



# THE OASIS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday, August 5, 2018   ♦   10:00 A.M.

"One of the biggest, most damaging mistakes too many Christians so willingly make is assuming that God is as much of a judgmental jerk as we are. But what if we could make room for difference and space for disagreement in our spiritual communities? What if we could give permission for moral failure and freedom to not be certain, and the chance to gloriously fail without needing those things to become black marks against people or death-penalty offenses? What if we made space for people who are as screwed up as we are?"

- John Pavlovitz

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## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS...

### Opening and Welcome

#### **\*Gathering Song**

“This is the Day”

This is the day, this is the day,  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it;  
This is the day, this is the day,  
that our God has made.

This is the day...when Jesus rose again....

This is the day...when the Spirit came.....

#### **\*Opening Prayer**

#### **\*Song of Praise**

*Holy, holy, holy,  
My heart, my heart adores you  
My heart is glad to say the words,  
“You are holy, Lord.”*

#### **Passing the Peace:**

“You are blessed by God, and you are a blessing from God.”

### For the Child in Us All

## TO HEAR GOD’S WORD...

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 136

Isaiah 54:1—8

## Musical Reflection

### Sermon:

“Enlarging the Tent”

### Hymn

“God is Holding Your Life” (Psalm 121)

Lift up your eyes, behold the hills.  
From where will help and rescue come?  
We call on One who made the earth,  
who blessed the stars, the moon and sun.

### Chorus

**God is holding your life, God is holding your life,  
God is holding your life, we believe. (REPEAT)**

Turn down your gaze upon the earth.  
Where is the One who never sleeps?  
We call on One who guards you now:  
Your spirit safe in holy keep. **Chorus**

Venturing out or coming home,  
'neath heat of day or cool of night,  
we call on One who hears your voice  
and comes to heal and keep your life. **Chorus**

**TO RESPOND IN FAITH...**

**Prayers for Ourselves and Others**

**Offering**

## Offertory Hymn

“Come to the Banquet There’s A Place For You”

*Come to the banquet  
there’s a place for you.*

Though you maybe have  
no money,  
Though you maybe feel unworthy,  
In you strength  
or in your weakness  
You are welcome, come.

*Come to the banquet  
there’s a place for you.*

Whether you’ve been  
lost or faithful,  
whether you’ve been  
wise or wasteful,  
Here’s a place of rest and grace,  
And you are welcome, come.

*Come to the banquet  
there’s a place for you.*

See you are an honored guest  
From constant serving  
you may rest;  
So sit you down,  
be fed and blessed  
For you are welcome, come.

*Come to the banquet  
there’s a place for you.*

Here is one who runs to meet you  
Loving arms stretched  
out to greet you.  
Do not let your fear  
defeat you.  
You are welcome, come.

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*We observe open communion here, which means that **all** are welcome to gather around the table and share in this meal –  
a symbol of our connectedness to each other, to all of creation and to God.*

**AND GO FORTH IN LOVE.**

## \*Closing Hymn

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy.  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

### **Refrain:**

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound! (Repeat)*

Christ is able to make us one. At the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share. God (Immanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]