

Affirmation of Welcome

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.

If you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are male, female, or transgender,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you've never been in a church, if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic,

Or a life-long member of the UCC,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person with differing abilities,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whoever we may be, wherever we are on our life's journey,

**We welcome one another to this place,
even as God welcomes us all in Jesus Christ!**

WELCOME TO VISITING PARENTS

We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour:

- ✧ Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery.
- ✧ Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers.
- ✧ Crayons and paper for children are also available from ushers.

Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave, and join us for refreshments in Pilgrim Hall downstairs following the service. If you are interested in learning more about our church, or becoming a member, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Williams Sound Personal PA receiver available for your use in the sanctuary. Pillows for your back support are also available.

Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 9:00 - 12:00

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MARCH 8, 2015 – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Meditation Music

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O God, our strength and redeemer. Amen. [Psalm 19:14]

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather Japanese Gagaku mode
[Assisted by Youth Percussion Group]

“Here, O Lord, your servants gather,
hand we link with hand;
looking toward our Savior's cross,
joined in love we stand.”

Tokuo Yamaguchi (1900-1995), tr. Everett M. Stowe

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

L: Let us praise the Holy One for the joy we find in the Church:

P: For the Good News that we hear and proclaim, for the community that we celebrate;

L: For the opportunities to share our joys and our sorrows;

P: For the strength we receive and the strength we give;

L: For the work and witness of those who have gone before us;

P: For the Spirit's presence with us, here and now;

L: For the hope of the coming Reign of Divine justice and peace;

P: For the ever-present grace of Christ.

L: For the countless ways in which we have been blessed,

All: We raise our voices in praise!

*** Hymn of Praise**

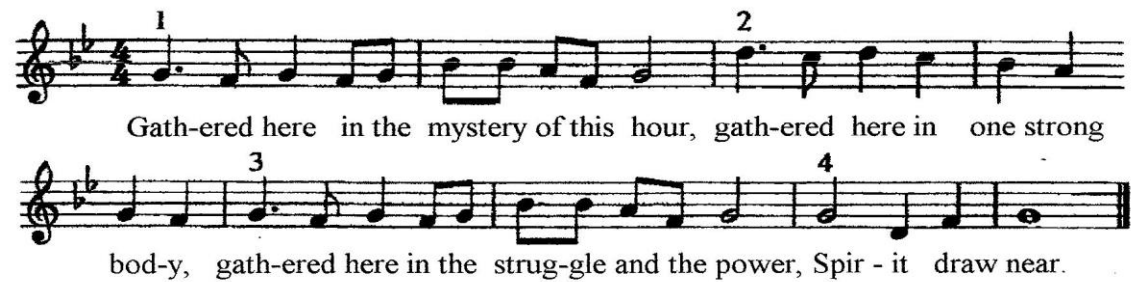
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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*** Prayer of Invocation** [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we thank you that you call us to serve you in a variety of ways. We ask that you bless each of us with your Spirit of wisdom, compassion, and willingness, so we may gladly take-on the work that you set before us. Increase our enthusiasm for sharing Christ’s message of love and grace, so that by serving one another we might help bring about your Reign of Peace and Joy. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who came to serve and save us all. Amen.

***Song of Praise** **Gathered Here** [sung twice]



The musical notation is written on two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and repetitive. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The second staff continues: D4 (half), C4 (quarter), Bb3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (half). The third staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), Bb3 (quarter), A3-G3 (beamed eighth notes), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half). The fourth staff continues: D3 (half), C3 (quarter), Bb2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (half). The lyrics are: "Gath-ered here in the mystery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong bod-y, gath-ered here in the strug-gle and the power, Spir - it draw near."

