

FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
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Welcome to Worship and Wonder!

Opening music: "Here I Am to Worship"

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You

Refrain: Here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down;

Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me
King of all days Oh, so highly exalted; Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came to the earth You created; All for love's sake became poor

Refrain

Well, I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross
(repeat several times)

Prayer

Music: "Lord, I need You"

Lord I come, I confess; Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart; You're the one that guides my heart

Refrain: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You; Every hour, I need You

My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free; Holiness is Christ in me

Refrain

So teach my song to rise to You; When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You; Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Refrain

Prayer

Music: "2020"

Sacred Story: John 15

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes^[a] to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed^[b] by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become^[c] my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants^[d] any longer, because the servant^[e] does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

¹⁸ "If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world,^[f] the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, 'Servants^[g] are not greater than their master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. ²¹ But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ It was to fulfill the word that is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.'

²⁶ "When the Advocate^[h] comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷ You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

Footnotes

- a. [John 15:2](#) The same Greek root refers to pruning and cleansing
- b. [John 15:3](#) The same Greek root refers to pruning and cleansing
- c. [John 15:8](#) Or *be*
- d. [John 15:15](#) Gk *slaves*
- e. [John 15:15](#) Gk *slave*
- f. [John 15:19](#) Gk *were of the world*
- g. [John 15:20](#) Gk *Slaves*
- h. [John 15:26](#) Or *Helper*

Music: "Heart of Worship"

When the music fades All is stripped away And I simply come
Longing just to bring Something that's of worth That will bless your heart
I'll bring you more than a song For a song in itself Is not what you have required
You search much deeper within Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

**Refrain: I'm coming back to the heart of worship And it's all about you
It's all about you, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about you; It's all about you, Jesus.**

King of endless worth; No one could express How much you deserve;
Though I'm weak and poor All I have is yours Every single breath
I'll bring you more than a song For a song in itself Is not what you have required
You search much deeper within; Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Refrain (repeat)

A Time of Wondering and Reflection

Music: Joan sings "I Surrender"

A Time of Prayer

Final song: LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth The peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator Family all are we.
Let me walk with my neighbor In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment And live each moment
With peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

Final Blessing

SENIOR PASTOR AND TEACHER - The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

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