



**WHITNEY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Boise, Idaho**

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 5, 2024**

\* invites you to stand as you are able

*WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD*

Prelude Music

Becca Taylor

\*Gathering Song & Candle Lighting

“All the People Said Amen”

Six Ways to Sunday

Welcome

Pastor Daryl

Choral Introit

“We, Thy People Praise Thee, Praise Thee”

\*Call to Worship

Becky Daniel, liturgist

One: Christ said, “This is my commandment: Love one another.”

**Many: We come to worship the God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.**

One: Christ said, “No longer do I call you servants; but now I call you my friends.”

**Many: We come to worship the God whose friends we are through Christ.**

**All: Let us sing praise to God, and live in love and friendship toward the human family, through Jesus the Christ.**

\*Opening Hymn

“Celebrate Love”

FWS #2073

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love. We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom. We fail to see your Kingdom in parables because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. We pray for the sake of your Kingdom that both is and is not yet. Amen.**

Anthem

“Unexpected Grace”  
David Lance III

*WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD*

Scripture Reading – 1 John 4:7-21

Scripture Reading – John 15:9-17

Sermon

“Love Is a Verb”  
Rev. Daryl Blanksma

\*Hymn

“The Gift of Love”  
UMH #408

*WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD*

Prayers of the People / Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

Invitation to Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology/Offering Prayer

UMH #94

*THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION*

Invitation to Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

W&S #3172

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

*WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE*

\*Closing Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"  
FWS #2223

\*Benediction

Postlude

Becca Taylor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF MAY 5**

### **SPECIAL ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

There will be a special Church Conference following Worship today to recommend Charles Owusu-Ansah as a candidate for ministry, and to adopt the compensation package for Rev. Hannah Andres.

### **RECONCILING VOTE TODAY**

We will finish voting and be counting the ballots for our Reconciling Ministries decision today. All ballots are due 15 minutes after the close of Worship today. The vote totals will be reported after the close of the Special Church Conference.

### **NAME TAGS**

If you have not received a new name tag yet, fill out one of the request slips and return it to the basket on the back table.

Whitney UMC is a **SCHOOL OF LOVE** where we learn to love God, one another, ourselves, and creation as Jesus teaches.

**ALL Are Welcome Here!**

We, the Whitney United Methodist Church, declare that all persons are welcome to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of our congregation regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic condition, marital status, and mental or physical ability.

**Upcoming Events**

May 5 – Reconciling Vote & Church Conference on Pastor's Compensation Package and Charles Owusu-Ansah's candidacy

May 17 – Community Dinner

May 21 – Celia Cowan Circle

A link to our full Calendar of Events can be viewed on our webpage at [www.whitneyumc.org](http://www.whitneyumc.org).

**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Liturgist: Becky Daniel  
Sound: Bert Allen  
Online Feed: Rich Keefe  
Head Usher: Bill Slupe  
Pastor: Rev. Daryl Blanksma

Pianist: Becca Taylor  
Band Director: Kevin Daniel  
Choir Director: Isaac Flake  
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