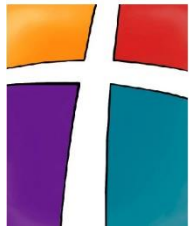


# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**newchurch**  
chiesa nuova, united church of christ

May 11, 2025  
11:00 am CDT

## CHIMING THE HOUR

### WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

### PRAYER OF INVITATION

#### ◆ SONG OF PRAISE

*With All I Am*

Words & Music by Reuben Morgan

##### **Verse 1**

Into Your hands, I commit again  
All I am for You, Lord  
You hold my world,  
    in the palm of Your hand  
And I am Yours forever

##### **Chorus**

Jesus, I believe in You  
Jesus, I belong to You  
You're the reason that I live  
The reason that I sing  
With all I am

##### **Verse 2**

I'll walk with You, wherever You go  
Through tears and joy, I'll trust in You  
And I will like in all of Your ways  
And Your promises forever

##### **Chorus**

Jesus, I believe in You  
Jesus, I belong to You  
You're the reason that I live  
The reason that I sing  
With All I am

##### **Bridge**

I will worship, I will worship You  
I will worship, I will worship You

##### **Ending**

With all I am  
With all I am

## LITURGY OF CONFESSION

### Invitation

Rev. Monica Bradley

◆ Please Rise in Body or Spirit

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## SONG OF PRAYER

### *Trisagion*

Words and Music by Fernando Ortega

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Ho - - - ly - God.

Ho - ly and Might - ty. Ho - - - ly, Im -

mor - tal One, have mer - - cy, have

mer - - cy on us.

### Prayer of Confession

One: Let us pray.

All: O God, You shepherds us, yet You must wonder how long we will continue to live the way we do, when our acts of kindness are offered only to those we think to be deserving of our generosity. We watch endless reality shows, while those whose real lives are filled with struggle and loss are ignored.

Gracious God, forgive us, we pray. Send Your Spirit to take us by the hand to lead us beside still waters and in paths of justice. Help us, O God, to seek and follow in the Way of Jesus, our Christ.

### The Silence is Kept

### Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: God will lead us into places of hope; God will give us the waters of life; God will be with us in every moment, in every place of our li

All: Anointed with grace, fed with joy and wonder, we offer blessing and thanksgiving to the One who forgives us now and forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.

# SONG OF PREPARATION

## *All Who Are Thirsty*

Words and Music by Brenton Brown | Glenn Roberts © 2002 Songs From The Indigo Room

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is simple and accessible, with many rests for the lyrics. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score consists of 12 lines of music, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are as follows:

All who are thirst — y, All who are — weak,  
come to the foun — tain. Dip your heart in the stream of  
life. Let all pain and all sor — row, be washed a — way  
in the waves of God's mer-cy as deep cries out to  
deep. — (We sing) Come, Christ Je - sus, come.  
Come, Christ Je - sus, come. Come, Christ  
Je - sus, come. Come, Christ Je - sus,  
come. Come, Christ Je - sus, come.  
Ho — ly Spir — it, come.  
Ho — ly Spir — it, come.  
Come, Christ Je - sus, come.

## ◆GOSPEL

John 20. 15-19

Rev. Monica Bradley

## MESSAGE

*New Faith:* Believe!

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

## A LITANY BLESSING OUR GRADUATES

Oliver Vaughn-Hebert  
Sydney Hudson

- One: Today we honor you who are graduating, for you are on a sacred journey.  
All: **Your journey is not only the learning of your mind but the growing of your heart. We celebrate the effort you have given to accomplish this. And we ask God's blessing for the journey yet to come.**
- One: May God always give you gifts of curiosity and discipline.  
All: **May God give you courage to explore new things.**
- One: May the Spirit work in you, that in all you do you may serve God.  
All: **May the Spirit give you grace to do justice, to love kindly, and to walk humbly with God.**
- One: May you know always that Christ goes with you.  
All: **We who have made many journeys give you our blessing.**
- One: By the grace of God, we surround you with our prayers.  
All: **Our spirits will go with you, for we too are pilgrims, and always learning, always by the grace of God beginning anew.**
- One: Go in peace, and serve God with joy.  
All: **Amen.**

## GIFT OF MUSIC

***You Make Everything Beautiful***

Words & Music by Rebecca St. James with King + Country

## PRAYER WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Story  
The Prayer  
The Invitation  
The Sharing

We serve communion by intinction – at the ushers' guidance, you are invited to come forward where you will be served a piece of bread. You are invited to then dip the bread in the cup, which contains grape juice, and receive the two elements together. Gluten-free bread is also available.

## The Song

### *Be Thou My Vision/Will You Guide Me*

Words and Music Traditional Irish Hymn Additional Words and Music by Adam Lancaster



Be Thou my — Vi - sion, O — Lord of my heart;  
Rich - es I — heed not, nor — life's emp - ty praise,



Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:  
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:



Thou my — best — thought, — by day or by night,  
Thou and — Thou — on - ly, first in my heart,



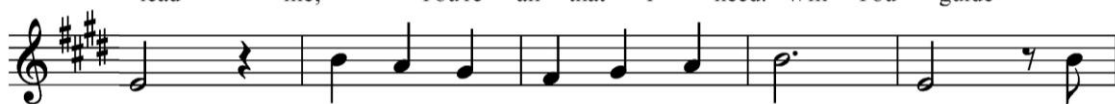
wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy — pres - ence my light. \_\_\_\_  
great God of heav - en, my — trea - sure Thou art. \_\_\_\_



