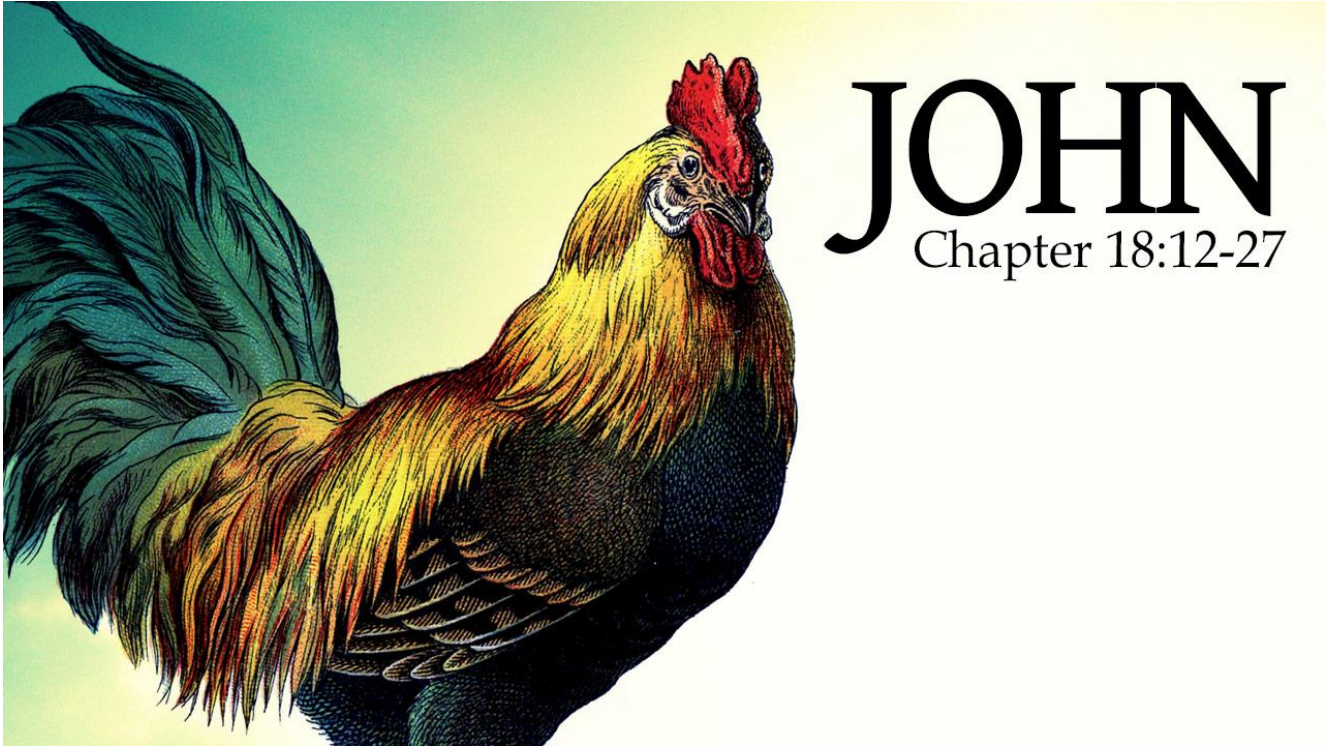


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**March 20, 2022**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

*No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey!!!*

**WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

CENTERING MUSIC by Tom "Woody" Wood

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (led by lay reader, Margie Ives)

One: The great "I AM" calls us to persevere in prayer and in worship.

**Many:** Despite any fears we have we come here to worship God.

One: We are a people of the new covenant that Jesus calls us to -

**Many:** Let us face our fears and walk into the light of Christ.

INVOCATION (led by lay reader)

**During these difficult times, we come to you, O God, wondering how to find your will in the midst of conflict and violence. We carry the grief of pandemic reality as we continue into Lent. We hear Peter's denial and we face the reality that we sometimes deny. And Peter made amends. Help us, God, that we, too, will gather the strength we need for the path you have laid out before us. We come to you now with open hearts and open ears. Amen.**

HYMN: *Lord of the Dance* (Vs. 1,2)

I danced in the morning When the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon And the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven And I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Refrain:** Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he

I danced for the scribe And the pharisee,  
But they would not dance And they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, For James and John  
They came with me And the Dance went on. **Refrain**  
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## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

SCRIPTURE: John 18: 12-27

<sup>12</sup> So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup> First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup> but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup> Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

<sup>19</sup> Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have

said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?” <sup>24</sup> Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, “You are not also one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” <sup>26</sup> One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” <sup>27</sup> Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

SERMON: “Guilty By Association”

### **WE RESPOND WITH OUR STEWARDSHIP**

OFFERTORY INVITATION (lay reader)

Love knows no limits in its giving. Insistence on the way of love for all of God’s children sent Jesus to the cross. There God’s servant poured out life that we may live and prosper. We now bring our gifts out of the prosperity that we enjoy. If you are joining us virtually, please share your joys and concerns in the chat. Our services are recorded. Please use first names. God knows who you mean.

MISSION MOMENT: « One Great Hour of Sharing » – Carol Guerrin

DOXOLOGY #785      We give you but your own, whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Led by lay reader, please join in.)

