

“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”
God is Still Speaking

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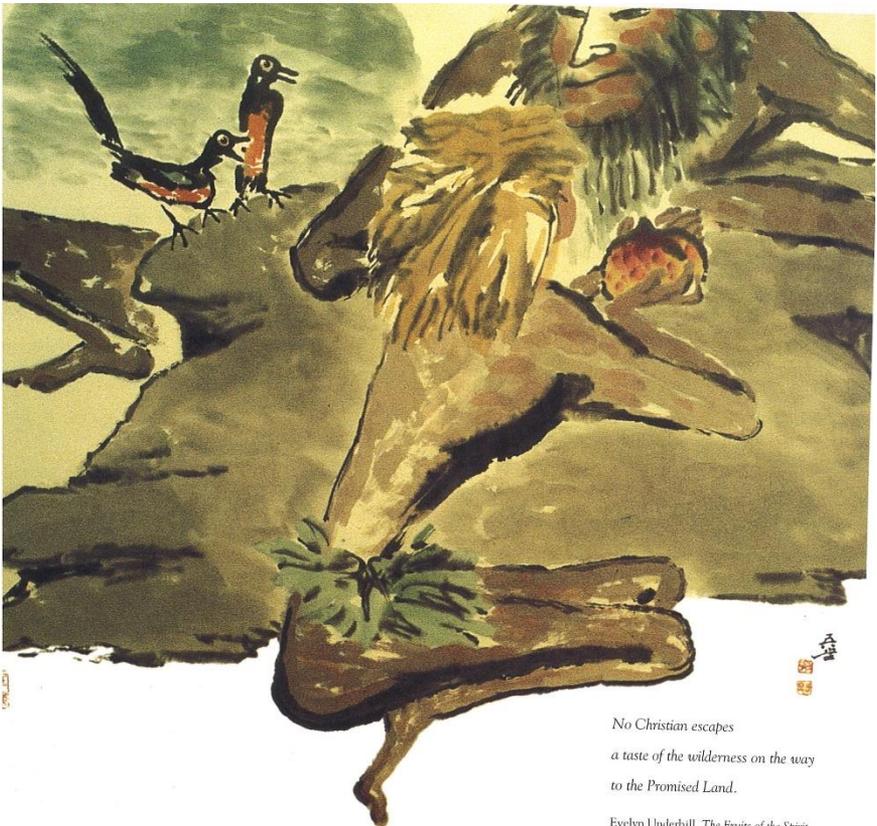
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 6, 2022

11:00 AM



No Christian escapes
a taste of the wilderness on the way
to the Promised Land.

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First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022

Women's Sunday
-celebrating women in our midst

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“The Lord Is My Refuge” (Pennington)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHIMING OF THE HOUR/RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land.

People: **Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Open My Eyes, That I may See” *Glory to God 451*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: we confess we give in easily to temptation, show our weakness in our sin. Help us to turn to you with penitent hearts, asking forgiveness and seeking your loving grace. These things we pray through our strong and perfect, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

silent prayer of confession

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
People: and put a new and right spirit within me.
Leader: O Lord, open my lips,
People: and my mouth will declare your praise.

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Glory to God 692

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN “Forty Days and Forty Nights” *Glory to God 167*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

Hebrew Lesson Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Epistle Lesson Romans 10:8b-13

please rise

Gospel Lesson Luke 4:1-13

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Voice 1: Holy One, Creator of the Universe, Sustainer of all living things, Spirit of Hope, Peace and Love, we come before you today, grateful for the perfect dedication of your Son, Jesus, humbled by his obedience to you, and in awe of his selflessness. As we journey along our varied wilderness paths, remind us of your ever constant presence, that we are never alone, and that with you all things are indeed possible.

People: You, Lord, are our trail guide and constant hope.

Voice 2: We give thanks for the many joys in our collective and individual lives, *Marissa, Dona, and Charmaine celebrating birthdays*, and others celebrated in our hearts; We are grateful for the opportunity to welcome new faces in our midst, in person and online;

People: Thanks and Praise to you, our rock and redeemer.

Voice 3: We pray for the world, and especially the people of Ukraine who are the victims of a tyrannical surge for power; for those forced to take up arms to protect their homeland; for those ordered into action for the purpose of taking human life, destroying cities and decimating neighborhoods. Lord, turn the hearts of the fallen to you and let them feel sheltered in your sovereign reign.