The Old Testament	Numbers 11:16-17; 24-29	Pew Bible, page 129
The New Testament	I Corinthians 12:27-13:8	Pew Bible, page 174
The Continuing Testament	by Michael Lomax in <i>The African American Lectionary</i>	

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering	Lord, Sanctify Me Wholly	Pasquet
Sermon	<i>The Sign of a Good Team</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
Hymn of Reflection	Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation	#400

The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

Our Lord's Prayer *[the additional use of "Mother" is optional, according to One's Theological understanding]*

**...Our Father-Mother, 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.**

Organ Response

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation

Offertory

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song Les Petites Soeurs de
Jésus and L'Arche Community

"For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant."
Same as above, tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931

*** Offertory Hymn [Unison]**

**We now are in the time of Lent,
To learn again what Jesus meant.
His life and message are so great,
We send these gifts to celebrate! Amen!**

*** Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, Source of our lives and Giver of every good gift: accept these offerings that we present to you today. May they serve as symbols of our love and commitment to you and to your saving work in this place and in this world. May they also be a sign of our willingness to give our whole lives in dedicated service to you and to your message of love and peace. This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, the One who gave himself for us all. Amen.

Going with God's Love

* Hymn of Departure

Forward through the Ages

#377

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

* Circle of Community

As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Hear our Prayer, O God.** After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith.



*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata del secondo tono

G. Gabrieli

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The Family of Nancy Allenson, Dan Renovetz, G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Doug Lightbody, Kathleen Stewart, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections or changes to our prayer lists.)

Attendance Sunday, March 1, 2015 – Adults: 70 Kids: 10 Total: 80

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our Guest Book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for our Coffee Hour.

WE WELCOME VISITING PARENTS -- We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour: Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery. Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers. Crayons and paper are also available from ushers for children.

A LONG-STANDING LENTEN TRADITION in the Church is to “put away” hymns or verses that contain “Alleluia”, in order to set a more solemn tone with our musical selections. The purpose of this is so that on Easter Sunday our “Alleluias” can ring-out with renewed power and glory, as we hail the Risen Christ. This is why we are using a different “Song of Praise” and concluding Benediction hymn today.

TODAY WE INTRODUCE MORE NEW OFFERTORY WORDS! These were written by Bill Toneff, specifically for Lent. We could still use **your** contributions for additional options! You don’t need to be a trained musician nor an accomplished poet. Just put your feelings into wording that reflects your own expressions of our Sunday morning offering. They could be suitable for any time of year, or they might be seasonal [Christmas, Easter, Spring, Fall, etc.] Please submit your ideas [or questions] to Pastor Dave or Dave Debeck, who will share them with our Spiritual Life Ministry members.

OUR TUESDAY LENTEN STUDY, *THE ABC’S OF OUR FAITH* continues on March 10th from 7:15-8:30 pm in Pilgrim Hall. This week we look at *The Gospel*. Our study will include examining the Four Gospels [Matthew, Mark, Luke and John], but we will focus on what THE Gospel actually is: the *Good News* of Divine Love and Grace that is embodied in Jesus Christ. We also will share our questions, insights, and personal experiences about how that Good News actually impacts our lives and our faith. Since each week’s session “stands alone” feel free join-in and participate!

March 10 - The Gospel
March 17 - The Christ, Jesus
March 24 - The Sacraments

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – Next Sunday, March 15th, we will be receiving the offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering will make BUCC partners in refugee relief, disaster relief, and community development projects. Lives are transformed through support that includes clean water, food, medicines, shelter, health care and education in the US and internationally.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED what happens to the clothing worn by rape victims? Apparently they are treated as evidence and are confiscated for testing. What about the Victim – what does she do for clothes? For answers to this and other things, read last Sunday's column by Regina Brett, which points out how we can help these victims. The column is posted on the OCWM bulletin board in Pilgrim Hall. Included are clothing items needed and where to send them. Here is a chance to help people really in need.

WOMEN UNITED The monthly meeting of WU will be Wednesday, March 18th at 11:30 a.m. Jan Renovetz will teach us how to make greeting cards with stampers and other embellishments. Come have fun together.

