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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
FEBRUARY 21, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fusion Church

“Don't be scared by the word authority. Believing things on authority only means believing them because you've been told them by someone you think trustworthy.... None of us has seen the Norman Conquest or the defeat of the Armada... We believe them simply because people who did see them have left writings that tell us about them: in fact, on authority. A man who jibbed at authority in other things as some people do in religion would have to be content to know nothing all his life.”

PRELUDE “Who is on the Lord’s side?” *arr. Smith & Hustad*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25)

Leader: We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful. Show us your ways and teach us your paths.

People: We wait for you.

Leader: Lead us in your paths of truth. Do not remember our failures.

People: Out of your merciful grace, forgive us.

Leader: You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast. We lift up our souls to you,

People: and praise you always.

HYMN #64 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Opening Scripture Proverbs 29:2

Dexter Time (Rev. DeMott & her dog, Dexter discuss the opening scripture)

Children’s Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (*using debts-debtors*)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“What Wondrous Love” *arr John Weaver*
Organ and viola duet by Laurel and John Buckwalter

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *When Rev. DeMott says, “Lord, in your mercy,” please say and/or sign
“Hear our prayer.”*

TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

Musical Offertory “Out of the Depths I Cry, Lord, to Thee” *by Christian Geist*

Blessing and Amen

RESPONSIVE READING

 Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Leader: I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

People: with all humility and gentleness,

Leader: with patience, bearing with one another in love,

People: making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

People: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Leader: one God and Creator of all, who is above all and through all

People: and in all.

Leader: But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets,

People: some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,

Leader: to equip the saints for the work of ministry,

People: for building up the body of Christ,

Leader: until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity,

People: to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING

 Luke 4:14-22, 31-32

SERMON

HYMN #581 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

1. Lord whose love in humble service

Bore the weight of human need

Who upon the cross forsaken

offered mercy's perfect deed

We your servants bring the worship

Not of voice alone but heart

Consecrating to Your purpose

Ev'ry gift that You impart.

4. Called by worship to your service

forth in your dear name we go

to the child the youth the aged

love in living deeds to show
hope and health good will and comfort
counsel aid and peace we give
that you servants Lord in freedom
may your mercy know and live

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE #898** Danish Three-fold Amen

POSTLUDE

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Caiti Dewey

Flowers given in loving memory of Ellie Riber by Rob, Julia, & David Riber

Organ & Piano..... Laurel Buckwalter & Peter O'Connor

Special Music.....John & Laurel Buckwalter

Zoom Co-host..... John Buckwalter

Following worship, you are invited to stay on Zoom for a Virtual Coffee Hour.

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

Scheduled to Serve

Lay Leader.....Jen Smith

Flowers..... Lent

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mindy Smith, Catherine Chambers, Ding Jiayi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Sharon & Roger Smith, Wes Bentz, Beverly Snyder's sister (Barbara), 3 yr. old Lowin, Jim Rausch in hospice care, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze's niece), Sharon Burdick, all those whose families are suffering from Covid-19, Michele Hluchy's father (Rev. Stephen Hluchy), Mary Lou Cartledge's brother Walter Straight (heart surgery), Beth Slack's brother Will Jacox (Covid)



“Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land!” Genesis 13:17

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Equal Justice Initiative

The Equal Justice Initiative is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.

From the EJI website:

“Founded in 1989 by [Bryan Stevenson](#), a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer and bestselling author of *Just Mercy*, EJI is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides legal representation to people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in state jails and prisons. We challenge the death penalty and excessive punishment and we provide re-entry assistance to formerly incarcerated people. The following is a link to a TED Talk Bryan Stevenson gave on “the need to talk about an injustice.”
https://www.ted.com/speakers/bryan_stevenson

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