

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**May 25, 2014**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Those who are able may stand where marked (\*).

Gathering #215      “When Morning Gilds the Skies”      *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude and Ministry of the Acolyte

Call to Worship      “A Litany for Memorial Day”

One: We remember our brothers and sisters who daily face the hardship and risks that are necessary if we are to be free.

**All: With sad and grateful hearts, O God, we remember.**

One: We remember those who fell in battle, far from home, amid the physical horror and moral suffering of war.

**All: With sad and grateful hearts, O God, we remember.**

One: We remember those who died in peaceful actions aimed at a more just world.

**All: With sad and grateful hearts, O God, we remember.**

One: We remember those who died protecting others in dangerous professions: firefighters, police officers, EMT’s and all who gave their lives for the safety of others.

**All: With sad and grateful hearts, O God, we remember.**

One: We remember those whose grief is deepest, those who raise families alone and do the work that was left behind by those who died.

**All: With sad and grateful hearts, O God, we remember.**

**Help us, O God, to honor the lives and families of all those who died in the hope of advancing the cause of justice and**

**peace in this world. God, grant us courage, at any time, to be willing to offer ourselves—our possessions, our time, our work and our lives—in the service of peace with justice, your holy Shalom. We dedicate ourselves to your service in the spirit and love of Jesus. AMEN**

\*Hymn #808      “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Anthem      “The Prayer”      *Sager and Foster*

Children’s Time

Moments of Concern and Celebration

(please fill out a blue card in the pew)

Pastoral Prayer

Savior’s Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

\*Doxology #815

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn #393      “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Scripture:      John 14:15-21

Sermon:      “This Costly Gift of God’s Redeeming Love”

\*Hymn #430      “There Shall Be Showers of Blessing”

\*Benediction

\*Response #215      “When Morning Gilds the Skies”      *vs. 3, 4*

\*Ministry of the Acolyte and Postlude