

Central Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ – Chelmsford MA  
*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

May 2, 2021

Prelude: *"How Excellent Is Thy Name"* arr. Hayes – Tudor Bota

Words of Welcome and Announcements: Pastor Rich Knight

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: *"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"* #6R verses 1,4,5

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend! Amen.

Opening Prayer

God of Hope, we come into your presence this morning with confidence that you will meet us here. Where there is sadness, bring joy; Where there is tiredness, bring refreshment; Where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope. Let this time be a safe haven for us, a home for holy words, songs and prayers, as we devote ourselves to you, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: *"Gloria Patri"* #513R

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.

SonLight: *"Beautiful Things"* by Gungor

Holy Scripture: John 20:24-29

The Morning Message: "Scars"

Communion Hymn: *"O, How He Loves You and Me"*

O, how he loves you and me. O, how he loves you and me;  
He gave his life, what more could he give?  
O, how he loves you; O, how he loves me; O, how he loves you and me!  
Jesus to Calv'ry did go, his love for mankind to show;  
What he did there brought hope from despair:  
O, how he loves you; O, how he loves me; O, how he loves you and me!

## Celebrating Holy Communion

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray...

*Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

### Closing Hymn: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

#61R

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; 'neath his wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,  
Put his arms unfailing round you: 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. Amen.

### The Benediction

### Postlude: "Prelude in A" by Bach

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Thank you to all those helping with our service this morning.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Dining to Donate at Moe's – Monday, May 3

Monday Movie Group "O, God!" – May 10

CCC's Annual Meeting – Sunday, May 16 at 11:00 am

### UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

May 9 Sanctuary – Mother's Day

May 16 Sanctuary – Annual Meeting

May 23 Carson Park – Confirmation Sunday

May 30 Drive-In Church