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UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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*Loving, Serving and Accepting All People
with God's Life-Changing Power*

Gracious Holy One, the heavens sing-out your glory, and your love shines-forth each day. Help us to live-out your grace, in and through our harmonious relationships with one another; and grant that we might always seek and experience the wonder of your Presence in every person we encounter. Amen



Third
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

Sunday March 4, 2018 • 10:00 AM
Third Sunday in Lent

Pastor

• Rev David Shackle

Director of Music

• David Debick

Financial Secretary

• Joy Garapic

Ministers

All of our Members

Office Manager – Jeannette Kroeger

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, 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.: 9:00 - 12:00

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March 4, 2018 – Third Sunday in Lent

Meditation Music

Divine Source of us all, may we be ever mindful of the interconnectedness of our lives, and of our place as care-givers on this earth. Forgive us when we fail to see, or take responsibility for, the ways in which we either help or hinder life on this planet. Inspire and lead us, so that we might be better stewards of your entire creation. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Humble Yourself / Let Justice Flow Down

Zambian folk hymn / Romanow (Canada)

"Let justice flow down, down like a river,
down to the valleys where the helpless cry.
Righteousness, flow through us forever,
lead us to the stream that will never run dry."

Douglas Romanow, 1994

*[Recorder/Dulcimer/Guitar Ensemble;
Youth Percussion Group; Becky Anderson, flute;
Pastor Dave, David Pastor, guitar]*

* Call to Worship [from *Psalms* 19]

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of the Holy One,

People: The earth proclaims the Creator's handiwork!

L: In the heavens, the Holy One sets a course for the sun;

P: Which the sun freely follows, day after day!

L: The laws of the Holy One are perfect, encouraging the soul;

P: The Holy One's decrees are reliable and clear to follow.

L: The precepts of the Holy One are good, bringing joy to the heart;

P: The Sovereign One's commands are dependable and illuminating to all!

L: They are more desirable than the finest gold,

All: They are sweeter than the purest honey!

* Hymn of Praise

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#12

* Prayer of Confession

Leader: You call us, O Holy One, to rest in your Holy Presence.

**People: Yet there are times when we ignore you, when we are easily distracted,
when our lives become too busy, and we do not make time for you.**

L: You call us to be aware of sorrows we could lighten and joys we could share.

P: Yet there are times when we dismiss you, unwilling to stop and listen to your hope for creation.

L: You call us to take up your work of peace in a violent world.

P: Yet there are times when we would rather not risk the courage it takes to be peacemakers.

L: You call us to act with love and generosity.

P: Yet we live in a world where greed and waste is accepted, and where many go hungry.

L: Forgive us, Compassionate One, when we do not care.

P: Forgive us, Gracious One, when we do not love.

*** Words of Assurance**

L: Hear the Good News: the Holy One has promised to forgive and welcome all those who want to live as people of light and walk as people of peace. Even before we turn toward our Compassionate Source, the Holy One anticipates our return and welcomes us with open arms!

P: Thanks be to God!

*** Passing the Peace**

L: As God's forgiven and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

*** The Song of Praise**

Gathered Here - #742 [sung 2 times]

The musical notation is written on two staves in 4/4 time. The first staff contains measures 1 and 2, and the second staff contains measures 3 and 4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 2
Gath-ered here in the mystery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong
3 4
bod-y, gath-ered here in the strug-gle and the power, Spir - it draw near.

The Old Testament

Amos 5:18-24

Pew Bible, page 854

The New Testament

John 2:13-22

Pew Bible, page 93

The Continuing Testament

from *Amazing Grace*

by Kathleen Norris

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem	Order My Steps	Burleigh
Sermon	<i>Righteous Indignation</i>	Pastor Dave Shackle
Hymn of Reflection	Let Justice Flow like Streams	#588

The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

The Prayer of Jesus

[we use "Mother" to reflect our theological understanding of the Inclusive Nature of The Holy One]

...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	Melodie	Grünfeld
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*** Offertory Hymn**

**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**

Gracious and Merciful Holy One, as we present our gifts at your altar, we pray that you would warm our hearts and expand our generosity. Help us to faithfully trust in your loving care for us, so that we might boldly give of our lives and resources to care for others. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who freely gave himself for us all. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Eat This Bread
[sung twice]

#788

The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: Our hearts rejoice in our Creator's Presence!

L: Let us give thanks for the Spirit's abundant love!

P: It is good to raise our thanks and praise!

L: Because you show us your perfect Love in the person of Jesus Christ, who endured the Cross for the sake of us all, it is right that we should give you thanks and praise, saying,

All: Holy, holy, holy, Source of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O Holy One Most High!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Prayer (from *Otello*)

Verdi

Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]

Gracious Holy One, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your Table through these gifts of Bread and Cup. We ask that you now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our ever-present Savior. Amen.

Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure**

Now Is the Time Approaching

#609

***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

Acolyte

*** Circle of Community Hear Our Prayer, O God - sung twice**

*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

I Wish God's Love to Be with You Anon.,
With Youth Percussion Group arr. Swee-Hong Lim

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Lou Borzy, Donn Whyte, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Justin Brownlow, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Bill Simpson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Doug Lightbody, Mary Dagostino, Shirley Duncan, 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 February 18, 2018 – Adults: 67 Kids: 9 Total: 76

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 within the Christian Church is to “put away” hymns or verses which contain “Alleluias”, and to set a more reflective tone with our musical selections. The purpose of this is so that on Easter Sunday, our “Alleluias” and praise can ring-out with renewed freshness and vigor, as we hail the Risen Christ. This is why we are using a different Song of Praise and concluding hymn for the benediction today.

