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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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**Prelude** *Open Our Eyes* Yuyoung Jeong  
by Carl Seal

**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** [iucc.org/visitor](http://iucc.org/visitor) Craig Tyril M.A. M.F.A

**Gong**

**Introit** *Non Nobis Domine* Chancel Choir  
by William Byrd

**Call to Worship** Dr. Duane Vajgrt

One: Step inside. Feel the solid ground beneath your feet. Release your worries. Inhale deeply. Clear the clutter from your mind. Loosen the tension in your jaw.

**Many: Let our hearts and minds embrace the truth. This space is sacred ground.**

One: The journey of Lent has commenced. We gather with wandering hearts at times adrift, seeking purpose for our lives.

**Many: May we discover the courage to be vulnerable with ourselves, one another, and with the Divine.**

One: This sanctuary grants us the liberty to face each other with fortitude, empathy, and humility.

**Many: Let us unveil the layers shielding our innermost selves.**

**All: May this Lenten season stir our hearts and thoughts, enriching our faith journey and our capacity to love.**

Hymn

***O God, How We Have Wandered***

by Kevin Nicholson

Congregation

O God, how we have wandered  
and hidden from your face'  
in foolishness have squandered  
your legacy of grace.  
But how, in exile dwelling,  
we turn with fear and shame,  
as distant but compelling,  
you call us each by name.

And now at length discerning  
the evil that we do,  
by faith we are returning  
with hope and trust in you.  
In haste you come to meet us,  
and home rejoice bring,  
in gladness there to greet us  
with calf and robe and ring.

O God of all the living,  
both banished and restored,  
compassionate, forgiving,  
our peace and hope assured.  
Grant now that our transgressing,  
our faithlessness may cease.  
Stretch out your hand in blessing,  
in pardon, and in peace.

**A Fresh Word**

Anthem

***O Love***

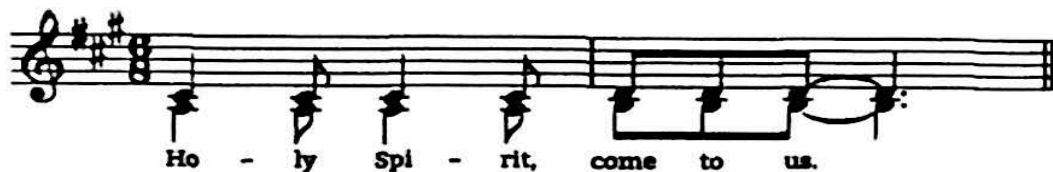
by Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir

Taize

Congregation

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



**Prayers of the Church** (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

**Jerri Davenport M.Div.**

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**

**Dr. Duane Vajgrt**

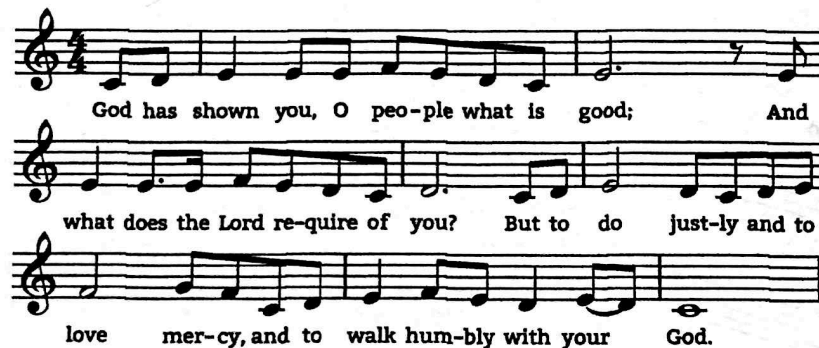
**Offertory Music**

***Come Thou Font of Every Blessing***

**Yuyoung Jeong**

by Chris Rice

**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**

**Dr. Duane Vajgrt**

**Scripture**

***Luke 5:1-11***

**Dr. Duane Vajgrt**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

