

# United Church of Hinesburg

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“Appearance While the Apostles are at Table” by Duccio di Buoninsegna  
(ca. 1308-1311). Tempera on wood.

## Staff & Participants in Today’s Service

Pastor: Rev. Jared M. Hamilton      Administrative Support: Yvonne Whitaker  
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Reader: Marie Eddy      Musicians: Sammy Angstman, Barbara Herrington,  
Rufus, Betsy & Amy Patrick and Joanne Russell & the Hinesburg Artist Series

## Order of Worship

Sunday, April 18, 2021, at 10:00am- The Third Sunday of Easter  
 Sunday morning Livestream/Podcast  
**[Bold]** print invites congregational participation

Prelude "Spring Intermezzo" by Betty Jackson King

### Greeting and Welcome

May the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.  
**Many: Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!**  
 Come, let us worship our God in spirit and truth.

### Opening Hymn

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
 Joy of heaven to earth come down:  
 fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
 all thy faithful mercies crown:  
 Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
 pure, unbounded love thou art;  
 visit us with thy salvation,  
 enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
 into every troubled breast;  
 let us all in thee inherit,  
 let us find the promised rest:  
 take away the love of sinning;  
 Alpha and Omega be;  
 End of faith, as its Beginning,  
 set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
 pure and spotless let us be:  
 let us see thy great salvation  
 perfectly restored in thee;  
 changed from glory into glory,  
 'til in heav'n we take our place,  
 'til we cast our crowns before thee,  
 lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### Lighting of the Peace Candle

### Psalm Antiphon

Lord your Mercy is upon us  
 As we place our trust in you.

### Lesson

"Confident Plea for Deliverance from Enemies"

Psalm 4

Psalm Antiphon

Lord your Mercy is upon us  
As we place our trust in you.

Gospel Lesson

“Jesus Appears to His Disciples”

Luke 24:36b-48

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

*adapted from Psalm 4.6-7*

**O that we might see some good!**  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O God!  
Put gladness in our hearts  
more than when the first trees blossom.  
More than when the harvest abounds.

Homily

“The Scars of Resurrection”

*Rev. Jared M. Hamilton*

Music Meditation

“Hymn of Promise”

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Service of Morning Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Our hearts are hard, O God.

**Soften them with your love.**

Our hands are clenched, O God.

**Open them with your grace.**

Our feet are planted too firmly, O God.

**Invite us to dance with you.**

Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People

Pastor Andi Lloyd

Almighty God, You love what You create. We pray for the earth, that its air, soil, and water be refreshed and restored to health. Lord in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all Your creatures, that, as the community of life, we may share fairly the harvests of land and sea. Lord in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all nations and people. Let us share the riches of our cultures without hatred or fear or suspicion. Lord in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern. Grant a spirit of wisdom and compassion to those in authority whom You charge with the tasks of leading and safeguarding others. Lord in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the poor and the sick, the weak and the vulnerable. Be their protector, healer, and vindicator, easing the sufferings of body, mind, and spirit. Lord in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church. Strengthen the body of Christ with the Holy Spirit, so that we have the mind of Christ among us. Lord in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Equip Your people to serve with love, humility and grace. **Amen.**

Prayer of Our Savior

**Our Father (Mother/Creator/God) 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.**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music

Lesser Doxology

**Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen. Amen.**

Prayer for the Offering

Closing Hymn/Music

“God be With You Till We Meet Again”

**God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd’s care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.  
till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love’s banner floating o’er you,**

smite death's threatening wave before you:  
God be with you till we meet again.  
till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

Benediction

Postlude

"Amen"

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