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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH  
MARCH 14, 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Fusion Church**

*“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.” Nelson Mandela*

**PRELUDE**

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*from the Caldwell United Methodist Church*

**God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to serve you. Amen.**

**HYMN** “A Little Bit of Salt” *(to the tune of #116 “The God of Abraham Praise”)* Copyright © 2017 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette.

A little bit of salt will quickly show its worth;  
A little bit of faithfulness will change the earth.  
God, make us worth our salt — a church that's glad to be  
The change that you desire in each community.

A lamp that's in a house gives safety, warmth and light;  
It's set upon a table where it shines so bright.  
God, make your church a light that bravely takes a stand  
To bring your love and justice into all the land.

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN**

**Opening Scripture**

Matthew 5:14-16

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

**Children's Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer** *(using debts-debtors)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“This Little Light of Mine”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

## TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

Musical Offertory

Blessing and Amen

### RESPONSIVE READING

II Corinthians 3:1-6

Leader: Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our letter,

**People: written on our hearts,**

Leader: to be known and read by all; and you show that you

**People: are a letter of Christ,**

Leader: prepared by us, written not with ink

**People: but with the Spirit of the living God,**

Leader: not on tablets of stone

**People: but on tablets of human hearts.**

Leader: Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us;

**People: our competence is from God,**

Leader: who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter

**People: but of spirit;**

Leader: for the letter kills,

**People: but the Spirit gives life.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:26-32

### SERMON

#### HYMN #578

“God of Love and God of Power”

1. God of love and God of power,  
grant us in this burning hour  
grace to ask these gifts of thee,  
daring hearts and spirits free.

Refrain:

God of love and God of power,  
thou hast called us for this hour.

2. We are not the first to be  
banished by our fears from thee;  
give us courage, let us hear  
heaven's trumpets ringing clear.  
(Refrain)

4. God of love and God of power,  
make us worthy of this hour;  
offering lives if it's thy will,  
keeping free our spirits still.  
(Refrain)

**\* BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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**Serving Today**

Lay Leader.....Tiersa Watson  
Piano.....Peter O'Connor  
Special Music.....Laurie DeMott  
Zoom Co-host..... Lyle Slack

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

**Sunday, March 21, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Lay Leader.....Dave Porter  
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, 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 has recovered from Covid and is back at work, Joyce Rausch & family on the death of Jim – condolences may be sent to 24115 Waxwing Ct, Ft. Mill SC 29707

**MARCH LEADERS**

Deacon.....Sharon Burdick  
Elder.....Larry Casey  
Fellowship.....Joan Bowden  
Trustee.....Brad Bowden  
BOCE..... TBD

**MISSION OF THE MONTH: Amnesty International**

The Board of Elders has selected Amnesty International as the Mission of the Month for March because it is an organization that is working to free political prisoners like Ding Jiayi. Amnesty International is a global movement of more than 7 million people who take injustice personally. It is independent of any political ideology, economic interest or religion. They are campaigning for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all. If you wish to make a monetary donation please make checks out to UUC with "Amnesty" in the memo line

Amnesty International continues to work on Ding Jiayi case and has issued another urgent appeal for action. For further information on his case go to

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa17/3670/2021/en/>



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

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