

WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2020 Eleven o'clock in the morning

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*Whoever YOU are and wherever YOU are on life's journey,
YOU are welcome here in this church!*

PRELUDE *Just as I Am*

arr. Don Michael Dicie

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: We gather as a people of second chances.

ALL: **We gather as a people placing our trust in you.**

One: We gather as a people seeking to open our eyes to your presence in our midst, and in our community, even while we are apart.

ALL: **Open our eyes that we might indeed see.**

One: And offer you our praise and thanksgiving.

†HYMN *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

1. Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing
2. Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle
3. Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ who suf - fered in our

light. Praise the One who frees the pris - oners, turn - ing
word. Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a
place. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we

blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 pierc - ing two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

gos - pel, heal - ing ev - ery dread dis - ease, calm - ing
 wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand. From this
 glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done. Praise the

storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - ery land.
 one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, in this difficult time we confess our fear. We fear those things we can't see. Blinded by our fears we often don't act to make a difference in the world. Sometimes we don't want to see what's going on around us. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes, our hearts and our wholeselves so that we might step through our fear and offer your love and grace to all. Amen.

†SILENT CONFESSION *(30 seconds of silence is observed for silent confession)*

†KYRIE *O Tender God Have Mercy*

O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us.
O liv - ing Christ, have mer - cy, for you will heal us.
O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us,
for you are for us.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for the Kyrie. It consists of four staves of music, each with a vocal line in treble clef and a bass line in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a 4/4 time signature. The first staff has the lyrics 'O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us.' The second staff has 'O liv - ing Christ, have mer - cy, for you will heal us.' The third staff has 'O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us,' and the fourth staff has 'for you are for us.' The music ends with a double bar line.

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†OUR ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

†THE GLORIA PATRI *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for 'The Gloria Patri'. It consists of six staves of music, arranged in three systems. Each system has a vocal line in treble clef and a bass line in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The music is in a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat. The first system has the lyrics 'In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -'. The second system has 'joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your'. The third system has 'voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.' The music ends with a double bar line.

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1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send - est clear;
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - 'ry - where;

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - clasp and set me free.
 And while the wave - notes fall on my ear, Ev - 'ry - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
 O - pen my heart and let me pre - pare Love with Thy chil - dren thus to share.

Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;
 Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;
 Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;

O - pen my eyes - il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my ears - il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart - il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 16:1-13

SPECIAL MUSIC

Proclaim It!

arr. Bryan T. King

GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-41

One: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: May the Spirit of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ALL: 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 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.

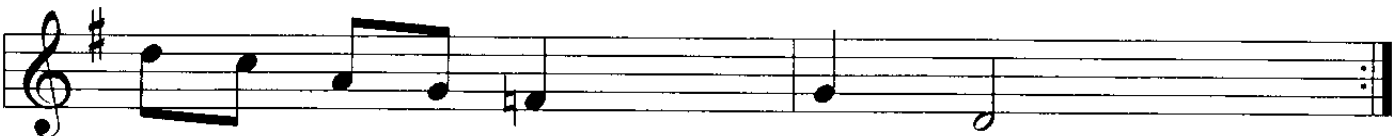
PRAYER RESPONSE *Open Unto Me Light for My Darkness*



O - pen un - to me light for my dark - ness. Light for my dark - ness
 O - pen un - to me strength for my weak - ness. Strength for my weak - ness
 O - pen un - to me peace for my tur - moil. Peace for my tur - moil



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O - pen un - to me, O God.
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1. He lead-eth me! O bless-ed thought! O words with heav'n-ly
 2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deep-est gloom, Some-times where E - den's
 3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur
 4. And when my task on earth is done, When by Thy grace the

com-fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still
 bow-ers bloom, By wa - ters still, o'er trou- bled sea, Still
 nor re - pine; Con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, Since
 vic - t'ry's won, E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since

CHORUS

'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 'tis His hand that lead - eth me! He lead - eth me, He
 'tis my God that lead - eth me!
 God thru Jor - dan lead - eth me.

lead - eth me, By His own hand He lead-eth me; His faith - ful

fol - l'wer I would be, For by His hand He lead - eth me.

†THE BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

arr. Franklin Ritter

Assisting in Worship Today

Rev. Carol Hallman, Resident Pastor

Dr. Phillip Burgess, Choir Director **Susan Trivette**, Organist

Choral Music Scholars:

Alana Cooper, Soprano; **Sarah Botts**, Alto; **Chandler Fields**, Tenor
Zack Karvon, Bass; **Matthew Windsor**, Bass

Flowers on the Altar Today are Given to the Glory of God

Budget 2020.....\$233,322.28

Attendance: Sunday, March 15, 2020...30

Received YTD.....\$38,047.72

Needed YTD.....\$49,356.56

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Javis Arey, Mary Austin, Mabel Barnhardt, family of Linda Bolick (who passed away on Wednesday), Betty Bowles (mother of Steve Bowles), Julia Callaway, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Marie Cuthrell, Sarah Hall (friend of Bobbie Troutman), Gary Hauze (no visits or phone calls, please), Harry & Nancy Hipp, Johnnie Lippard (friend of Steve Bowles), Dan Morgan (friend of Steve Bowles), Robert Morgan, Jimmy Mullis (friend of Daniel Artz), Joseph Najarian (son of Dena & David Najarian), Pat Norris, Eleanor Peeler, Paul & Glenda Shrewsbury, Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, Crystal Smith (niece of Bobbie Troutman), Nick Snipes, Janette Yost. ***If you know of anyone who should be added or deleted from our prayer list, be sure and let the office know. There are prayer concerns forms in the pews. Please jot down the names of anyone you would like to have included on this list or in Thursday Thoughts.***

A reminder that as we are only meeting online, please don't forget to drop your offering in the mail. We continue to need your gifts even when you are not here in person.

A ***One Great Hour of Sharing*** offering will be received through the end of this month. Please make a note on your checks that it is for OGHS. You may go to the website www.ucc.org/oghs_resources to learn more about what OGHS does. It is one of our 5 for 5 offerings.

The ***Mission Committee*** will be collecting articles for the Family Crisis Council during the month of March. Those items that are most needed are:

Baby Bottles	Laundry Detergent (HE)	Baby Wipes
Paper Towels	Bleach	Lysol Wipes
Diapers (Size 1)	Kleenex	Lysol Disinfectant Spray

United Church of Christ's National Youth Event at Purdue University from July 22-25, 2020 has been cancelled.

All gatherings and meetings at the Church have now been cancelled until further notice. Meetings will be held by conference call. Watch for emails regarding joining the conferences.