

Seeking to love all people ... growing in faith ...
working toward God's vision of justice, healing and joy.

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming/Creation Justice Congregation

The Order of Worship
May 15, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday in Easter

Prelude *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young
Norm Libby, organ & Mackenzie Albert, piano

Welcome and Call to Worship

***Hymn** *Praise to the Living God* #18

Moments for the Young at Heart

Moments of Confession:

Holy One, You created us for lives of sacred meaning and purpose. You have placed a divine spark in each of us and Your entire Creation. You call us to use that spark to help others move closer to being who and what You created and call them to be.

Forgive us for the times when we do not honor, claim, or even recognize that divine spark in ourselves or anyone else. Help us to embrace it. Help us to trust in Your promise that because of it, the possibility of more faithful hearts and minds is never exhausted. Help us to face, and help others face, our lesser selves with honesty, humility and compassion, so that our higher selves can rise toward You. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *O Lord Most Holy (Panis Angelicus)* Cesar Franck
Charlene Gulbrandsen & Mackenzie Albert

***Congregational Response to the Offering** Easter Doxology #49

***Prayer of Dedication**

Moments of Reflection and Meditation:
Contemplative & Intercessory Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer (please use the wording closest to your heart)

Special Music *River in Judea* Marcus/Feldman/Leavitt
Charlene Gulbrandsen, soprano & Mackenzie Albert, piano

Ministry of the Word:

Introduction of the Text

Reading of Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15a

The Message Rev. Dr. Mark Boyea

***Hymn** *Help Us Accept Each Other* #376 (to the tune of #238)

***Benediction**

Postlude *Marche Triomphale* Sigfried Karg-Elert
Norm Libby, organ

***All who are able are invited to stand**

Sentence Sermons ...

"Each of us in more than the worst thing we've ever done."
—Bryan Stevenson

"One honest relationship is worth more than a fistful of business cards."
—Susan Cain

"You can't lift a relationship up if you keep walking over the other person's mistakes."
—Anthony Liccione