#### Order of Service for May 17, 2020

#### Welcome

## Call to Worship (Theo O)

The Spirit of God bids us, "Come." Let everyone who hears within their hearts "Come." Hear the whole earth rejoice and the coastlands sing of our God's steadfast love. We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God. We give thanks for God sets us free! Let everyone who is thirsty for the Spirit "Come." Let anyone who wishes "Come," and receive the water of life as a gift. We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God. We give thanks for God's steadfast love that brings joy to our hearts in the night, lights our lives like the dawn, and sets us free. Amen.

(From United Church of Christ: Worship Ways Archive)

## God's Greeting and Candle Lighting

## Song: The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases

## Confession (Eric Doef's Family)

Spirit of the Living God, All nations, tribes, and tongues belong to you. All glory, honor, and praise are due your name. Therefore, we confess that we have been a divided people— Mother from child, Brother from sister, And neighbor from friend. Have mercy on us and send your power upon the church, That we may know, once more, that you have Baptized us in one baptism, one faith, one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Tear down the walls of hatred and the towers of sin in our lives. May your Spirit descend upon our lives and make us holy and one. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

(RCA.com Year C)

# Assurance of Pardon from Romans 8:14, 17

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God...and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." For as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

In Christ, we are forgiven and welcomed!

#### Song: East to West by Casting Crowns

Children's Time Song: Hold Me Jesus (Jen and Mike Oudman's kids)

Scripture: Acts 9:1-31 Sermon: Peculiar Treasures: Saul/Paul Song: Just As I Am Without One Plea

Congregational Prayer Announcements and Offerings:

1. Woody Nook Ministries

2. NAIM - MIssionary Support God's Parting Blessing Closing Song: Abide with Me