

March 15, 2020

8:30 and 10:30 am

**Taking It Out**  
*As we move back out into the busy world, we commit to taking a bit of this serenity and peace with us, remembering to offer God's love and grace to all we meet.*

\*Closing Hymn                      *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*                      #472 black

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude                      *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*                      Traditional

*Please remain seated and enjoy the Postlude*



*When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen. – Ernest Hemingway*

*Our occupations and preoccupations fill our external and internal lives to the brim. They prevent the Spirit of God from breathing freely in us and thus renewing our lives. – Henri Nouwen*

*There's a lot of difference between listening and hearing.– G. K. Chesterton*

**No matter who you are,  
or where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome in this  
United Church of Christ congregation...**



\*Those who are able, please stand

Underlined items 8:30 a.m. worship.

**Taking a Breath**  
*As we gather, we take time to slow down, to settle our souls so that we are able to reconnect with an unhurried God.*

Today's altar flowers are placed by  
Barbara Reinbrecht in memory & in honor  
of **George's birthday on 3/16.**



The plant stand is placed today by  
Kerrigan Wood in celebration of her  
mom, **Karla Wood's birthday.**

Prelude

*Prayer*

Renee Vierne

Welcome

Introit

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded lives we lead  
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be...**

Unplugging

Opening Prayer

One: God of our present moments, we struggle to make sense of our choices.

**All: Let us *make room for you.***

One: Draw us in to this time of worship to tune into the bigger picture.

**All: Let us *find room for you.***

One: Help us clear out the false ideals that drive us away from what's important.

**All: Let us *be room for you.***

One: In the name of Jesus, who invites us to wholeness.

**All: Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

*Be Now My Vision*

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\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Take time to connect with those around you, sharing about how you tune in to the present moments of life.*

\*Praise Response

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

#575 red

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Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.**

**Taking Note**

*Having slowed our breathing and our minds, we pause to note how God is still speaking to us today . . . through the children, through scripture, through music.*

Connecting with the Children

Childcare will be available for infants through age 3 in the nursery.

Preschool-6th graders meet their teachers in the rear of the Sanctuary following the children's message and remain in class until picked up by a guardian.

7th-12th grade youth meet in the kitchen for Breakfast Brunch.

Blessing Song

*Take Time to be Holy*

#572 red

**Take time to be holy, speak oft with the Lord;  
Abide in him always, and feed on his Word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing, his blessing to seek.**

\*Connecting to the Gospel

*Luke 10:38-42*

NT page 67  
Large print page 87

Reader: God is still speaking,

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Vicki McGaw

Special Music

*The Lord's My Shepherd*  
Carillon Ringers

Susan Geschke

**Taking Care**

*Having listened for God's still speaking voice, we focus on what is really important . . . really essential . . . to lives lived with depth.*

Silent Prayer, Time Out in the Prayer Chair

Prayer of our Savior (in unison)

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call to Offering

(Please participate in the Ritual of Friendship using the pad in your pew.)

Offertory

*Chorale Prelude*

Joel Raney

\*Doxology (tune 46)

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow:  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Gracious God, because we trust in your never-ending love, we offer not only our thanks, but our gifts, knowing that what you have done in the past – rescuing the lost, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, loving the poor – will continue to be accomplished through our offerings. Bless all that we give to you, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**