**With our gifts and our lives, we wish to follow the living way Christ has opened for us. We respond to the call of love we have heard, reaching out to one another with the programs of this church and the hands extended from our members. Give wings of testimony through the gifts we now dedicate. Amen.**

### **WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE AND PRAYER**

HYMN: #473 *Blessed Assurance*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood  
This is my story, this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYER,  
followed by 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 and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

## **WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD**

ANY FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: *Lord of the Dance* (continued)

I danced on the Sabbath And I cured the lame;  
The holy people Said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped And they hung me on high,  
And they left me there On a Cross to die. **Refrain**

DOUSING ONE MORE LENTEN CANDLE

BENEDICTION

Please visit our Facebook page or our website for recent videos of services and moments of Christian Faith Formation and inspiration.

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH - Members of the Congregation  
SENIOR PASTOR AND TEACHER - The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof  
LAY READER – Margie Ives  
GREETERS – Reni Harnden, Jo Worthen, Sue Lindemann (Remote)  
GUEST MUSICIANS – Kevin Foster and Tom “Woody” Wood  
SONG LEADER – Katie Cobban  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR - Christine Lehoullier  
OFFICE MANAGER - Michelle Guerrin  
AV/ TECHNICAL – Paul Lindemann with Mike Schroeder

## ***IN OUR PRAYERS - March 20, 2022***

### **PRAYERS OF JOY**

The elevator passed its final inspection.

Pastor Deborah held a public lecture on John 3 and 4 to the community at the United Theological School in Zimbabwe. Joy of technology!

Our sister church in Zimbabwe – Danganvura UCC - received our financial gift with joy and gratitude!

Music Committee is working hard to provide a program of music for worship services!

Nearly 200 cards of caring were delivered to the staff at Dartmouth Hitchcock in Hanover, NH. Thank you for caring!

Youth event was lots of fun! Thank you, Miss Christine!

So much gratitude to Debbie Gline Allen for leading us in worship on 2.20.22.

Diapers! Diapers! Thank you to everyone who donated diapers for Upper Room!

Storms do not prevent us from worshipping together!! Technology helps us worship!

A balanced budget!!! God's abundance and God's people's generosity!

Gratitude from the staff for the raises and insurance coverage.

Renewed energy for projects and events around the church!

Thank you to Paper Angels!

Gratitude for members and friends in Indiana, Georgia, Zimbabwe, and N. Ireland.

## **PRAYERS OF CONSOLATION**

Family & friends of Bob Greenfield (friend of the Guerrin Family) who died on March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
For the families of the **969,000** who have died in the US due to COVID. (3/18/22)

## **PRAYERS OF STRENGTH, HEALTH, AND HEALING**

Martha (Nancy M's sister-in-law) is in intensive care in a Denver area hospital.

Carol (Carol G.'s sister-in-law) facing multiple operations to deal with the effects of

Parkinson's; Sue (Jo W's sister) still in the hospital awaiting surgery and family cannot

see her; Gail and George (Jo's friends) in ME need our prayers; Lincoln, Karen W's

nephew, struggling with Autism and other mental health concerns. Jenny, friends of

Jeff S; Davida, Jo's friend, suffering from migraines after surgery; Benjamin Plouff,

Dick's brother, suffering from cardiac issues, breathing now difficult

Jim, Jeff S.'s father, for prayers of confidence and healing

**For those with cancer:** Sue Weaver was diagnosed with a cancer and had an operation on 3.10.22. Cards may be sent to: 7 Beacon St; Derry, 03038.

Caroline M's surgery was 1.27 – she will need 5 weeks of radiation; BB Dinan (friend of

the Bob and Karen) – approaching the end of his life; Bruce with stage 4 colon cancer;

Janice P continues to fight her cancer; Priscilla with colon cancer; Tracey with

aggressive cancer who has 3 children/ only 46 years old; Liza D's husband's Uncle

Walt has Stage 4 cancer; Martha, close friend of Pat and Dick P, recurring leukemia

## **SPECIAL ONGOING PRAYERS**

Ukraine – its people, its President. Russia – its people, its Leaders.

Poland – who has received nearly 1.5 million refugees from Ukraine

Law Enforcement, fire fighters; first responders, active military

Prayers for peaceful resolution to conflict situations around the world

Parkland Hospital personnel, Elliot Hospital personnel, staff at Dartmouth Hitchcock

and all nurses and doctors, Hospice workers and Southern NH Family Promise;

Sonshine Soup Kitchen; Marion Gerrish; Upper Room; United Theological College in

Zimbabwe, as well as our friend Kennedy Gondongwe; Tim B – Health & strength and

Bonnie H, friend of Tim B



One Great Hour of Sharing is one of our 5 for 5 UCC special mission offerings. This year the Missions Board hopes that you will participate by picking up a coin bank and the Sharing Calendar. Both are available for you to pick up in the church vestibule. This is a great way to involve your family and also is an opportunity to discuss the needs of others and how every donation helps.

Over 4 weeks, each day highlights various situations and suggests a donation of coins or bills per participant. Each individual decides what amount their “unit” equals. For a child the unit could be one coin; for an adult the unit could be a dollar bill, etc. We will be collecting your boxes on March 27th. We hope that you enjoy this tangible and visual way of collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing. What a blessing this will be for others.

Thank you from your Board of Missions.