



MARCH 14, 2021 9:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Tune to 96.1 FM for the service

Rules: If you leave your car or have your windows down, you must have a mask on, and you must keep a 20ft. distance from any person you do not live with.

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN* *Immortal, Invisible* No. 25

GREETINGS, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP[†]

All: Brothers and sisters in Christ, why have you come to worship this morning? We come to celebrate the love of God in the form of Jesus Christ. This love reaches through the shadows of our lives to embrace us. Our challenge is to trust the light of God's love in the midst of our struggles. We come to celebrate the light of God in Jesus who offers love and acceptance, not judgment and rejection. If only we will trust, Jesus leads us in the way of light and love. We come to celebrate our God who loved and loves us so much!

*All who are comfortable, please stand.

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Office Hours: Tues. 1-6 p.m.

Wed 10 a.m. -12 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.

Thu 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Other times available by appointment

Choir Director: Karen Barger Organist: Alex Ignatiou

Children's Sunday School: 4th – 7th Teacher: Brittany King

Young Learners: K – 3rd Teacher: Sarah Hogan

Nursery: Infant – Pre-K Teacher: Hayden Rauls

- Handicapped restrooms are on the main and lower levels.
 - Hearing assistance device is available at the sound system control table.
 - Nursery Child Care for infant to kindergarten is available on the upper level (UL). An usher will direct you to the location.
 - The Infant Comfort Room is located off the foyer for the convenience of worshippers with infants.
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Today's altar flowers are given by Karen and Bill Barger in honor of Elmer Smith's 98th birthday.

PARTING SONG* *Lord of Life*

**Lord of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.
Day by day show the way, be Thou our vision to guide us.
Striving to follow Thy noble plan, nothing can divide us. Lord
of Life, Lord of Love, walk forever beside us.**

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**March Meetings:
Every Tuesday, Social Hour via Zoom, 7:00 pm
March 24, Consistory, 7:00 pm**

Today; **OGHS Offering**

We will be taking up a special offering for “One Great Hour of Sharing” this Sunday. This is one of the 4 special offerings we take up for our denomination each year. This offering will go to helping those in need around the world, including programs in 138 different countries.

† Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession provided by the United Church of Christ’s Worship Ways publication

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Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 & Ephesians 2:1-10

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION†

All: O God of Comfort and God of Challenge, we come to you this morning the way the Israelites did, full of complaints and dissatisfaction. Nothing is enough; we do not recognize your blessing at work in our day to day lives. Forgive us when we become so comfortable that we moan and groan about the most insignificant details of our lives. In our complaints, challenge us as you did the Israelites, to consider the bigger picture of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us. Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what you might show us; keep sending loving and compassionate leaders to open our eyes until we see what you see in our world.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS†

Leader: You are blessed because God’s image resides deep within each of you. So return God’s blessing by the way you love others.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

TIME OF PRAYER (You may remain seated)

Joys and Concerns

People: Dear Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (debts, debtors)

LESSONS

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

OT pg. 668

Ephesians 2:1-10

NT pg. 259

SERMON

“Great Love”

CLOSING HYMN*

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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