

Ash Wednesday Worship

A COMBINED SERVICE WITH **First Congregational UCC** AND **Wesley UMC** HOSTED BY **Community UMC**

Order of Worship

February 17, 2021

Prelude

O-So-So

Michèle Lekas, Violin • Mark Lekas,
Cello • Chris Garofalo, Piano

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Reverend Hannah Hwa-Young Chong
Lead Pastor, Community UMC

Hymn

O-So-So

Chris DiMarco, Cantor
Michèle Lekas, Violin • Mark Lekas,
Cello • Chris Garofalo, Piano

Verse 1

Come now, O Prince of Peace:
make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus;
reconcile your people.

Scripture

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Reverend Mark Winters
Pastor, First Congregational UCC

¹ Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near – ² a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

¹² Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me all your heart, fasting, weeping, and mourning; ¹³ rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. ¹⁴ Who knows whether the Lord will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? ¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶ gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

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¹⁷ Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Hymn

O-So-So

Mary Elliott, Cantor • Michèle Lekas, Violin
Mark Lekas, Cello • Chris Garofalo, Piano

Verse 2

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile your people.

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Reverend Kathy Wellman

Christian Education & Abilities Minister, Wesley UMC

²⁰ We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ^{6:1} As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that

no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Hymn

O-So-So

Luke Musgrave, Cantor • Michèle Lekas, Violin
Mark Lekas, Cello • Chris Garofalo, Piano

Verse 3

Come now and set us free, O God our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all nations.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Reverend Tedd Steele, Lead Pastor, Wesley UMC

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^{6:1} “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ² “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵ “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶ “And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Hymn

O-So-So

Marty Matutis, Cantor

Verse 4

Come, Hope of unity; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all nations.

Time for Young Disciples

Beth Hagemeyer

Director of Children’s Ministry, Community UMC

Song

O-So-So

Minji Will, Cantor

Michèle Lekas, Violin • Mark Lekas, Cello • Chris Garofalo,
Piano

Verse 1

Ososo, ososo, pyong-hwa eui imgum
(Come now, O Prince of Peace: make us one body.)
uriga hanmom iruge hasoso.
(Come, O Lord Jesus: reconcile your people.)

Message

Reverend Hong-kien Jeremiah Lee
Associate Pastor, Community UMC

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Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
Luke Musgrave, Cantor & Piano

Verse 1

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

Verse 2

As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
Oh give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

Verse 3

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

Verse 4

And through these days of penitence, and through the passiontide,
yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

Verse 5

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Pastor Mark

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Pastor Hannah

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Amen.

Confession

Psalm 51:1-17

Pastor Tedd

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,

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and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. ¹⁷ The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Silent Prayers

Word of Pardon

Pastor Tedd

The Peace

Pastor Kathy

Offering Invitation and Prayer

Pastor Hannah

Offertory

Beautiful Things by Lisa Gunger, Michael Gunger
OnCenter Band

Verse 1

All this pain,
I wonder if I'll ever find my way;

I wonder if my life could really change at all.
All this earth,
could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?

Chorus

You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of us.

Verse 2

All around,
hope is springing up from this old ground;
out of chaos life is being found in you.

Chorus [x2]

Bridge

You make me new, you are making me new. [x2]

Chorus 2 [x3]

You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.

Tag

You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.

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Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kathy

The Lord's Prayer

with Howard & Mary Mueller

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) by Chris Tomlin
OnCenter Band

Verse 1

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
and like a flood his mercy reigns;
unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Chorus [x2]

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine; will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

Dismissal with Blessing

Pastor Jeremiah

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Postlude

Be Thou My Vision arranged by Heather Sorenson

Marty Matutis, Vocalist & Piano