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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

MARCH 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fusion Church

“Be an opener of doors for such as come after thee, and do not try to make the universe a blind alley.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

by John Ballenger

Leader: A door stands open to heaven, and we are invited to look through to see God—surrounded by the beauty and diversity and wonder and power of all creation. We are invited to see that all we can see bows down before the God we cannot see.

People: Holy, holy, holy!

Leader: A door stands open to heaven, and we are invited to look through to see we cannot see God.

People: Holy, holy, holy!

Leader: And yet still to know, that in seeing Jesus—in seeing love, we see what cannot be seen. And even in our imminence, we then see the absolute transcendence of God.

People: Holy, holy, holy!

HYMN #79

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

1. Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain;
everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Opening Scripture Revelation 3:20

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

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

HYMN "Who at My Door is Standing" (*to the tune of #472 "Near to the Heart of God"*)

Who at my door is standing, Patiently drawing near,
Entrance within demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?

Refrain:

Sweetly the tones are falling;
"Open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed My calling,
I will abide with thee."

Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.
Though He rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide. (*Refrain*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

Musical Offertory
Blessing and Amen

RESPONSIVE READING Amos 5:14-15, 21-24

Leader: Seek good and not evil,

People: that you may live;

Leader: and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,

People: just as you have said.

Leader: Hate evil and love good,

People: and establish justice in the gate;

Leader: it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,

People: will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph....

Leader: I hate, I despise your festivals,

People: and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Leader: Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

People: I will not accept them;

Leader: and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

People: I will not look upon.

Leader: Take away from me the noise of your songs;

People: I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

Leader: But let justice roll down like waters,

People: and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 16:19-31
SERMON

HYMN #577 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy pow’r.
Crown thine ancient church’s story,
bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Cure thy children’s warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE #898**

Danish Three-fold Amen

POSTLUDE

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Dave Porter
Piano.....Peter O’Connor
Zoom Co-host..... Lyle Slack

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

**Sunday, March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday**

A small number of palms have been ordered for decorating the sanctuary and there will be a limited number left over for those who may wish to receive one on a first come first served basis

Scheduled to Serve

Lay Leader.....Lana Meissner
Flowers.....Palms

Maundy Thursday Service: Our Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be held on Thursday, April 1 at 7pm in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.

Easter Tributes & Memorials: Please send the names of those family members or friends you wish to have printed in the Easter bulletin to uucalfred@gmail.com by Tuesday, March 30. This year we are asking Zoomers to display your Easter flowers at home so they are visible on your Zoom screen for everyone to enjoy. Those worshipping in the sanctuary may bring plants to church with them on Easter Sunday for display.

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), Joyce Rausch & family on the death of Jim – condolences may be sent to 24115 Waxwing Ct, Ft. Mill SC 29707

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/>

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