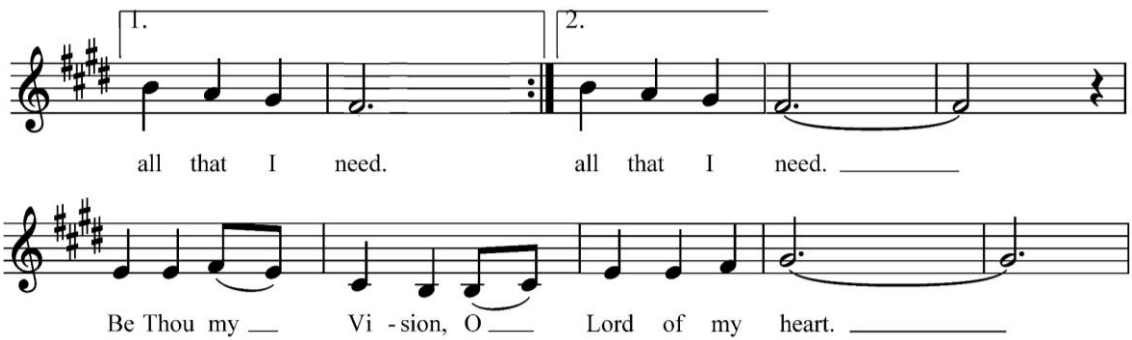
Will You guide me when I can't see? Please, Lord,



lead me; You're all that I need. Will You guide



me when I can't see? Please, Lord, lead me; You're



## The Lord's Prayer (spoken in unison, using "kin-dom" and "sins")

Our God in heaven, holy be Your name. Your kin-dom come. Your will be done in 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## COMMUNITY REMINDERS

✦ BLESSING

✦ SONGS OF PARTING

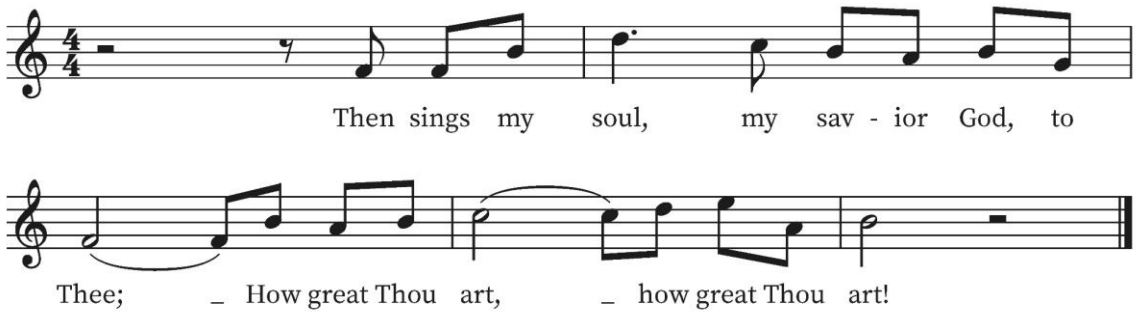
### *How Great Is Our God*

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, & Jesse Reeves



## *How Great Thou Art*

Words and Music by Stuart Wesley Keene Hine



Then sings my soul, my sav - ior God, to  
Thee; \_ How great Thou art, \_ how great Thou art!

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### ✦ SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you

**Many: And, also with you.**

One: La paz de Cristo sea contigo

**Many: Y tambien contigo**



YOU'RE INVITED

# Retirement Celebration JUNE 1

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE & LUNCHEON  
HONORING

*Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson*

11AM - Worship  
1PM - Luncheon



SCAN for More  
Info or to RSVP

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## Justice & Jazz

### SUNDAY VESPERS

Where SPIRIT & JUSTICE meet JAZZ

Third Sundays @ 5pm

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**JUSTICE & JAZZ VESPERS**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025**

**5:00 pm**

**IN PERSON ONSITE & ONLINE**

Worship with us at our **Justice & Jazz Vespers** this month. We will gather in the sanctuary at 6464 E Lovers Lane, Dallas.

# NEW CHURCH INFORMATION

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## **newchurch OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) STATEMENT**

We are the **newchurch** – the Chiesa Nuova, United Church of Christ – who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus. We are a community of faith witnessing to God's love and grace for persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, political stance and theological perspective. As agents of reconciliation and wholeness, we pledge to stand against all forms of discrimination and to embrace all who are disenfranchised from church and community. Together in our diversity and empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)

## **Did You Know...**

Chiesa (/ˈkjɛzɑ/) Nuova (/ˈnwo.vo/) is "New Church" in Italian. We include the Italian translation in our name to honor Saint Francis of Assisi, whom we claim as the Patron Saint of **newchurch**.

**newchurch** Guiding Scripture:

**Seek first the realm of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

*Matthew 6:33*

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# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- 5/11**  
11:00 am      **The Fourth Sunday of Easter – Graduation Sunday - Mother's Day**  
WORSHIP IN PERSON ONSITE & ONLINE
- 5/13**  
**Theology on Tap**  
Bankhead Brewing Company, Famers Branch  
email [info@thenewchurch.com](mailto:info@thenewchurch.com) for directions
- 5/18**  
11:00 am      WORSHIP IN PERSON ONSITE & ONLINE  
5:00 pm      Prophetic Conversations - Fellowship Hall  
**Justice & Jazz Vespers – Sanctuary**
- 5/21**  
6:33 pm      **New Church Easter Season Online Book Club Begins**  
Wednesday on Zoom, email [info@thenewchurch.com](mailto:info@thenewchurch.com) for book,  
reading assignments and link



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