TODAY’S FLOWERS are given by Jillian Baird Happy 2nd and 4th Birthday to Mitchell And Colby Baird!

FOR OUR COMMUNION SERVICE, grape juice is used instead of wine for the purpose of showing solidarity with those among us who may be in recovery from addiction.

TUESDAY EVENING LENTEN STUDY - *How on Earth Can We be Spiritual?*

That’s a question we will continue to discuss for the next three Tuesday evenings in Lent, from 7:00-8:15 pm in Pilgrim Hall. For this series, we are looking at the “Beatitudes” which are found in Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount in *Matthew*, and in Jesus’ “Sermon on the Plain” in *Luke*. In addition to comparing both Gospel accounts, we are also utilizing some intriguing insights from a set of daily devotional readings by Franciscan priest Richard Rohr. Plus, we share the issues, questions, thoughts and ideas that each of you bring to the table!

The remaining topics of the evening will be:

March 6 - Blessed are the pure in heart

March 13 - Blessed are the peacemakers

March 20 - Blessed are those who are persecuted

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.

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***.

THE BLESSINGS JAR is for your use to drop in a note and/or money in response to a special blessing you have received during the week. We would like to recognize your blessing in the Pillar if you wish.

THE PEACE CANDLE is placed up front every Sunday to remind us of Jesus’ teachings on peace and peacemakers. We pray that peace between nations, within our country, community, families, and ourselves will become a priority for all.

Readings

The Old Testament - Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Holy One! Why do you want that day? For you, it is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or ran into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Holy One darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The New Testament - John 2:13-22

The Jewish Passover was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jewish authorities then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." They then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Continuing Testament - from *Amazing Grace* - by Kathleen Norris [edited]

I was intrigued to discover...that Divine anger is quite different from our own. It is truly and more wholeheartedly righteous than human anger could ever be. With remarkable consistency the prophets, who depict Divine anger in painfully vivid ways, allow us to see anger as a proper response to human injustice, the terrible wrongs we inflict on others, especially on those least able to defend themselves. Religious people, who might think they have special access to the Holy One, come in for special scorn if they ignore the marginalized, those in need....

I wonder if holiness is not the ability to apply one's anger in quietly working against systemic evil, taking care not to draw undue attention to oneself. But human anger can never be as simply and essentially righteous as Divine anger; in us, even well-placed anger all too easily becomes mean and self-serving. It can cause us to lose both our focus and our balance.

Now that I appreciate Divine anger more, I find that I trust my own anger much less. I am increasingly aware of its inconsistencies, its tendency to serve primarily as a mask for my fears. If I can remember this when I am tempted to anger, I am less likely to inflict my rage on others. Reflecting on the purity of Divine anger helps me to remain better attuned to the deadly admixture of self-righteousness in my own.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 4	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour *Hunger Meal at Bethany UCC*
Monday, March 5	1:00 pm	Book Discussion
	7:00 pm	Facilities – Library
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Life
Tuesday, March 6	7:00 pm	Lenten Study
Wednesday, March 7	4:30 pm	Recorder/Dulcimer/ Guitar
	7-9 pm	Shine A Light Huddle
Thursday, March 8	5:30 pm	Joyful Noise
	7:00 pm	Seasonal Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Sunday, March 11	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	CE Ministry – Library
	5:30 pm	Youth Percussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 4, 2018

Lay Reader:	Betsey Wilson
Head Usher	Bob Chandler
Ushers:	Bridget & Chad Sproul Kim & Tim Wallis
Acolyte:	Carli Began
Peace Candle:	Olivia Klonowski
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comns Grtr:	Kathy Pastor
Flowers:	Sue Stenzel
Nursery:	Erin Tomlinson
C.E Teacher:	Matt Wolbert
Counters:	Nancy Stella, Kate Klonowski
Servers:	Caroline Chandler, Marge Culver
Clean-up:	Lynne Struck, Caroline Chandler
Snacks:	Susan Snyder
Snow Herder:	Dave Bernard

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 11, 2018

Lay Reader:	Ed Lusk
Head Usher:	Anne Melfo
Ushers:	Beth Rehling, Jan Renovetz, Diane Gressley, Jim Pay
Acolyte:	Carrie Coyer-Westerberg
Peace Candle:	Amy Coyer-Westerberg
Sound:	David Pastor
Comns Grtr:	Caroline Chandler
Flowers:	Julie Bernard
Nursery:	Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher:	Kathleen Stewart
Counters	Marge Culver, Jon Thompson
Servers:	Julie Bernard,
Clean-Up:	Chad & Bridget Sproul
Snacks:	Marilyn Wrights, Diane Gressley
Snow Herder:	Matt Wolbert

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY



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 20, 2017

I Enclose \$12.00_____ for an Easter Plant

In Memory of _____

In Honor/Or Other of _____

Your Name

I will keep the Flowers_____

I will NOT keep Flowers_____

I will help Deliver Plants to shut-ins after Easter_____