

SUNDAY WORSHIP
Guest Preacher: Rev. Joyce Scott
April 27, 2025 - 10:30am

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC *Sharon Novak*

CALL to WORSHIP *Adapted from Jeremiah 29:10-14*

One: *“I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you,”* declares the Lord.

People: Plans not to harm, but to help. Plans to give us hope and a future.

One: *“Then you will call on me and pray to me, and I will listen to you,”* says the Lord.

People: We will seek you with all our hearts.

One: *“You will find me. I will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places,”* declares the Lord.

People: We have been looking for you all our lives.

One: Sometimes we sought your Holy Presence. We looked for you in places of death and despair, of emptiness and exile, of captivity and chaos.

All: Instead you meet us, O Christ, right where we are. You draw near both in moments of crisis and times of celebration. Today the Holy Spirit points us toward Jesus’ community-building, life-affirming, love-enacting Way. You ask us to look, listen, and bear witness. You charge us to become your hearts and voices, your hands and feet in the world.

SONG #7 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* *Sharon Novak*

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

SONG #238 *The Church’s One Foundation* *Sharon Novak*

— REFLECTING —

MISSION UPDATE *Rev. Joyce Scott*

READINGS *Matthew 28:6-8 &
Genesis 1:1-27*

REFLECTION **JOY OUT OF CHAOS** *Rev. Joyce Scott*

SONG #386 *One in the Spirit* *Sharon Novak*

— OFFERING —

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DOXOLOGY #44 *Sharon Novak*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

— CLOSING —

BENEDICTION *Sharon Novak*

May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.

May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.

May the love of God live in us today. May the peace of God be with us today, May the peace of God be with us today.

May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.

May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,

May the love of God shine through us today.

POSTLUDE *Sharon Novak*

MATHEW 28:5-8 — Jesus Has Risen - ⁵The angel said to the women, *“Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”*⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

GENESIS 1: 1-27 — Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so.¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs

and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, *“Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”*²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: *For* PEOPLE

Focus this week: Ann C., Bilo, Bob G., Bunny C & Bob C., Cindi, Dave & Beth, Dave, Deb L & John L., Irene, Jack, Kailee, Karen, Kilmar, Larry, Linda, Nancy, Rob, Ruth, Sascha & her family, Steve, Tom, Tyler, Val.

Continuing: Alice, Annie, Alexis, Arden, Barbara, Bob, Bruce, Cal, Cameron, Carl, Corey, Dean, David, Dawson S., Deb W., Don, Ed, Emmie, George, Karen, Kevin, Jan, Jean, Jim H., Joe, Joan, John, John H., Joyce, Jonathan, Judy, Karen, Kim, Kathy, Ian, Laurie, Marcia, Matteo, Maureen, Mary, Meg, Michelle, Parker, Petros, Phaedra, Robert G., Sally, Sarah, Spencer Elizabeth, Tom, Tony, Rob, Robert, Val, Wayne, Lori's niece & nephew, Dawson W.'s sister.

For those in need of the essentials of life: dignity, work, education, food, water, shelter, freedom of thought and expression and belief and self-direction, sense of belonging and purpose, a place to call home.

For people with new diagnosis, undergoing treatment, seeking healing and recovery in body, mind or spirit. For those with cognitive, mental, and emotional challenges and changes. For those holding vigil until the end of life, and for those who are grieving. For those grieving, *including the family and friends of David P.*

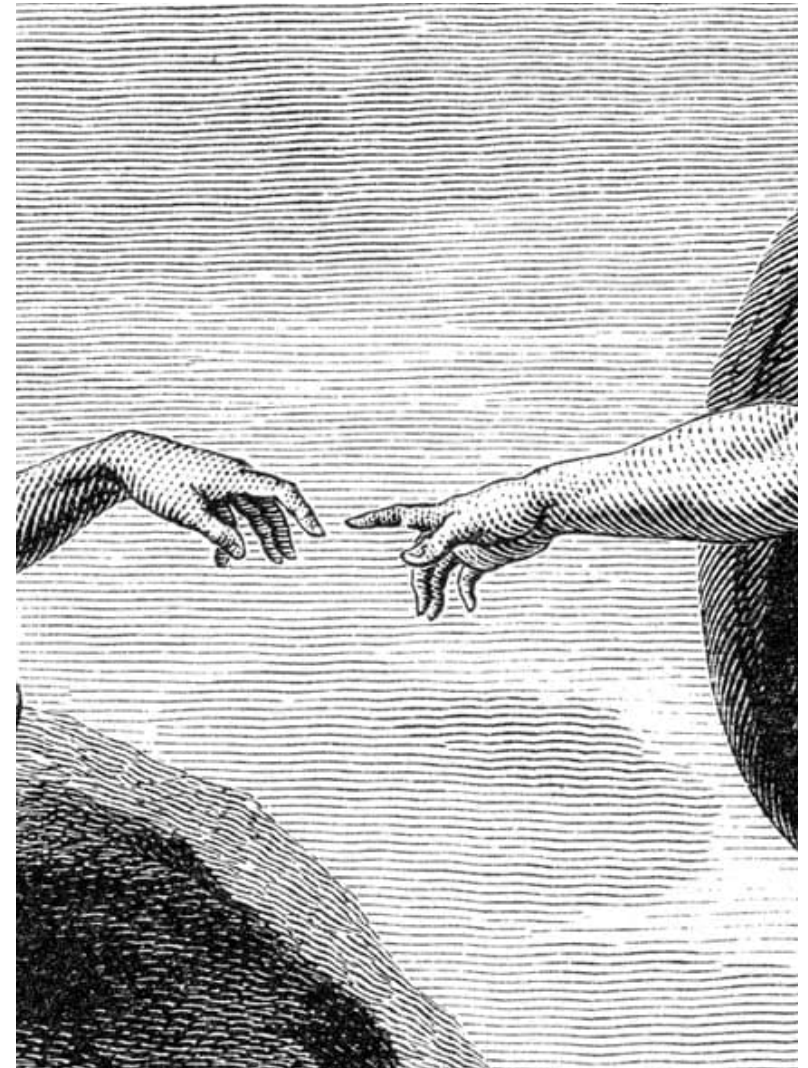
For those serving in the military and for their families. For those in caring roles and professions. For emergency responders: firefighters, police, EMTs and ambulance, medical health, social health, and mental health, disaster relief, crisis intervention, and others. For those in leadership positions at local, regional, national and international levels, making choices that affect other people.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: *For* PLACES

For climate-related occurrences around the world. For places affected by natural disasters: earthquakes, floods, fires, droughts, famine, eruptions, storms and other phenomena. For places struggling with conflict, systemic oppression, war, or violence such as Israel, Gaza, Palestine, and the Ukraine. For places with which we have partnership, including Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras.

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Detail of illustration from Sistine Chapel
of Michelangelo's Creation of Adam

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