People: Lord, Hear our Prayer for Peace.

Voice 4: We pray for families who have had to split, fleeing from the security of their homes; for our military, soldiers removed from their families, sent to far off places in anticipation of holding the lines of our nation's allies;

People: Lord, Hear our Prayer for Refuge.

Voice 5: We pray for our environment, the land of milk and honey, from majestic mountains to grassy valleys, raw wilderness, bustling cities, oceans, and all of your beloved creatures who walk, crawl, slither, and fly.

People: Lord, Hear our Prayer for all of Creation.

Voice 6: We pray for your church, the complete body of Christ, that it will remain both a mighty fortress and cascading light of your everlasting and all-encompassing love to all people;

People: Lord, Hear our Prayer as the Body of Christ.

Voice 7: We pray for those we know to be healing from infirmities; Jay, Sally, Ginny, Ralph, Stephen, & Eric; we pray for those unnamed in our hearts, and those for which we may be unaware of their burden; We pray for the lonely, the bereaved, those without shelter, the hungry, the addicted, the oppressed, and the marginalized;

People: Lord, Hear our Prayer and grant your healing touch on all in need.

Voice 8: And finally, Lord, we pray for ourselves; for your loving grace to touch our hearts and strengthen us against all temptation. Fill our hearts to overflow with generosity toward others, giving of ourselves for the sake of another. All this we ask in the name of our Lord, Jesus, who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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.*

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator and Sustainer, today we are grateful for every promise you have kept to us through the years. We celebrate the harvests and bountifulness we share and pray that we find ways to share with those in need. In Christ's name we give thanks. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“On Eagle’s Wings” *Glory to God 43*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

“God Be With You ‘til We Meet Again” solo by Liz Brunton

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

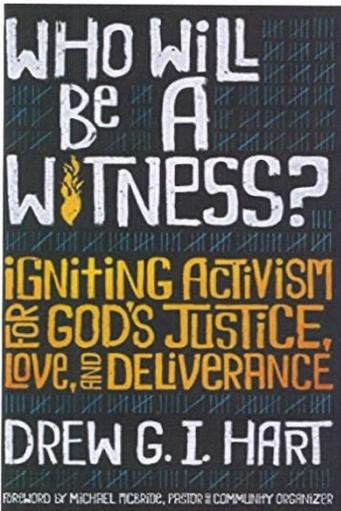
“Under the Angels’ Guardianship” (Doyle)

March Birthdays

3/6-3/12/2022

Marissa Perez (7); Dona McGlone (10); Charmain Rosen (12)

Special Thank You Kimberly Cornwell for her leadership today, and to all the beautiful women who participated. Liz Brunton, Sandy Dounce, Joan Hagerman, Molly Lorenz, Sandy Maben, Barbara Montague-Graham, Cindy Mosier, Judy Parker, Flo Shore, Robin Weed, Sue Wendt.



LENTEN BOOK STUDY

A journey through Dr. Drew Hart's powerful witness and call on the Christian Church to a discipleship that embodies God's love, justice and deliverance.

Please join us for a Lenten book study featuring
"Who Will Be A Witness?"

Books may be ordered via Amazon, Barnes & Noble, eBay, etc., even the public library may have this to loan.

Thursdays at 7:30PM

**Beginning March 17th through April 7th
via Zoom**

Register by replying to this email, and you will receive a Zoom link closer to our Book Study date.

SAVE THE DATE

**ASCENSION IS CELEBRATING
175 YEARS
WITH A 'FUTURE WITHHOPE'**

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

**MORE DETAILS WILL BE SENT
IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE**

**A FUTURE
WITH HOPE**



We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to you during this worship experience. If you have need of pastoral assistance, we encourage you to contact Pastor Dwayne at the church office number listed below or make an appointment with him today.

We welcome children in worship at all times. If you would prefer, childcare is available. Please see one of our ushers. Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.

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| Ministers | All the people of the Congregation |
| Pastor | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier |
| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
| President of the Consistory | Liz Brunton |
| Vice President of the Consistory | Michele Luke |
| Secretary of the Consistory | Liam D'Aquila |
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Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham |
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