

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Just Peace Open & Affirming

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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2013

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ring the Bell

***Greeting One Another**

Centering Music "O God, Lord of Earth & Heaven" arr. S.M. Wallace
Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 16:11, Exodus 33:14, John 1:14)
Cong'l Response: "God is here!"

***Gathering Song** NCH #1 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" St. Denio

Opening Prayer

Reflecting On Our Humanity

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being; we come before you adrift, often overwhelmed by life. Having lost ourselves, we mistreat others and dwell in worldly things. Broaden our sight and give us faith to reorient our lives, that we may discover our authentic self, directed towards you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

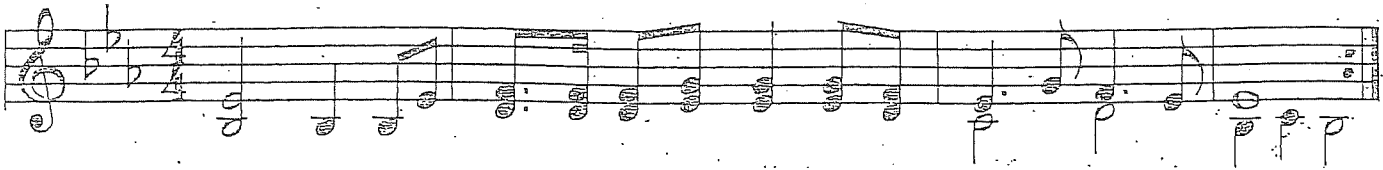
Readings from the Bible

Psalm 139 (p. 710-711 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

1 Kings 8:22-27 (p. 387 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

Scripture Response

"Thy Word"



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Sermon

"Jesuit Spirituality—God in the World"

Jonathan Page

***Song NCH #509**

"How Deep the Silence of the Soul"

Tallis' Third Tune

Prayers of the People

You are invited to offer joys and concerns aloud for which the whole congregation will pray. If you have something to share, simply raise your hand and a deacon will bring the microphone to you.

Pastoral Prayer

The minister will offer a series of prayers each followed by "Amen." The Lord's Prayer has been moved to the Communion liturgy.

Mission Moment

"Mission 4/1 Earth"

John Mazzello, Jerry Chase

Offering of Gifts

VI. Sandell (fr: Seven Folk Tune Sketches)
Chancel Choir

arr. D. Wood

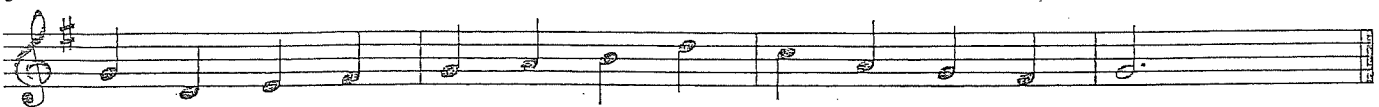
***Sung Response**

"God Gives Us What We Need"

Knicker & Zeigler



God gives us what we need, a - bun - dant gifts in tru - st. We



pledge to build with words and deeds, a world both blessed and just.

***Prayer of Dedication**

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage; for the sake of Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Institution Narrative

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer comes from Matthew 6:9-13. Here is a traditional translation, which we will all pray together.

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,

in 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.

***Distribution of the Elements**

**"Breath of God"
Chancel Choir**

Tice & Kantor

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of cup, we thank you. For the community that you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. For the courage and strength that you have promised to us, even as we have honored the ones of courage in our own past, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.

***Song (insert)**

"The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"

St. Columba

***Parting Blessing**

Sending Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Lynette Spicer

Preacher: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Emily Kenneke

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Organist: Karen Stewart

Next Week of March 24:

Children's Sunday School: Pre-K (ages 3-5) & Rotation (grades K-6);

Youth Group & Learning Center: Palm Sunday intergenerational program

Sermon: "Jesuit Spirituality—Obedience"

Texts: Genesis 22:1-14, Luke 22:39-46

Announcements:

Communion Offering: Money placed into the communion envelopes in the pews will go directly to help those in need. 75% to Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance and 25% to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

The **flowers** on the communion table are in memorium for a beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Today we mourn and honor Eleanor Kniker, who devoted her life to those she loved, and gave her best to all. The lasting bonds of love are woven into each of our hearts. Until we see her again in the Lord's glory, we love you forever.

LGBT Fellowship meeting today following worship service at 309 Hickory Dr.

Lent Soup Supper, Wednesday, March 20, 5:45 p.m.

Lent Worship, Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday Celebration: Join us for our annual Palm Sunday Celebration on Sunday, March 24. There will be a light breakfast, many crafts, and fellowship! Meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. And then 10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday worship - complete with palms! Hope to see you there!

Easter Egg Hunt! Easter Sunday morning (March 31), annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. Children and families can meet in Fellowship Hall before the hunt. Please bring your own basket for collecting eggs. Easter egg donation ideas: individually wrapped candies, stickers or small tokens.