b> <b>Opening Night Sale – 25% Mark-Up</b> (to 8PM)  |
| <b><u>Thursday</u></b><br><b><u>5/19/22</u></b>  | <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>Rummage: Regular Sale</b> (to 3PM)<br>12:00 PM New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA<br><b>4:00 PM</b> <b>Rummage: Bag Sale &amp; 1/2 Price</b> (to 7PM)<br><b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Rummage: Bagging for Charity Pick-Up</b> (to 8PM)<br>7:30 PM Nan's Group Women's AA             |
| <b><u>Friday</u></b><br><b><u>5/20/22</u></b>    | 7:00 AM Sober Morning AA<br><b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Rummage: Bagging for Charity Pick-Up</b> (to 12PM)<br>12:00 PM New Beginnings of Bloomfield Hills AA<br>2:00 PM Family Farms Cooperative (outside)  |
| <b><u>Saturday</u></b><br><b><u>5/21/22</u></b>  | <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Rummage: Clean-Up &amp; Prep for Sunday</b> (to 1PM)  |
| <b><u>Sunday</u></b><br><b><u>5/22/22</u></b>    | <b>9:45 AM</b> Nursery<br><b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> (S and/or YouTube)<br><b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b> (classrooms)<br><b>11:00 AM</b> <b>Social Hour</b> (FH)<br><b>11:15 AM</b> <b>Leadership Club Meeting &amp; Holocaust Memorial Center Field Trip</b> (AR & Farmington Hills) |

The complete church calendar is on our website: [www.ccbucc.org](http://www.ccbucc.org)

# A Just World for All

**Fifth Sunday of Easter** ..... **May 15, 2022**

## **Welcome to CCBUCC an "Open and Affirming" Church**

We warmly welcome everyone to worship and into the full life and leadership of the church. Whatever your background - your race, your nationality, your physical or mental condition, your gender, your sexual orientation - whoever you are and wherever you come from, we welcome you in love as Jesus Christ welcomes all. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, may the comfort and challenge of God's presence renew and inspire us all throughout the coming week. Again, welcome!



## **A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

Contact a Stephen Minister Leader:

Dr. Paul von Oeyen 248-646-0837

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## **CHURCH LEADERSHIP & STAFF**

### **Ministers - The Congregation**

**Dr. Carmel Tinnes**, Director of Christian Education

**Dr. Yalan Piao**, Accompanist

**Daniel Jaros**, Media & Communications Specialist

**Church Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM, Lunch Break: 12:30 PM-1:00 PM

**Rev. Ralph Brown**, Bridge Pastor

**Dr. Joe Bentley**, Choral Director

**Jasmin West**, Preschool/Early Elementary Teacher

**Beth Prevost**, Church Administrator