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*An Open & Affirming, Just Peace, Global Mission, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Prelude

Yuyoung Jeong, piano

Gathering Song

As We Gather

Congregation

by Coomes & Fay

As we gather may your Spirit work within us
As we gather may we glorify your name
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship
We'll be blessed because we came
(Repeat)

Welcome

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Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Gong

Introit

Jesus—The Very Thought to Me

Chancel Choir

New Century Hymnal # 507

Call to Worship

Connie Jones

One: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

Many: the courageous and the fearful,

One: the hungry and the hopeful,

Many: the impatient and the reserved.

One: God welcomes the young and the old,

Many: the poets and the prophets,

One: the faithful and the tired,

Many: the curious and the convicted.

One: Wherever you are on your journey,

Many: wherever your boat is at sea,

One: there is room for all to gather here.

All: Let us follow the one whom even the seas obey.

Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Congregation

New Century Hymnal #472 (v. 1,2,3)

Precious Lord, take my hand.
Lead me on, let me stand.
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn.
Through the storm, through the night.
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near.
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call.
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When the shadows appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand.
Guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

A Fresh Word

Anthem

Give Me Jesus

Chancel Choir

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Taize

Congregation

Reflective Singing "Holy Spirit Come to Us"
J. Berthier



Prayers of the Church

Chaplain Richard Davenport

(concluding with the Lord's Prayer)
Our Creator (Father, Mother, or other name as you are comfortable),
which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory Call

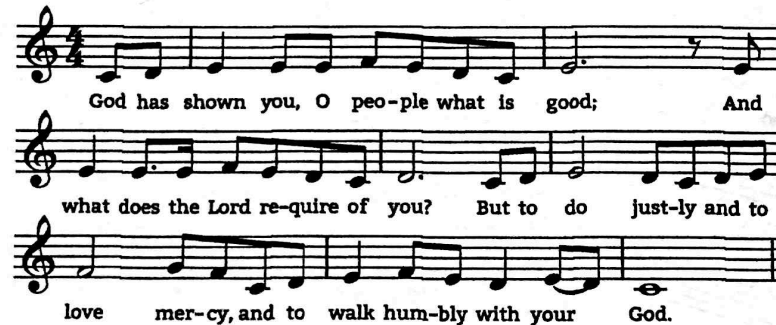
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Offertory Music

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Jenna Hansen

Song of Thanksgiving • "Micah 6:8"



God has shown you, O peo-ple what is good; And
what does the Lord re-quire of you? But to do just-ly and to
love mer-cy, and to walk hum-bly with your God.

Prayer of Dedication

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Scripture

Matthew 14:22-32

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Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Benediction

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Postlude

Yuyoung Jeong, piano

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