

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

8:30 am and 10:30 am

*We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. For some strange reason I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the way God's universe is made; this is the way it is structured. – Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Staying vulnerable is a risk we have to take if we want to experience connection. Courage starts with showing up and letting ourselves be seen. – Brené Brown*

**No matter who you are,  
or where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome in this  
United Church of Christ congregation...**



\*Those who are able, please stand.  
Underlined items 8:30 a.m. worship.

**GATHER**

Prelude

*What Wondrous Love is This*

Paul Manz

Pastoral Greeting and Announcements

Introit/Gathering Call

*God Lead Me on the Journey Way*  
Chancel Choir

Aerie



Ques - tions a-rise to blur the Way; I stumble and I fall. Grant me the strength to



carry on, to hear your bless-ed call Let truth a-bide and love prevail to shatt-er ev-ery wall.

\*Call to Worship

One: With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:

**All: Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.**

One: With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**All: Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.**

One: With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

**All: Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

\*Opening Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory, v. 1,4,5*

#464

\*Invocation

\*Passing the Peace

\*Praise Response

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

#575

***Come and find the quiet center in the crowded lives we lead,  
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.***

Children's Message

*Children in Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will leave after the Children's Message for class. Youth in 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade, please meet in your classroom at 10:30 am.*

Blessing Song

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

#431

***Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever;  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.***

**FIND**

\*Encountering the Gospel

*Mark 5:21-43*

NT page 37

Large print page 48

Reader: God is still speaking,

People: **Thanks be to God.**

God Made Real

*Sunday Morning Live*

Encountering the Gospel: Reflecting with One Another

*Each week, we will have a chance to reflect on the gospel story with one another in answer to a provocative question. Today's question is:  
**Recalling a time in your life when you risked being vulnerable, what was the outcome?***

Hymn of Response

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

#628

RESPOND

Naming of those in need of Prayer

Pilgrimage in Prayer

Entering the pilgrimage (*sung*):

**Meet me here; find me in my wanderings**

**Meet me here; deep within my soul**

Guided meditation, silent reflection, concluding prayer

Prayer of our Savior (in unison)

**Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Special Music

*Polvetsian Dance No. 1*  
Carillon Ringers

Borodin-Sherman

Call to Offering

(Please participate in the Ritual of Friendship using the pad in your pew.)

Offertory

*Epitaphe*

Louis Vierne

\*Doxology (tune 46)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Thank you, O God, for loving us and laboring with us as we seek you and as we help others in their seeking. Bless these offerings which we return to you, that in our seeking and our serving, our light might illumine someone's path. Guide us in your wisdom and love that we may use these gifts to manifest your presence in the world in all that we do. Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30 am only)

## **ENCOUNTER THE WORLD**

\*Closing Hymn

*I Love to Tell the Story*

#480

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

*Prelude in E Minor*

JS Bach

*Please remain seated and enjoy the Postlude*



*Today's altar flowers are placed  
by Anne Harris in loving  
memory of **Fred Harris**.*



*Welcome*

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning! Please be sure to sign the fellowship pad found in your pew.