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule in the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the ***Weekly Bulletin*** and in the ***Monthly Pillar***.

NAME TAGS are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and new members to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Numbers 11:16-17; 24-29

So the Holy One said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself....

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Holy One; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Holy One came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you

jealous for my sake? Would that all God's people were prophets, and that the Holy One's Spirit would be put upon them all!"

The New Testament - 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

The Continuing Testament - by Michael Lomax - in *The African American Lectionary* [edited]

There is equality in the Realm of God. Regardless of the labels, categories and hierarchies outside of the Church, within the Church, we are all one Body. It is this "oneness" that provides a space for difference. We are all different! Not one member of the Body has superiority or can claim that another member is less or more vital. This is the hope of our faith that, as we continue to appreciate the differences of others, we embrace our own differences. When we can embrace our differences, we can make a more joyful noise, a greater impact for the Divine Realm, and contribute more fully as our best selves. It is not our similarities, but our differences that make us vital in God's economy!

Whatever God has called us to do within the life of the Church and the world, we have a function. Not only is the body improved by the contribution of different functions, but the functionality of the body is contingent upon the interconnectedness of the parts. It is important to know for what purpose we are created; but, equally important, is Who created us. The simple fact that we are God's creation provides automatic and undeniable validity, and the marvelous, natural vitality to contribute.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 8	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:00am	Coffee Hour
	1:00pm	Bowling
Monday, March 9	7 pm	Facilities
Tuesday, March 10	7:15pm	Lenten Study
Wednesday, March 11	6:00am	Early Birds
	4:30pm	Recorder/Dulcimer
	7 pm	Council
Thursday, March 12	1:00pm	Bible Study
	5:30pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00pm	Choir
Sunday, March 15	10:00am	Worship Service *OGHS Offering*
	11:00am	St. Patrick's Corned Beef Meal
	6 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 8, 2015

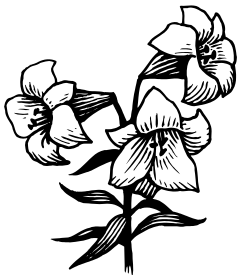
Lay Reader:	Evie Novak
Head Usher:	Jill Zedan
Ushers:	Lindsey Maier, Sue Maier Kathy Smith, Dan Stewart
Acolyte:	Naomi Klonowski
Peace Cndl:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Ann Kelley
Narthex Grtr:	Linda Kriynovich
Flowers:	Tina Ortiz
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
Counters:	Bruce McCain, Kathy Pastor
Servers:	Sue Stenzel, Julie Bernard
Clean-Up:	Cliff & Jane Cribbs
Snacks:	Sue Maier, Beth Rehling
Snow Hrdr:	Jim Demko

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 15, 2015

Lay Reader:	Kate Klonowski
Head Usher:	Ann Melfo
Ushers:	Linda Kriynovich, Sam Koch Dan & Ian Stewart
Acolyte:	Michalina Fawcett
Peace Cndl:	Garrett Demko
Sound:	Max Roha
Comns Grtr:	Bridget Sproul
Narthex Grtr:	Chad Sproul
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Shauna Bigelow
Counters:	Donn Whyte, David Pastor
Servers:	Chad & Bridget Sproul
Clean-Up:	Dave & Kathy Pastor
Snacks:	Tina Ortiz, Mary Ann Hoppel
Snow Herder:	Doug Fawcett

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FLOWERS IN OUR SANTUARY



Your Donation will buy plants which will be shared after Easter with those who are ill or shut-in, or have recently lost a loved one. Please fill out the form at the bottom of this page, and turn it in to the Church Office

DEADLINE – SUNDAY, MARCH 29

I Enclose \$10.00 _____ or other _____ for Easter Plants

In Memory _____ or Honor _____ or _____

Of _____

Your Name

I will help Deliver Plants to shut-ins after Easter _____