

Dear Church Family,

As I write this, it feels like we've gone from winter to summer this week. (Gotta love springtime in New York!) 😊 The summer-feel today is a REALLY nice change though and so needed!

We've given Scot a little breather this week, and worship is being brought to you through the talents of Andy Shipman with assistance from his daughter Aleise, Christine Comfort, Laura Howell, and Matt Dols. It's great that the wonders of technology have allowed some collaboration between the team even when we're all temporarily separated!

Thinking about how we are connected by technology led me to thinking about how we, as believers, are all connected by the Spirit. Those thoughts led me to think about Romans chapter 8 (which is all about life in the Spirit) and especially these verses at the end of the chapter:

“Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ...No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

How encouraging is THAT? Nothing can separate us from the love of God, revealed in Jesus, and ministered to us by the Holy Spirit - who is living in us *and* living in our brothers and sisters in Christ! So, even though we are “physically distanced” we are not truly separated. We are still united in Christ. - Margaret

**UCC Video Link:** <http://www.unioncenter.org/files/unioncenter/Sermons/2020/20200517-Worship.mp4>

### **Playlists**

**Spotify:** [https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4XENRj8A0h5xnd3elqns9P?si=NpKE2kEvRdi7fU4\\_PxhsKQ](https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4XENRj8A0h5xnd3elqns9P?si=NpKE2kEvRdi7fU4_PxhsKQ)

**Apple Music:** <https://music.apple.com/us/playlist/uccc-05-17-20/pl.u-6mo4IAWfB8PLxL>

### **YouTube Videos** (w/ Lyrics)

Like Incense/Sometimes by Step <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7IdII7qhTI>

Reckless Love <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpZWvRNUmXo>

King of My Heart <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbBQ94PZEKE>