



**The Presque Isle Congregational Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**May 12, 2024**

**Prelude**

Barbara Merryman

**Welcoming Music**

*You Are Welcome Here*

**Words of Welcome**

Jennifer Gillis-White

**Introit**

*"Hope of the World"*

PIUCC Choir

**Call to Worship**

One: Let us praise God for sending Jesus Christ to offer his saving love to us all.

**All: We give God all our praises.**

One: Let our hearts be filled with joyful celebration for the fulfillment of God's promises.

**All: We open our hearts to receive the joy of Christ.**

One: Let us move forward with Jesus Christ as our guiding light.

**All: The light of Jesus Christ is shining in each of us.**

One: Come, let us worship our Risen Christ, whose love and light guide us still.

**Opening Prayer (Unison)**

Ever present God, we are grateful that you meet us right where we are. Speaking our language and giving us the blessed assurance that you are with us. We look forward to the glory that awaits us, trusting that Christ will guide us to our heavenly home. In his name, we pray. Amen.

**Opening Hymn**

*"We Praise You, O God"*

**Two-Minute Message**

Jennifer Gillis-White

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Life-giving God, we find joy in your newness of life through Jesus Christ. Help us to feel the joy of inhaling and exhaling the breath of life in every season. Transform us when we come together as your beloved and diverse creation. Guide us in our praise as we seek your saving love toward a world where there is peace and justice for all. Amen.

**Words of Grace**

Loving God, in Christ we see the fulfillment of your promise to be with us always. Forgive us when we lose faith in your compassion for all creation. Help us to see the great sacrifice of the Risen Christ as an example of your undying love for us all. Strengthen us to do better and to become better together in our relationship with you and all of creation. Hear our prayer, O God. Amen.

**Many: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**Choir Anthem**

*"Give Me Jesus"*

PIUCC Choir

**Scripture Reading**

**John 17:6-19**

**Common English Bible**

I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. This is

because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. "I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. I'm no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I'm coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. Now I'm coming to you and I say these things while I'm in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. I'm not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. They don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

### **Reflection**

Rachel Dobbs

### **Reflective Music**

Barbara Merryman

### **Blessing of Gifts**

From the abundance of God's generosity, all are invited to offer a portion of our gifts. Remembering the great love that Christ has for all people, Blessing those who gave, and those unable to give. May these offerings help fulfill our hope to be Christ's love and light in the world.

### **Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Faithful God, we thank you for every gift. We delight in returning a portion of what we have been given back to Christ's church. Your generous love and care for all creation knows no bounds. Like Christ who offered himself, let these offerings symbolize the fulfillment of your love by bringing a healing balm of hope, peace, and justice to everyone, everywhere. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

### **An Update from the Moderator of PIUCC**

#### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Our Creator\*, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

*\*Please use whatever name is most familiar/comfortable when you pray to God.*

### **Closing Hymn**

*"Take Time to Be Holy"*

### **Benediction**

### **Sung Response**

*God Be With You*

God be with you till we meet again; By good counsel guide, uphold you.  
With a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

*Prayers for today's service came from "Fulfilled: Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday of Easter" written by The Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey, Pastor of Union Congregational United Church of Christ.*